

German-Moroccan Exchange Seminar “Critical Perspectives on Development and Cooperation” Freie Universität Berlin and Rabat School of Governance and Economics

Call for Application

Exchange Seminar in the Framework of the DAAD funded project
“Dialogue and Asymmetries: Debating Development, Memory and Migration”

Freie Universität Berlin * Rabat School of Governance and Economics * Cairo University
University of Benghazi * Algeria

Since the outbreak of popular uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa, cooperation schemes between the European Union and its southern neighbours in the realm of development and international cooperation expanded in scope, geographical reach, and stakeholder involvement. Especially since 2011, the German government embarked on numerous initiatives in the areas of democratisation, decentralisation, and capacity building for civil society and private sector actors. In consequence, the mechanisms and pitfalls of international cooperation and development, especially the problems and benefits of foreign funding are triggering much debate within the academy and beyond.

Freie Universität Berlin (FU Berlin) and the Rabat School of Governance and Economics (EGE Rabat) are offering the exchange seminar “Critical Perspectives on Development and Cooperation” as part of the multilateral DAAD-funded project “Dialogue and Asymmetries: Debating Development, Memory and Migration”. The seminar is designed to introduce 10 MA students of social sciences at FU Berlin and EGE Rabat to critical theories and approaches to development and international cooperation and fieldwork-related research methodologies. As such, the course will consist of two bloc seminars including preparatory in-class sessions with lecturers in Rabat and Berlin as well as fieldwork-based investigations of European and German development cooperation with/in Morocco. The first part of the exchange will take place in Berlin (May 28th to June 4th) while the second will take place in Rabat (July 17th to July 23rd). Student working groups will co-author summative research papers.

Travel and stay will be reimbursed in accordance with DAAD guidelines (flight: 875€; daily allowance: 55 to cover food, accommodation, visa and local transport). We expect a good command of English language and full commitment in preparing for the exchange program in Berlin and Rabat. In addition, students are required to hold a valid passport. To apply, please submit a CV and a motivation letter **until January 25th** to Ms. Janine Budich: j.budich@fu-berlin.de. In your motivation letter, please specify any previous experience with either development issues or travel/work/study in Morocco or the Arab region. Please also mention in once sentence what you expect to get out of such an exchange seminar. And let us know if you are able to host a student during the exchange.