



## Summer School “Migration in North Africa – Critical Perspectives from Below”

### Call for Application

Summer School in the Framework of the DAAD funded project  
“Dialogue and Asymmetries: Debating Development, Identity and Migration”

Freie Universität Berlin \* Centre de Recherche en Économie Appliquée pour le Développement  
Rabat School of Governance and Economics \* Cairo University \* University of Benghazi

For decades, migration experts, scholars and policymakers have considered North African countries as transit countries for migrants whose final destination is Europe. However, with escalating conflicts, state fragility, demographic challenges in the Middle East and North Africa and more restrictive European border control policies, migrants often find themselves forced to settle for an undetermined period in so-called transit countries. This, in consequence, places certain responsibilities upon these countries and forces them to adapt to the needs and concerns of their new residents who often lack a suitable legal status.

The Summer School “Migration in North Africa – Critical Perspectives from Below” will be held at Rabat School of Governance and Economics, Rabat, Morocco and aims to trouble the liberal, gender neutral, and quantitative depiction of migration. It aims to do so by:

- 1) adopting critical theories to look at the migration phenomenon;
- 2) closely working with civil society actors in governing and providing for migrant and refugee populations, taking the recent developments in Morocco as an example;

3) reflecting on the diverse actor's perception of debates about and on migration in order to gain insights in perspectives on migration from Below.

The main interest of the Summer School is to enable students to conduct qualitative interviews with NGOs and other key actors in Rabat by providing them with intense field work training. Meetings with organizations working in the framework of the Stratégie Nationale d'Immigration et d'Asile, as well as with local activists representing interests of migrants and refugees themselves, will provide the students with concrete knowledge about the different actors' perspective on migration politics and its impact on the daily lives of migrants. In field research, we want to pay special attention to the differing experiences with regard to gender.

Freie Universität Berlin (FU Berlin), Rabat School of Governance and Economics (EGE Rabat) and Centre de Recherche en Économie Appliquée pour le Développement (CREAD) are offering the Summer School as part of the multilateral DAAD-funded project "Dialogue and Asymmetries: Debating Development, Identity and Migration". The Summer School is designed to introduce 5 MA students of social sciences at FU Berlin, EGE Rabat and CREAD as well as three students from Cairo University and University of Benghazi to critical approaches on migration theory and well-prepared field work experiences. As such, the School will include preparatory in-class sessions with lecturers as well as guest researchers and visits to subject related NGOs. The event will take place from July 8th to July 18th, 2018. We try to arrange the accommodation for all participants by Moroccan families.

Travel and stay will be reimbursed in accordance with DAAD guidelines. Seminar language is English, but we expect a good command of French as well. We further expect full commitment to the preparation of the Summer School. The full-time participation in all activities is mandatory; please check your availability during the period before applying. In addition, students are required to hold a valid passport. To apply, please submit a CV and a motivation letter **until February 28th** to Ms. Janine Budich: [j.budich@fu-berlin.de](mailto:j.budich@fu-berlin.de)

In your motivation letter, please 1. mention what you want to learn at the Summer School, 2. specify any previous experience with migration issues and/or travel/work/study in Morocco or the Arab region, and 3. provide us with a short motivation statement. In addition, please provide us with an essay of maximum 300 words on the question: What do you consider the main problems with regard to migration and how would you solve them?