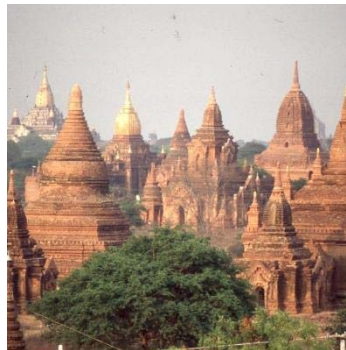


The Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences (University of Kassel in Witzenhausen), the Faculties of Agricultural Science and Forest Sciences (University of Göttingen), and DITSL Witzenhausen invite applications for the

5th joint Interdisciplinary Study Tour – Myanmar 2015

“Landuse changes on the way to democracy – the case of Myanmar”
01. - 15.03.2015



Birma, Burma, Myanmar – three names for a small South-Asian country with an ancient history and surrounded by Thailand, Laos, China, India, Bangladesh, the Bay of Bengal, and the Andaman Sea. Between the Himalaya and the Indian Ocean, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar hosts a variety of different ecological zones and agricultural and forest landscapes. The country's agricultural sector is dominated by smallholders who operate in a similar bio-geophysical environment as their Thai neighbours to the East, but under a very different political and economic situation. Independent since 1948, ruled by different military regimes since 1962, the country entered into a democratic process only in 2011. Currently, all economic sectors of the country undergo major transformational change.

The 2015 excursion will particularly focus on these transformation processes. In cooperation with Yezin Agricultural University in Pyinmana the 2-weeks study tour aims at a deeper understanding of the processes and effects of transformation in agriculture, forestry and fisheries by visits to a variety of producers, processors and projects, demonstrating the diversity from large to small scale, from intensive to extensive, from collective to individual and embedded into a social-ecological systems approach.

Terms of participation:

- 20 student places available – 10 each for the Universities of Kassel in Witzenhausen and Göttingen,
- Personal study focus on tropical/development aspects of agriculture, forestry, geography, or related subject,
- Competitive selection by study performance, English language proficiency and motivation,
- Participants must take part in a preparatory seminar (2 contact hours/week) during WS 2014/15,
- Funding is partly provided by the participating faculties/universities and DITSL Witzenhausen,
- The organizers and participants will need to secure further third party funds from external donors,
- Participants must contribute approx. € 900 each to the total costs –further funding or sponsorship acquired by participants from sources other than the universities or the DAAD may reduce participants' own contribution

Interested? - Submit your expression of interest incl. CV (1 page), motivation statement (1 page), transcript of records, proof or evidence of English language proficiency to:

schlecht@uni-kassel.de or huelse@uni-kassel.de – **deadline: September 30, 2014**

Note: This excursion is part of the Module I07 “International land use systems research” (6 ECTS credits)

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