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The **Peace Academy Rhineland-Palatinate – Academy for Crisis Prevention & Civil Conflict Management** invites applications for a

PhD scholarship

for the research project „Transforming Conflict-Economies: Natural Resource Sector Reform and Human Security” at the earliest convenience, subject to the allocation of funds. The project investigates the conditions of successful transformation of conflict-affected natural resource sectors with a focus on the Liberian forestry sector. The project is funded by the German Gerda Henkel Foundation. The doctoral thesis should be developed within the thematic framework of the research project. Six months field research in Liberia (ca. 1 month + 5 months) are planned in this context.

The successful applicant will receive a monthly stipend of 1400 Euro for a period of 24 months. In addition, the Peace Academy RLP will cover travel and project-related costs, such as travel allowances for field research and conference attendance. Beyond the funding period, the Peace Academy RLP will support the stipend holder in the application for the necessary funding to complete her/his PhD Thesis.

The successful candidate should have a Master (or equivalent) degree in a relevant field (e.g. social sciences, peace and conflict studies, geography, regional studies) with above average grades, be proficient in English (written and oral), be willing and able to conduct extended field research and be knowledgeable in one or several of the following fields: peace and conflict studies, development studies, qualitative methods in the social sciences, African studies.

Previous experience in field research and/or qualitative data collection is an asset. Fluency in German is useful but not a prerequisite.

The successful applicant will work within a dynamic and cooperative team. He/she will work closely with the other members of the research project, within the thematic focus on “Environmental Change and Resource Management as a Cause of Conflict and a Threat to Human Security” and in cooperation with the Klaus-Töpfer-Professorship for land use conflict. This allows for a structured doctoral training. Therefore, willingness to relocate to Landau would be an asset.

It is the policy of the University Koblenz-Landau to increase the percentage of female employees. If equally qualified, preference will be given to female applicants in fields where they are underrepresented. Disabled candidates are given priority, if equally qualified. International candidates are highly encouraged to apply.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the project coordinators Dr. Nina Engwicht or Dr. Sascha Werthes (0049 6341 280 38 550 or engwicht@uni-landau.de).

Candidates should submit their applications (including letter of motivation, CV; relevant certificates and transcripts and a writing sample in English or German (publications or excerpts from university papers/Master’s Thesis)) **quoting the reference number 184/2017 by November 12, 2017** as a single pdf-file to the office of the Peace Academy RLP: friedensakademie-rlp@uni-landau.de.

Further information about the Peace Academy Rhineland-Palatinate and the research project: <https://www.uni-koblenz-landau.de/en/peace-academy>.

We do not send a confirmation of receipt. In accordance to the protection of data privacy all documents will be destroyed after the application procedure.

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