

The **IN//RCSD Master Class** “*Development Paradigm in Conversation – Master Class on Religious Communities and Sustainable Development*” takes place at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa, Pietermaritzburg Campus) from 08 August 2022 to 19 August 2022 (in person every day).

The DAAD funded IN//RCSD Master Class will be carried out together by the Research Programme on Religious Communities and Sustainable Development at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (Germany) and the University of KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa), in cooperation with other international partners within the framework of the International Network on Religious Communities and Sustainable Development (IN//RCSD). The IN//RCSD Master Class is aimed at Master's students and doctoral candidates who are dealing with the field of religion and sustainable development in their respective studies and research. The IN//RCSD Master Class follows the research – based learning methodology, where students will receive hands-on research practice in the field of Religious Communities and Sustainable Development.

The objectives of the IN//RCSD Master Class is the theoretical and methodological qualification of Master's students and doctoral candidates in the subject area of religion and sustainable development, which has so far found its way into the curricula of only a few universities. The thematic focus of the Master Class *Development Paradigms in Conversation* arises from a fundamental research desideratum. It has been criticised that the field of religion and sustainable development is strongly influenced by a functional approach due to its direct interest in politics and practice (Fountain 2013; Jones & Petersen 2011; van Wensween 2011). Thus, it is rarely examined how religious communities contribute to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and can be considered as partners of international development policy in this context. So far, less attention has been paid to the development ideas of religious communities (especially those in the Global South) and how they relate to the internationally dominant, secular development ideas such as the SDGs and pose critical questions to the Western development model.

The IN//RCSD Master Class will therefore focus on different ideas of development and aims to bring them into dialogue with each other and to relate them to the research field of religion and sustainable development. The IN//RCSD Master Class is divided into the following interlinked modules. M1: Specialized Course; M2: Methods Course; M3: Research Groups and PhD Colloquium; M4: Study and Research Location Germany; M5: Advanced PhD Course. In M1, participants receive excellent teaching by internationally renowned lecturers from the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, University of KwaZulu-Natal and international partners (accompanied by thematic excursions). In M2, participants receive an advanced course in qualitative research methods. In M3, Master's students conduct their own (small) empirical research projects in intercultural and interdisciplinary research teams (Research Groups, M3a); doctoral students discuss their respective research projects in a colloquium (M3b). The research groups (3-4 participants each) and the PhD colloquium are each supervised by the lecturers. In M4, the opportunities for study and research in Germany at undergraduate, doctoral and post-doctoral level are presented. M5: In the second week, the doctoral students take part in a special PhD Advanced Course focusing on the academic career during and after the doctorate. During that time the Master's students will be working on their own empirical research projects.

Preliminary IN//RCSD Master Class Schedule

	Time	Master Class Session	Lecturer
Day 1: Monday 08/08/2022	9.00 – 10.30	Welcome & Introduction	Prof. Simangaliso Kumalo, Prof. Maheshvari Naidu and Nora Monzer
	11.00 – 12.30	M1a Lecture: Development from a Theological Perspective	Prof. Simangaliso Kumalo
	13.30 – 15.00	M1a Lecture: Development Paradigms in Conversation	Dr. Philipp Öhlmann
	15.30 – 16.30	M3 Introducing Research Groups and PhD Colloquium	Marie-Luise Frost, Dr. Teddy Sakupapa and Juliane Stork
	18.00 – 19.30	Welcome Dinner	
Day 2: Tuesday 09/08/2022	9.00 – 10.30	M1a Policy and Practice Lecture: Development from the Perspective of German Development Policy	tbc
	11.00 – 12.30	M2 Research Methods I: Interview Questions and Conducting Interviews	Marie-Luise Frost and Juliane Stork
	13.30 – 16.30	M1b Excursion to Dalton Bridge Community Project	
Day 3: Wednesday 10/08/2022	9.00 – 10.30	M1a Lecture: tbc	tbc
	11.00 – 12.30	M2 Research Methods II: Theoretical Research	tbc
	13.30 – 15.00	M2 Research Methods III: Analytical Processing of Field Notes	tbc
	15.30 – 16.30	M3a Research Groups (MAs)	Marie-Luise Frost, Dr. Teddy Sakupapa and Juliane Stork
		M3b PhD Colloquium	Dr. Teddy Sakupapa
18.00 – 19.30	M3b Late Night Poster Session PhDs present (“pitch”) their research to the entire group	Dr. Teddy Sakupapa	
Day 4: Thursday 11/08/2022	9.00 – 10.30	M1 Seminar: SDG 16 and the Middle East – New Testament Perspectives	Dr. Ekkardt Sonntag
	11.00 – 12.30	M2 Research Methods IV: Ethnography	Prof. Maheshvari Naidu
	13.30 – 15.00	M1a Lecture: Understanding Religious Communities through the Lens of Sense-making	Prof. Maheshvari Naidu
	15.30 – 16.30	M3a Research Group (MAs)	Marie-Luise Frost and Juliane Stork
		M3b PhD Colloquium	Dr. Teddy Sakupapa
Day 5: Friday 12/08/2022	9.00 – 10.30	M1a Seminar: Religion and Development Research in the Era of Decolonisation	Dr. Teddy Sakupapa
	11.00 – 12.30	M2 Research Methods V: Feminist Ethnographies	Prof. Maheshvari Naidu
	13.30 – 16.30	M3 Research Groups’ Proposal Presentation: Research Groups (MAs) present their research ideas to whole group	Marie-Luise Frost and Juliane Stork
	18.00 – 19.30	M4 Intl. Office Evening: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin in the context of the German academic landscape (with Q&A)	tbc
Day 6: Saturday 13/08/2022	9.00 – 16.30	M3a: Research Day: Research Groups conduct their empirical projects	
		M5: Preparation day: PhDs prepare readings for PhD Advanced Course	
Day 7: Sunday 14/08/2022	9.00 – 12.30	M1b Visits to Religious Communities	
	13.30 – 15.00	M3a: Research Groups continue their empirical research	
	16.00 – 19.30	Social Evening	
Day 8:	9.00 – 10.30	M1b World Café: Evaluation of the Visits to Religious Communities	Marie-Luise Frost, Prof. Simangaliso Kumalo, Prof.

Monday 15/08/2022			Maheshvari Naidu and Juliane Stork
	11.00 – 12.30	M1a Lecture: The Interface between Christianity and Development during the Early Days of the Missionaries in SA: The Case of JL Dube	Prof. Simangaliso Kumalo
	13.30 – 15.00	M1a Seminar: Religious Education – A Neglected Dimension in Current Debates and Policies on Development Education	Prof. Henrik Simojoki
	15.30 – 16.30	M3a Research Group	Marie-Luise Frost and Juliane Stork
Day 9: Tuesday 16/08/2022		M3b PhD Colloquium	Dr. Teddy Sakupapa
	9.00 – 10.30	M3a Research & Consultation Possibility	Marie-Luise Frost
		M5 PhD Advanced Course: Academic Networking – Online and Offline	Dr. Philipp Öhlmann
	11.00 – 12.30	M3a Write-up & Consultation possibility	Juliane Stork
		M5 PhD Advanced Course: Where/How to Publish on Religion and Development?	Prof. Ignatius Swart
	13.30 – 15.00	M3a Write-up & Consultation possibility	Marie-Luise Frost
		M5 PhD Advanced Course: Post-PhD Possibilities in Germany	Dr. Philipp Öhlmann and Prof. Ignatius Swart
	15.30 – 16.30	M3a Research Group	Marie-Luise Frost and Juliane Stork
	M3b PhD Colloquium	Dr. Teddy Sakupapa	
18.00 – 19.30	Optional: Visit to Mahatma Gandhi's House (Phoenix Settlement, Inanda Valley)		
Day 10: Wednesday 17/08/2022	9.00 – 10.30	M1a Lecture: Theology and/of Development: Where and How Does it Fit into the Religion and Development Framework?	Prof. Ignatius Swart
	11.00 – 15.00	M3a Write-up & Consultation possibility	Marie-Luise Frost
		M5 PhD Advanced Course: Workshop on Research Ethics	Prof. Maheshvari Naidu
	15.30 – 16.30	M3a Research Group	Marie-Luise Frost and Juliane Stork
	M3b PhD Colloquium	Dr. Teddy Sakupapa	
Day 11: Thursday 18/08/2022	9.00 – 15.00	Presentation of Research Results to the whole Group and Reflection on Research Process	Marie-Luise Frost, Dr. Teddy Sakupapa and Juliane Stork
Day 12: Friday 19/08/2022	9.00 – 10.30	M4 DAAD Possibilities of Studying and Doing Research in Germany	tbc
	11.00 – 12.30	M4 Introduction of the IN//RCSD and Cooperation Possibilities within the Network	Dr. Philipp Öhlmann
	13.30 – 15.00	Final Discussion, Evaluation, Feedback	Nora Monzer
	18.00 – 19.30	Farewell Dinner	

Application Checklist

1. Application Form
2. CV
3. Motivational Letter

(The motivational letter should include your prior exposure to or experience with the academic or practical field of religion and development, your motivation to participate in this Master Class, and your personal research interest in this field. Please also state how the participation in the IN//RCSO Master Class will benefit your future studies or career.)

4. Copy of Valid Student ID
5. Copy of Valid ID/ Passport

Send application in ONE COMBINED PDF DOCUMENT to:

Ms. Nora Monzer network.rcsd@hu-berlin.de

DEADLINE: 31 MAY 2022

***Please note that preference will be given to students currently researching/studying religious communities and sustainable development.**

Applications with any documents missing will NOT be accepted.

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