Call for application
International short course

Does Climate Change Move You?
Understanding climate impacts on migration and the concepts, methods, and policies behind them

Date: 22.06.2015 – 26.06.2015
Place: CARSR, Chiang Mai University, Thailand
No participation fee

Short course theme and objectives:
Recent natural disasters such as Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines in 2013 and the Great Flood in Thailand in 2011 have shown the severe consequences of increasingly common extreme climatic events on the lives of millions of people. Climate change will not only impact daily life, but also may result in new and trying challenges, such as increased migration, conflicts, and humanitarian crises. The official UN organization established to combat climate change (UNFCCC) has recognized that these issues require urgent action. At the same time, international organizations (e.g. IOM, UNHCR), national governments, and a growing research community have intensified their engagement with the issue. What have they learned? What kinds of policies have they come up with? And will this help tackle these challenges?
The short course will explore the impacts of climate change, using the relationship between climate change and migration as a focal point. The objective is to introduce the participants to the issue and give an overview on a conceptual, methodological, and policy-oriented level.
The short course will enable the participants
• to understand the relationship between climate change and migration and the scientific and policy discourses around the issue
• to comprehend the concepts of livelihoods, vulnerability, and resilience for the analysis of the relationship
• to apply social science research methods, particularly Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA), Network Analysis, and Multi-Sited Ethnography
• to gain insights on community-based climate change adaptation
• to learn about policies and actors in the field of climate change and migration

Application:
This short course aims to invite master level students, early PhD candidates of different disciplines as well as representatives from NGOs, research agencies, and policymakers to participate.
Please send the following documents to transreinfo@geographie.uni-bonn.de
1. a letter of motivation (outline the links to the issues of your interest; max. 1 page)
2. a short bio (half page)

Deadline for application: 15th April 2015 (Notification of acceptance: 30th April 2015)

Travel and accommodation:
Accommodation and short course related expenses will be covered. Travel to Chiang Mai has to be covered by own funds.

Any Questions?
Please contact Dr. Panomsak Promburom, panomsakp@gmail.com or Dr. Patrick Sakdapolrak, psakdapo@uni-bonn.de.