

Call for Applications

Program PhD Workshop ‘Unlocking and Transitioning – Strategies and Policies for a Sustainable World’, September 3-4, 2020

Organized by Prof. Kurt Hübner (University of British Columbia)

Abstract:

Data on global temperature and biodiversity indicate that time is running and that we may already have passed the opportunity to keep the increase of global temperature below 2 degree Celsius. The knowledge of the potential costs of a continuing rise of global temperatures is out of sync with adequate political action. Rather, vested interests block or slow down significantly ambitious policies. Path dependence makes it extremely difficult to move towards new paths of economic and social development that are sustainable in socio-economic as well as in ecological terms. Strategies to unlock existing growth paths and to identify policies that help to mitigate adverse effects and to support the transition to a new model of managing natural resources such as air, water and energy are in scarce supply.

This PhD workshop will explore questions related to the politics of unlocking and transitioning. The topics covered in the workshop may include a diversity of questions including factors that drive disputes and social conflicts over adequate unlocking strategies; the political behaviours that actors undertake to influence political outcomes such as coalition building, narrative framing contests, lobbying; the negotiation or collaboration strategies that are used to address political debates, and determinants of policy choice.

The PhD Workshop will consist of conference-style sessions, where **participants will have the opportunity to present topic-related parts of their own PhD research**. We invited PhD candidates specializing in sustainability-related research to apply. Deadlines have already passed - interested PhD Students may contact uas@fu.berlin.de to inquire about application opportunities.

Program Design: PhD Workshop

The PhD workshop is part of the Spring Campus Conference of the [University Alliance for Sustainability](#). Participants of the Ph.D. Workshop will have the opportunity to participate actively in the conference. Participants can attend the Opening Day on March 30 and a research workshop of their choice on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 31 and April 1. We encourage you to use this opportunity to present your research.

On Thursday and Friday, September 3-4, we will convene for two Ph.D. Workshops. Those are organized in cooperation with [UNA Europa](#), a European network of universities, of which Freie Universität

Call for Applications

Berlin is a partner. PhD Candidates from the UAS and UNA partner universities will be thematically grouped in two parallel running workshops – **please indicate the title of the PhD workshop in your application.**

Thursday will be dedicated to the conference-style presentation sessions from PhD candidates. On Friday we will offer four different training modules. Topics may range from journal publication strategies, scientific policy advice and academic writing in sustainability research. Accepted participants can choose one of the trainings offered.

Funding for PhD Candidates from

- UAS partner universities

For further information on the selection process, please contact your respective International Office and/or UAS contact at your university.

The University Alliance for Sustainability provides funding for up to 4 PhD students per UAS partner university. They may receive a lump-sum for their travel and accommodation to attend the Spring Campus Conference from August 31 - September 4, 2020. The amount will be transferred to their personal account after the Spring Campus. UAS participants can request a cash check in case a transfer is not possible. Please note that this request has to be made **by July 31** at the latest.

Please note that there are country specific lump-sums for each partner university:

	Lump-sum for travel	Lump-sum for accommodation
Peking University	850 €	50 per night for up to 6 nights (300 Euro max.)
Hebrew University of Jerusalem	400 €	
University of British Columbia	1300 €	
St. Petersburg State University	275 €	

- UNA partner universities

For further information on the selection process and the funding mechanism, please contact your respective International Office and/or UNA Europa contact at your university.

The participation in the PhD Workshop on September 3-4, 2020 is free of charge for UNA candidates. If you wish to participate in the main conference from August 31 - September 2, the conference fees for non-UAS PhD students apply: https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/spring-campus/04_Registration/index.html

Participants are responsible to book their own flights and accommodation. The UAS team is happy to offer support with questions regarding the stay in Berlin.

Call for Applications

- Participants from other universities

PhD students from non-UAS and non-UNA member universities are invited to apply for both the conference program and the PhD Workshops. Please note, the conference fees for non-UAS PhD students on our website: https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/spring-campus/04_Registration/index.html