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Call for Abstracts - Online RLC Alumni Workshop (new schedule!)

Organised and hosted by The Right Livelihood Campuses (RLCs) Bonn and Mumbai

“Sustainable urban development and innovations in South and Southeast Asia to combat marginalisation and livelihood insecurity in informal settlements”; June 18-20, 2021

Background:

The Right Livelihood College ([RLC](#)) is a global education and research university network working together with “Alternative Nobel Prize” Laureates and promoting transdisciplinary research on sustainable development and social justice. The so-called “Alternative Nobel Prize”, i.e., Right Livelihood Award, is granted by the Right Livelihood Foundation ([RLF](#)) to outstanding people and organisation who propose and implement practical solutions and alternative models for decent, sustainable lifestyles.

The workshop:

Urbanisation and growing informal settlements (“slums”) are a problem affecting several places in Asia, particularly in South and Southeast Asia, where many cities face similar challenges. This situation reveals the pressing need for South-South networking and knowledge exchange and transfer between experts from academia, civil society, and governmental institutions. The three-day RLC online workshop aims to create an expert network that will support the alumni in contributing to sustainable urban development and marginalisation issues in their home countries. It includes permanent working tables clustered by topics of expertise. This way, the participants will have the chance to discuss their ideas and to write a joint manuscript.

Postdoctoral scholars, RLA Laureates, and local experts will collaborate in permanent online working tables, mutually creating an academic manuscript. In the end, the manuscripts will be published in a blog post. They could also lead to drafting research proposals or developing working papers in the future.

The workshop will target the following objectives:

- To support DAAD-Alumni in developing and implementing solutions to development-relevant issues in their respective home countries, including sustainable urban development and combating marginalisation in informal settlements (“slums”).
- To establish an expert network on sustainable urban development and marginalisation in DAC Asian countries, especially in South and Southeast Asia.
- To reinforce the cooperation capacity of the involved partners of the RLC network.
- To strengthen collaboration between alumni from South and Southeast Asia, Germany and the DAAD.

Who can apply:

Postdoctoral scholars from DAC Asian countries, especially from South and Southeast Asia, whose PhD was funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and (a) have completed their PhD at a German university or (b) have studied, researched or worked for at least three months at a German university during their doctorate. Besides, their current work focuses on urban development, poverty and marginalisation in informal settlements.

How to apply

Submit an **extended abstract** (500 words including title, text, 1-3 keywords, 1-3 references) of an envisioned research topic within the workshop theme to RLC.Alumni.2021@uni-bonn.de before **May 28, 19:30 Mumbai, 20:00 Bangkok, 14:00 Bonn**.

Selected participants will be informed until **June 6**.