## IARU Courses 2020 – Borderland: Critical Approaches to Field Research in the Global South

(Updated as of 14 Jan 2020)

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<td>Programme Location:</td>
<td>Chiang Mai, Thailand</td>
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<td>Programme Dates:</td>
<td>29 June – 21 July 2020</td>
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<td>Application Deadline:</td>
<td>15 February 2020</td>
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<td>No. of Placements:</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
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### ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION

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<td>The tuition fees for this programme is DKK 12,000 (approximately SGD 2,500).</td>
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This course is jointly developed and offered by UC Berkeley and University of Copenhagen.

This course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to think critically about the research process, epistemologies, and ethics in the conduct of research. It focuses on the research process rather than the mastery of a specific topic or method, with the aim of providing students with the tools to raise and address critical questions in their own research and establish a foundation from which they can apply the knowledge and practices from the course to future projects.

Centering on the themes of Land and Water, the course combines classroom learning with meaningful interactions and placement with local NGOs or ongoing research projects in and around Chiang Mai in northern Thailand. Through this placement, students will have the opportunity to engage critical research, issues, and policies related to the themes of the course as well as communities and institutions impacted by and working on addressing these issues through research, policy formulation, community program development, and/or advocacy. Drawing upon insights from these different forms of field engagement, they will reflect on the research implications, and develop a succinct research proposal.

Included in the course fees are:

1. A one-day field trip
2. Welcome reception
3. Farewell dinner
4. IARU certificate
2 Projected Expenditure

Click here to find additional estimates for airfare, private accommodation and personal expenses for various cities.

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<td>Tuition Fee</td>
<td>$2,500</td>
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<td>Accommodation</td>
<td>$270</td>
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<td>Daily expenses</td>
<td>$450</td>
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3 Financial Aid Available Through NUS GRO

As a participant of this programme, you are eligible to apply for:

- NASA Enhancement Bursary (Singaporean Citizens only)
- Overseas Student Programme Loan (Singaporeans only)
- PSEA Fund Withdrawal (Singaporeans only)

PROGRAMME DETAILS

4 Academic Content

The course is divided into four phases:

1. Pre-departure preparation: reading, online research on topics and contexts.
2. Framing the course: in class lectures, discussions, group work, field trips and preparation for entering the field.
3. Field placements: with NGOs or research projects – including evening sessions.
4. Writing, supervision and public presentation.

All activities in the course revolve around the themes of Land and Water, and are designed to complement each other and reinforce learning and meaningful engagement with the curriculum. The readings, lectures, and exercises are aimed at providing the necessary contexts for student field engagement while the work conducted with NGOs and research projects are meant to give students “real-world” experience that informs critical research.

The field course will be based in Chiang Mai (in partnership with Chiang Mai University) and in surrounding areas.

In addition, one group excursion is planned, and depending on the organizations or research projects to which the students are assigned, they may have an opportunity to visit projects within and outside of Chiang Mai as part of their research.

The program schedule may be subject to change since this is a field course and we need to build in some flexibility in order to be able to accommodate local circumstances and exigencies if necessary.

5 Eligibility Requirements

NUS' generic eligibility requirements apply, please see GRO website for details.

6 Accommodation

| 3 | Included in the cost for the accommodation is:  
 1. Full-month in a double occupancy  
 2. Cleaning once a week  
 3. Free wifi  

Students can check in from 26 June 2020 and stay until 26 July 2020.  
For more information, please refer to the following link:  

| 7 | Application Procedure | Please apply to NUS via EduRec → Global Education (to complete module mapping and apply for financial aid) and UCPH ([https://kurser.ku.dk/course/aana18107u/2019-2020](https://kurser.ku.dk/course/aana18107u/2019-2020) (under Sign up)) simultaneously.  
You must accept both the EduRec offer as well as the host university’s offer to confirm your participation in this programme.  
The application deadline for portals is **15 February 2020**.  
NUS recommends completing your application at least 2 weeks before the deadline to secure your spot. |

| 8 | Module Mapping | You can start the module mapping process after you apply in EduRec and accept the offer for the programme. [Click here](https://kurser.ku.dk/course/aana18107u/2019-2020) for a step-by-step guide on applying for module mapping. Also note the following:  
- Maximum of 2 modules (up to 10 MCs) can be mapped per summer / research programme during Special Term (May – August).  
- Maximum of 1 module (up to 5 MCs) can be mapped per winter / research programme during year-end vacation (December – January).  
- Total of 12 MCs from a maximum of 2 overseas summer/winter and research programmes can be mapped without having to pay NUS tuition. Additional MCs mapped will be subjected to Special Term fees. For details, visit the [Registrar’s Office website](https://kurser.ku.dk/course/aana18107u/2019-2020). |

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

| 9 | Visa Application | It is your responsibility to obtain the correct documents from the Royal Thai Embassy prior to your session in Chiang Mai.  
For visa/immigration-related advice, please contact the following:  
**Royal Thai Embassy**  
370 Orchard Road  
Singapore 238870  
Email: [consular@thaiembassy.sg](mailto:consular@thaiembassy.sg)  
[https://www.thaiembassy.sg/visa-matters-consular](https://www.thaiembassy.sg/visa-matters-consular) |
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<td><strong>Student Insurance</strong></td>
<td><a href="https://www.nus.edu/student-services/">Insurance coverage for official NUS trips</a> is provided for your participation in this programme. Students are responsible for ensuring that they have sufficient travel insurance coverage. Exclusions to the NUS blanket travel insurance may apply. Students may consider purchasing additional travel insurance if required.</td>
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