



UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PHD SCHOLARSHIP (in Political Science) (RE-ADVERTISED)

The University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) announces a call for applications for a PhD Scholarship (in political science) for research on humanitarianism in Tanzania. *Everyday Humanitarianism in Tanzania* (EHTZ) is a Research Project funded by DANIDA conducted by the University of Dar es Salaam and the Copenhagen Business School, Denmark and with the University of Copenhagen and Roskilde University as collaborating institutions. The Project announces a PhD position in Political Science at the University of Dar es Salaam. The PhD candidate will be required to register in October 2020 and undertake a PhD by Thesis (research only) and will be required to work in the EHTZ Project. The Project will provide a fully funded Scholarship base on the UDSM's fee structure (<https://www.udsm.ac.tz/web/index.php/directorates/dpgs>) for a three year period. Successful applicants will be required to undertake study visits in Denmark for part of the Programme.

Applicants must fulfil the following conditions given:

- Have a Master's degree in a social sciences discipline or other related fields of natural sciences from an accredited University
- Apply and fulfil the requirements for PhD registration at the University of Dar es Salaam (<https://udsm.admission.ac.tz/index.php?r=site%2Flogin>)
- Be prepared to start the PhD process in October 2020 after the acceptance of the Scholarship
- Be available for online interview on dates that will be communicated
- Be willing to work in an international research environment
- Work effectively in both Kiswahili and English

Applicants with prior knowledge and experience on issues related to topics/areas outlined in the project summary below are encouraged to apply.

The Political Science PhD project must contribute directly to EHTZ's Overall Objective to understand how people interacting in everyday situations respond to crisis situations outside of the formal structures of humanitarian assistance.

Applicants are asked to submit a proposal (5 pages max.) outlining their project idea. Relevant academic literature and a time plan must be included. The project may focus on either one of the topics below:

- (i) Elite politics of Everyday Humanitarianism;
- (ii) The political history of Everyday Humanitarianism in Tanzania and Southern Africa;
- (iii) The response of Tanzanian neighbors in situations of acute crisis or disaster;
- (iv) Gendered aspects of Everyday Humanitarianism;
- (v) Other relevant topics that contribute to the project objectives.

All PhD Projects will require considerable fieldwork and rigorous data collection in line with the objectives of the EHTZ Project.

Granting of the Scholarships shall be subject to proof of admission at the University of Dar-es-Salaam.

How to apply

Applicants must prepare and submit a complete application package, including specifically:

- Research proposal that clearly shows the linkages of the applicants' PhD potential area of research relevant to the project interest (at most 5 pages)
- Curriculum vitae (at most 3 pages)
- List of publications (if any) or copy of Master's Dissertation
- Copy of Master's degree certificate
- Two academic reference letters (ideally one written by the Master's Supervisor)

Applicants for the scholarships are required to send application packages to the Department of Geography University of Dar es Salaam geog@udsm.ac.tz with [copies to EHTZ Project PI, Professor Lisa Richey Iri.msc@cbs.dk](#) and kweka@udsm.ac.tz (EHTZ project coordinator).

The deadline is 15th September 2020.

Project summary

Humanitarian responses to disaster, poverty or pandemics have been around since antiquity, but humanitarianism as a field has a more recent history linked to international aid, non-governmental organizations and 'humanitarian' actors. Since an upsurge of unrest in Burundi in 2015, more than 258,000 refugees have crossed into Tanzania, making it the largest recipient of Burundian refugees in the East African region. Humanitarian aid and professional disaster response receive attention, yet what is missing here is the action taken in response to both protracted and acute humanitarian crises by Tanzanians who are not humanitarian professionals. **Everyday humanitarianism** (EH) refers to an *expanded series of practices in the everyday lives of citizens that are engaging in humanitarianism, outside of the formal structures of humanitarian actions* (Richey 2017). This do-gooding response to crisis can be proximate for one's neighbours or distant for suffering others. Humanitarianism is often explored in a North-South perspective, assuming that organisations funded and dominated by the Global North carry out humanitarian acts of 'rescue' in the Global South. Furthermore, humanitarianism is mostly assumed to be carried out by (international) organizations and focused on recipients. EHTZ challenges these assumptions in three ways. First,

it explores the everyday humanitarian actions of ordinary citizens. Second, the project explores these responses in a Southern context, not through the typical Northern perspective. Third, we focus explicitly on the givers as well as the receivers.

Everyday humanitarianism (EH) may involve, for example, housing refugees along their journey to processing centres, paying school fees for additional children in areas affected by floods, or donating online or to local churches in earthquake prone regions of the country. Tanzanians of all social classes are involved in EH, from rich philanthropists to farmer neighbors, yet these actions remain unacknowledged and unaccounted for. Unfortunately, the reason that Tanzania is an excellent case for understanding EH results from its increasing humanitarian need, uneven government attempts to manage disasters, and complex linkages between humanitarian and development needs and the partners who engage them. EHTZ will measure and explain the everyday humanitarian practices of communities engaged most directly with protracted crisis (refugees) and others experiencing acute crises (earthquake, floods). EHTZ's Overall Objective is to understand how people interacting in everyday situations respond to crisis situations outside of the formal structures of humanitarian assistance.

For further information see <https://www.lisaannrichey.com/current-research>

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