

TERI Summer Class at FFU

The M.A. in “Public Policy and Sustainable Development” offered by the TERI University, New Delhi, is a tailor-made program for mid-career civil servants and executives from the corporate and not for profit sectors. The two-year programme is sponsored by the Government of India. The first year of the programme includes a set of core and elective courses at the TERI University with a brief term of six weeks in the summer semester at reputed universities abroad.

From May 26th to July 4th, 2014, 12 mid-career civil servants of Government of India and two sponsored candidates from other sectors will participate in a six weeks summer class at the FFU. The exposure visit in Germany would help the participants in understanding the policy making processes in the context of a developed country. The selection of a European country has the additional advantage of understanding the impact of regional policies in the formulation of domestic policies and strategies. The thrust given to sustainable development and the significant strides made in the field of renewable energy makes Germany an interesting case study for students interested in sustainable development from a public policy perspective.

The teaching programme in Berlin covers the following areas:

Environmental and Climate Policy, Cities and Local Climate Policy, Governance for Sustainable Development in the EU, Integrating Environment and Sustainability, Sustainable Economic Growth, Ecological Modernization and Innovation, Industrial Policy, Innovation and Technology Transfer.

In addition to numerous talks with FFU-members lectures of external experts as well as visits of governmental institutions and NGOs in Berlin and Potsdam will take place. Site visits to the state of Brandenburg are arranged to supplement the classroom discussions.

During their stay the students are supposed to study German and European approaches to green economy, promotion of renewable energy, climate action planning, etc. At the end of the course a small workshop is planned, at which the participants will discuss their results.

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