

The Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (www.leibniz-zmt.de) in Bremen is a member of the Leibniz Association, which is supported by the German Federal and State Governments. Through its research, ZMT contributes to developing science-based strategies for sustainable use of tropical coastal systems.

The Research Group for Development and Knowledge Sociology at ZMT, led by Prof. Dr. Anna-Katharina Hornidge, in the framework of the network project Food, Natural, Manmade-Security Crisis and Driving Forces for Migration (Section B: Humanities and Educational Research) and in collaboration with other Leibniz institutes and the German Institute for International and Security Policy (SWP) is seeking a MA student in Sociology, Social Anthropology, Human Geography, Political Science and/or Area Studies (South or Southeast Asian Studies) in the final phase of his/her studies for carrying out a

Master thesis project

"on climate variability, violence and/ or food insecurity and their impact on migration/mobility processes in coastal Myanmar"

The MA thesis will comprise an initial literature review on migration/mobility patterns in coastal Myanmar (Rakhine State, Mon State). In cooperation with partners/experts in Myanmar (international organizations, higher education/research institutions etc.) the MA student in the field will explore co-implications of above mentioned drivers for different migration/mobility processes and trajectories (labour migration, flight, domestic migration, transborder/-national, maritime migration etc.) from coastal Myanmar. The MA thesis aims at identifying/hypothesizing indicators regarding the migration drivers and at generating preliminary data for further development in a long-term research project aiming to better predict migration processes. ZMT requires a timely submission of the thesis until **February 2018** latest.

Requirements:

- Applicants should hold a BA degree and be at the final stage of his/her MA studies in aforementioned fields/disciplines
- Should have knowledge of and/or deepened interest in migration/mobilities research, human rights, nature-culture interactions, marine social science
- Advanced knowledge and experience in applying socio-empirical research techniques (semi-structured (expert) interviews etc.) and structuring a longer research process
- High level of written and spoken English as well as preferable German, knowledge of Burmese and/or Thai is an asset
- Research or work experience in the regions of South or Southeast Asia e.g. through internships in organizations of development cooperation (GIZ etc.) is an asset

Application:

Interested candidates are invited to send a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae and a brief research proposal including tentative research question, argument and methodology a single pdf file to: Dr. Henryk Alff (henryk.alf@leibniz-zmt.de) until **July 31, 2017**.

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