



### **Ausschreibung für Abschlussarbeiten / Call for theses**

BSc

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MSc

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PhD

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#### **Projekttitel / project title**

Forest plantation policy and practice – case studies from Africa

#### **Relevanz und Ziele / relevance and objectives**

How are forest plantations organized and what can be the impacts of different plantation types? Under my PhD project on the political economy of forest plantations in the tropics, case studies from different countries are used to discuss the changes in plantation approaches and the actual performance of different plantation projects. The focus is on their social, economic and environmental impacts. Ideally, one African country would be selected for MSc research and the historical development of the plantation sector in the country would be studied based on primary and secondary data and expert interviews. Based on that general overview, particular plantations will be selected for field research, including stakeholder interviews. The results would be compared with previous research conducted on different plantation sites in Latin America and Asia (including smallholder, community plantations, CDM, private and state companies, development aid projects for plantations, outgrower schemes). Details could be agreed on based on the student's own interests. Research results would be disseminated in the project and joint journal article submission can be considered.

#### **Zeitraum / timeframe**

2012/2013

#### **Partnerinstitutionen / partner institutions**

TUD, University of Padova

#### **Finanzierung / funding**

Partly funding by relevant projects possible

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