

Call for Applications

PhD Workshop: “Environmental Politics”, April 4-5, 2019

**In the framework of the UAS Spring Campus Conference
April 1-5, 2019**

Abstract:

Environmental politics is not only an increasingly urgent matter in the face of global environmental threats, but also a growing field of study that critically examines power and institutions in decision-making processes with respect to allocation and management of natural resources. A political prism has been found to be a powerful tool in explaining policy processes, design, and outcomes with respect to allocation and protection of resources, such as air, water and energy.

This PhD workshop will explore questions related to the politics and conflicts that emerge around environmental issues and natural resources. The topics covered in the workshop may include a diversity of questions including the factors that drive disputes over environmental issues; the political behaviors 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.

Attention by the panelists to the expansion or development of existing and new theories, as well as new empirical approaches for understanding the behaviors, processes, and outcomes of environmental politics will be encouraged.

Program Design PhD Workshop

The participants of the Ph.D. Workshop will have the opportunity to participate actively in the Spring Campus Conference. Participants can attend a research workshop of their choice on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 2-3. We encourage you to use this opportunity to present your research.

On Thursday and Friday, April 4-5, we will convene for the Ph.D. Workshop. Abstracts should be submitted by **January 31, 2019**.

The PhD workshops are organized in cooperation with [UNA Europa](#), a European network of universities, of which Freie Universität 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.**

In addition to the conference-style presentation sessions, we will offer different training modules. Topics may range from presentations skills, research ethics, intercultural competence for academic settings, publication strategies etc. Participants can choose one of the trainings offered. Further information will be provided to accepted applicants.

Guidelines and Deadlines

Call for abstracts: We invite PhD candidates specializing in sustainability-related research to apply. Abstracts (max. 500 words) for the **PhD Workshop “Environmental Politics”** outlining the aims and methods of individual papers should be sent to Itay Fishhendler, Itay.Fishhendler@mail.huji.ac.il and Kathryn Harrison, Kathryn.Harrison@ubc.ca. Selected

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participants will be asked to prepare a twenty-minute presentation. Please state your name, research topic, affiliation and full contact details.

For UNA Europa participants, please refer to the application guidelines of your local UNA Europa contact.

Funding for PhD Candidates from

- UAS partner universities

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 April 1-5, 2019. 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 be possible. Please note that this request has to be made **by March 15** 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

Each UNA Europa member university will provide funding for travel and accommodation for up to 5 PhD students. **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.**

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.

- 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.