



Call for Papers

PhD Workshop

Forging Closer Ties: Transatlantic Relations, Climate, and Energy

Berlin, November 29 – December 5, 2009

The Environmental Policy Research Center (FFU) at Freie Universität Berlin is delighted to announce a call for papers for the first transatlantic PhD Workshop on “Forging Closer Ties: Transatlantic Relations, Climate and Energy”.

The PhD Workshop will bring together PhD students and faculty from Freie Universität Berlin and North American universities to examine developments in transatlantic climate and energy relations. Supervised by renowned faculty from the US, Canada and Germany, doctoral students in the social sciences will present their research in the following focus areas: renewable energy policy, environmental policy, energy security, and climate change.

The workshop will provide participating PhD students with the opportunity to discuss their papers with peers and senior researchers in working groups and plenary sessions. In addition, field trips will offer the participants the possibility to meet with representatives from various associations and think tanks, as well as with representatives from governmental and non-governmental organizations and other institutions. The workshop is timed to proceed directly the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, December 7-18, 2009. Those wishing to attend the Copenhagen meeting can easily travel there after the end of the workshop.

The workshop aims at providing a forum for exchange of research ideas and at promoting network building among leading young researchers across the Atlantic. The sessions and

meetings will introduce the participants to European and North American perspectives on environmental and energy issues and contribute to strengthening transatlantic dialogue on challenges and opportunities in the context of renewable energy development, climate change and energy security.

Submission Procedure:

Interested PhD students enrolled at Canadian and US universities should submit a CV, one letter of recommendation and an abstract of their paper (approx. 1200 words) by email to Matthias Kuder matthias.kuder@fu-berlin.de no later than July 31, 2009. An international program committee will evaluate the submissions and select participants on a competitive basis. Selection of participants will be announced by August 15, 2009.

There is no participation fee. Confirmed participants may be eligible for a Freie Universität fellowship covering travel costs and hotel accommodation. Freie Universität will provide up to 10 such fellowships which will be granted based on quality and relevance of the abstract.

For further information please contact:

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About us:

The Environmental Policy Research Centre (FFU) at Freie Universität Berlin is an international team of social science researchers and students who research, study, and provide policy advice related to environmental and sustainable energy politics and policies. The FFU community is engaged in academic as well as more policy-oriented research. In addition, the FFU offers one of the broadest social science educational programs on energy and the environment for undergraduate and graduate students in Europe. The FFU team of researchers, staff, PhD candidates, post-doctoral fellows, affiliates, visiting fellows, and student assistants offer a vibrant community for education and research related to the many critical environmental and energy challenges facing the global community.

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