

## Language of instruction

The PhD seminars will be taught completely in English. German courses in preparation of the study period in Leipzig will be offered.

## Fees and living expenses

**Tuition fees for the programme will be €5,000 per study year.**

Applicants are expected to look for funds in order to cover the costs for tuition and registration fees as well as living expenses in Addis Ababa (32 months). The minimum monthly costs for accommodation, food, health insurance and other personal expenses are about 10.000 ETB in Addis Ababa.

Applicants are encouraged to seek financial support/a scholarship from sources such as government institutions, employers, donor institutions or non-governmental organisations. Applicants interested in DAAD Scholarships should do an early application and check the selection criteria here (<https://www.daad.or.ke/en/in-country-in-region-programme>).

For the study period in Leipzig (4 months) the air fares from Addis Ababa to Germany and back will be covered by the programme and accommodation will be provided.

## Admission requirements

- proof of an above-average certificate of higher education which qualifies for PhD studies (Master or recognised equivalent from an accredited higher education institution), only certified copies will be accepted;
- an exposé for a PhD dissertation (not exceeding 3,500 words) which presents the research question and approach, including an analysis of the state of the art with regard to the research topic, as well as a feasible three-year time and working plan;
- chronological curriculum vitae;
- a letter of motivation;
- Proof of nationality (copy of passport)
- Passport size photo
- after the evaluation of the applications, shortlisted applicants will be asked to hand in two letters of reference by academic teachers or employers

## Application for admission

Deadline for applications is: 15th November 2021

Submission of applications:

The complete application should be e-mailed as one PDF document to: [susanne.kranz@uni-leipzig.de](mailto:susanne.kranz@uni-leipzig.de), [academicprogrammes@ipss-addis.org](mailto:academicprogrammes@ipss-addis.org), and [rediat.m@ipss-addis.org](mailto:rediat.m@ipss-addis.org)

Only those accepted applicants will be asked to post the documents to:

Leipzig University  
Global and European Studies Institute  
PhD “Global and Area Studies”  
Emil-Fuchs-Str. 1  
D-04105 Leipzig  
Germany

and

Institute for Peace and Security Studies  
Addis Ababa University  
P.O. Box 1176  
Addis Ababa  
Ethiopia

**For further information please visit our website:**

[www.ipss-addis.org](http://www.ipss-addis.org)

or

<https://gesi.sozphil.uni-leipzig.de/masters/ma-global-studies-peace-and-security-in-africa/>



UNIVERSITÄT LEIPZIG

Addis Ababa University



Call for applications

**JOINT DOCTORATE**

**PHD PROGRAMME**

**GLOBAL AND AREA STUDIES (WITH  
A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PEACE  
AND SECURITY IN AFRICA)**

October 2022 – September 2025

**LEIPZIG UNIVERSITY (Germany)**

**Global and European Studies Institute**

and

**ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY (Ethiopia)**

**Institute for Peace and Security Studies**

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## The cooperating institutions

The **Global and European Studies Institute** (GESI) at Leipzig University (UL) is devoted to graduate teaching and research in the field of Globalisation and Europeanisation. It works at the cross-roads of several disciplines and aims at an analytical interpretation of the global condition in which we live. The Institute is among the pioneers of graduate education in the relatively new field of Global Studies. Being the head of a European University Consortium since 2005, it offers (among others) a successful international MA programme, the “European Master Global Studies”, in collaboration with universities all around the world. The GESI works closely with the Graduate Centre Humanities and Social Science of the Research Academy Leipzig which presently has more than 170 PhD students enrolled in nine different PhD programmes – among them the international postgraduate programmes “Critical Junctures of Globalisation” and “Transnationalization and Regionalization from the 18th Century to the Present”.

The **Institute for Peace and Security Studies** (IPSS) was founded in 2007 by the Addis Ababa University (AAU) to impart knowledge and conduct research in the field of peace and security with a regional focus on the Horn of Africa. It offers a MA and PhD programme in Peace and Security Studies IPSS qualifies students in conflict prevention, management and resolution, as well as peace building and promotes values of democratic and peaceful society It is also the first academic institution in Africa that was able to gain the support of the African Union (AU) as a partner in planning and implementing one of its master’s programmes, “Managing Peace and Security in Africa” for senior executives of the AU, the regional communities (RECs) and the emerging African security community. Moreover, IPSS serves as a secretariate for TANA FORUM that brings former and sitting heads of state and governments, policy makers, representatives of regional and international organizations, and prominent intellectuals to discuss on peace and security in Africa. Moreover, it is a Centre of Excellence of the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) on Post-Conflict Societies. Based on its contribution, IPSS has been recognised several times by internal

quality assessments as role model for other departments and ranked at the top 50 think tank institutions in the sub-Saharan Africa for years.. The institute’s reputation is excellent in Addis Ababa and beyond.

## The PhD programme

Starting in October 2012, the GESI and IPSS will offer a **three-year interdisciplinary doctoral training programme** in the field of Global and Area Studies with a special emphasis on peace and security in Africa. The programme trains **junior researchers and professionals in globalisation research**. It qualifies them for employment, among others, in international organizations, **in the field of conflict management, prevention and resolution** and as future lecturers, scholars and researchers for the rapidly expanding higher education sector in Ethiopia and its neighbouring countries - enabling these future elites to **“think globally”**.

Area Studies – as the study of particular cultural, national or geographic regions – refers to interdisciplinary research fields which draw on a variety of methods and academic perspectives, ranging from established disciplines such as History, Political Science, Sociology, Political Economy and Cultural Sciences to newly emerging sub-disciplines as, for instance, New Political Geography and Global History. By analysing the implications globalisation processes have on different world regions, Global Studies are strongly linked to Area Studies. While “Global Studies” is a recent, but very successful emerging research field in most parts of world, **no such programme exists in Africa yet**.

Global and Area Studies – as a combination of social and cultural as well as historical approaches to the study of modern and contemporary globalisation processes and the comparison of world regions – offer the scientific basis of this PhD programme to **develop an understanding for the dynamics of peace and security in Africa**.

Since Africa is faced with global challenges in particular ways, the study programme intends to pay special attention to **regional perspectives on globalisation processes** and – in light of the continent’s specific contemporary challenges – to the multifaceted aspects of peace and security in Africa.

## Degree

The PhD programme “Global and Area Studies with a special emphasis on Peace and Security in Africa” offers a doctorate from Leipzig University or a joint doctorate from Leipzig University and Addis Ababa University.

## Structure of the programme

The duration of the programme is three years. It is a structured doctoral training programme. This includes the following:

The training takes place at both universities; it is based on multiple supervisions, learning agreements, interdisciplinary dialogue and regular course work; and it covers a wide range of disciplines.

During the three-year PhD programme students have to take part in a range of courses (60 Credit Points), develop their exposé, regularly hand in draft chapters and write their PhD thesis (120 Credit Points).

In addition to their studies at the AAU, PhD students will also train at the UL Research Academy by means of a sandwich semester. This way, African students will be partly integrated in the structured PhD training programmes at the Graduate Centre Social Sciences and Humanities of the Research Academy Leipzig. Sandwich terms at the UL, method workshops and special summer schools in Addis Ababa and Leipzig will allow for a direct connection of the PhD qualification in Ethiopia to the PhD education at the Research Academy in Leipzig.