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Master Thesis in Water Governance



Water is the main component required for most activities in human society. All societies need water for basic survival and economic development. Thus, the water crisis is one of the key problems of global relevance in the 21st century. As stated by many scholars, the water crisis is mainly a crisis of governance, which is rooted in social, political, and institutional challenges. This draws attention to the issues hindering/fostering water governance. In this regard, the following topics are suggested to master students in the summer semester of 2022.

- ✚ Rural women's collective action: Involvement of women in participatory planning and implementation of water-related decisions
- ✚ Institutional analysis: The role of formal and informal rules in the governance of groundwater
- ✚ Innovative water governance: Adoption of water conservation technologies within local communities
- ✚ Transboundary water governance and conflict resolution in developing countries
- ✚ If you are interested in other relevant topics to water governance, you can suggest it

By conducting these projects, master students will develop their critical thinking and research abilities. Specifically, they will:

- ✚ Conduct an empirical (case study) research
- ✚ Develop research objectives and review relevant literature
- ✚ Design qualitative and quantitative approaches for collecting and analyzing data
- ✚ Synthesize results and present them to broader audiences

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