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## Academic Approaches to Peace-building and State-building in Yemen

Summer School in Amman, second half of August 2017

*Call for Applications*

This six-day Summer School is part of a wider project the Institute of Oriental and Asian Studies (IOA) at the University of Bonn is currently implementing with the Gender-Development Research & Studies Center (GDRSC) at the University of Sanaa, Yemen, and CARPO – Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient. The objective of this project is to contribute to peace-building and state-building in Yemen by strengthening ties between researchers, academic staff, students, and experts in the policy and development community.

The Summer School will bring together advanced academics and teachers from both institutions with MA and PhD students of both countries with an interest in peace-building and state-building (in Yemen). The aim is to jointly further our knowledge of peace-building and state-building theories, fields of practice as well as approaches and challenges to peace-building and state-building (in Yemen) and to jointly develop our skills pertaining to critical academic analysis and positioning as much as to understanding and accepting differences and to expressing one's own interests. The Summer School will also give the PhD students and advanced researchers the opportunity to present their projects and upcoming papers in the framework of this project in front of a German/Yemeni audience and receive respective feedback. It is also intended to offer MA students the opportunity to develop research questions for their thesis and/or present their research projects. Practitioners involved in the peace-building and state-building process in Yemen will also be invited to talk about their engagement to the students.

A travel allowance of 400,- EUR and the accommodation in Amman are funded through the German Academic Exchange Service's Transformation Partnership. Applicants are required to be flexible in the last two weeks of August as the situation in Yemen only allows for the final settlement of the exact dates of the summer school approximately six weeks prior.

**Who can apply?** German master students studying in Germany

**Application deadline:** 20 May 2017

**Selection criteria:** We are looking for students with good knowledge of English, who either have a demonstrated interest in academic approaches to peace-building, state-building, nation-building, social transformation, development, security and conflict studies etc. or who are or have been actively engaged in social and/or professional activities in above fields.

**What to submit for application:**

- A CV with particular focus on above criteria (courses taken, papers submitted, activities / projects engaged in relating to above-mentioned topics).
- A 1000-word essay in English language answering one of the following questions: "What are today's challenges to peace-building?" OR "What are today's challenges to state-building?" (Essays do not necessarily have to address the case of Yemen.)

**How to submit?** In case of questions and for the submission of your application, please refer to Marie-Christine Heinze: [heinze@uni-bonn.de](mailto:heinze@uni-bonn.de)

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