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Research Programme "German Colonial Rule. Scholarship Programme for Cooperative Research" • DAAD

Overview

Objective

The DAAD programme "German Colonial Rule", funded by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, invites young researchers to apply for DAAD scholarships for PhD thesis projects. The aim of the scholarship programme is to promote research on German government institutions and policies and their political, economic and cultural impact on and in the former German colonies.

The scholarship will enable recipients to obtain a doctorate in Germany. They will have one supervisor from a university in Germany and one from a co-operating university in Africa or the Asia-Pacific region, and they will be able to carry out research in archives and at universities in Germany, Africa and Asia-Pacific.

Scholars from Africa and the Asia-Pacific region are particularly encouraged to apply.

By funding projects in this field, the programme aims to create a shared space for research on the history of German colonialism and racism, thus laying the foundation for long-term research partnerships.

Research projects should focus on the German colonial period as well as its aftermath and address the Colonial Department of Germany's Foreign Office, the Reichskolonialamt (Imperial Colonial Office) and/or other organisations and individuals involved in Germany's colonial rule. Emphasis may be laid on political, economic and/or cultural dimensions of colonial rule. Researchers may also concentrate on the cooperation between the German administration, intermediaries and political elites in the colonies as well as on specific administrative acts. Comparative studies focusing on colonial rule in colonies of different European empires are equally welcome.

Possible areas of focus include (by way of example):

- (collective) biographies of individuals who were in the service of Germany's Foreign Office, the Imperial Colonial Office, colonial governments, district offices, etc.
- studies of cultural brokers and intermediaries
- studies of administrative practices, e.g. in the fields of law, health, labour policy, trade or the military (including the looting of objects and human remains)
- comparative research on different colonial regimes
- studies of the history of colonial theories, colonialism and racism
- studies of regions that were affected by German colonial rule

Successful candidates' PhD studies will be overseen by two supervisors, one from Germany and one from a cooperating university in Africa or the Asia-Pacific region (see [appendix \[https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/appendix_1_host_institutions.pdf\]](https://static.daad.de/media/daad_de/pdfs_nicht_barrierefrei/in-deutschland-studieren-forschen-lehren/appendix_1_host_institutions.pdf)).

Applicants may indicate their preferred supervisors in their application. However, successful candidates may be re-assigned to other

