
CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Alumni Seminar 2024-2025

We invite

Alumni of the ITT from developing countries

Faculty of Spatial Development and Infrastructure Systems/TH Köln

and of other German universities

to apply and participate in the Alumni Seminar on

River Deltas at Risk



Red River Delta, Vietnam (photo by Justyna Sycz)

When, where and who

The seminar takes place in Germany and Vietnam and consists of three phases:

Phase 1: 24 September-1 October 2024

One-week presence seminar in Hanoi, Vietnam,
followed by a fieldtrip to the Red River Delta

Phase 2: Online phase November 2024 (voluntary)

Training course "Entrepreneurship"

Phase 3: Mai 2025

One-week presence seminar in Cologne,
followed by a fieldtrip to the Oder Delta, Germany/Poland

The Seminar is organized by the Institute for Technology and Resources Management in the Tropics and Subtropics (ITT), TH Köln – University of Applied Sciences and EE+E Environmental Engineering+Ecology with financial support of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

Application deadline: 30 April, 2024

Our topic:

River deltas with their fertile floodplains and access to seas are both hotspots of biodiversity, areas of intensive agricultural production and engines of economic growth. They represent highly complex socio-ecological systems with competing interest of humans and nature. In many deltas around the world these interests have led to biodiversity loss and overexploitation of land and water resources. Furthermore, river deltas are among the places already most vulnerable to the effects of climate change seriously affecting the livelihoods of 339 million people living there.

The alumni seminar aims to share knowledge and experiences to address the current challenges of land and water management in river deltas around the world.

The pillars of the didactic concept are excursions to two contrasting river deltas: to the Red River Delta in Vietnam characterized by a high level of industry and population density with various environmental problems and sustainability challenges and to the Oder Delta in Germany/Poland as a natural delta with major challenges in achieving a sustainable balance between nature conservation and agricultural use.

With examples of both deltas, an introduction is given to the challenges and recommendations to support sustainable land and water management in deltas. This is complemented by experiences from the research and working world of all participants.

Programme

The detailed programme will be published after the application period.

Application procedure

For application, please go <https://www.conftool.pro/alumni-seminar-2024>

Register and submit the following documents:

- A short CV
- A motivation letter (max. one page): which knowledge/ experience from the professional life would you like to share in the seminar and why do you want to participate
- A scan of your passport

Cost coverage

- Travel and accommodation costs to Vietnam and Germany
- Health insurance (max. 30 Euro) and visa costs

For further questions, please contact: justyna.sycz@th-koeln.de

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