



Indo-German tandem MA thesis

Unique opportunity for MA students (DVS, KuWi, Gov) to work in an international team on a

The Thamirabarani River as a Social-Ecological Case Study

Topic

- Policy / media analysis of narratives and discourses of the river-city nexus
- Joint explorative study to Thirunelveli, Tamil Nadu
- Mapping of the river

The river Thamirabarani has been witnessing a slow decline of water and living quality along its banks. Where water was once abundant, the city now experiences severe water supply issues, which are addressed in the new “smart city plan” through a mainly technological approach. The cities face increasing events of heavy flooding due to both trees felling and climate change.

We Offer:

- 2- 3 month of research stay in Germany/India in 2024
- Joint work on your individual MA thesis
- Programmes: MA Development Studies, Gov, KuWi
- Cooperation with Indo-German Centre for Sustainability
- Supervision by Indian and German researchers

German tandem partner at IITM

- February-April 2024
- Research stay at Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM) in Chennai on campus
- Literature research

Indian tandem partner at UPAS

- May-Juli 2024
- Tamil speaking applicant preferred
- Research stay in Passau
- Joint analysis of data
- Involvement in development of river-city-project on Passau and it's three rivers

RiverSTEPS is part of the global river city network <https://ukna.asia/river-cities>, hosted by Leiden University, The Netherlands.

For details about the research project visit <https://www.rivercities.world/projects/stepping-stones-thamirabarani-river-feminist-political-ecology-revitalization-riverine>

IGCS -UPAS Cooperation

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Students based in Germany please send your applications with a letter of motivation, your cv and proof of study progress to Susanne.brandl@uni-passau.de by December 7th. Be ready for an interview before Christmas!