**Call for PhD student**

***MyClimate***

***Myanmar: Climate Actions, Conflict and Peacebuilding***

We invite applications for a doctoral position in the MyClimate Project - a partnership between the Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), the Nyan Corridor, RCSD, Faculty of Social Sciences, at Chiang Mai University (Thailand), and the Highland Institute in northeast India, funded through the Danish research council for development research. The selected candidate will apply to study in the PhD program within the Faculty of Social Sciences at Chiang Mai University, which commences in June 2022.

The overall objective of the MyClimate research project is to strengthen academic and policy understandings of the linkages between climate change actions and conflict dynamics in Myanmar’s contested ethnic border regions. The project will produce new empirical knowledge on how local communities adapt to climate change and how state actors, civil society organizations and political movements across Myanmar and its border regions address climate change and the interlinked fields of environmental conservation, natural resource management and extraction, land use and pollution.

The chosen PhD candidate will be encouraged to pursue his/her own research ideas, within the topic of the MyClimate project. The selected student will be responsible for the collection of qualitative data including digital ethnographic methods, analysing online sources and forms of communication, with in situ fieldwork in collaboration with local researchers and civil society organizations in Myanmar’s southeast. Alongside the PhD thesis, it is expected that the chosen student will also contribute to the project through international academic publications, policy briefs, participation in international conferences, and online webinars, and stakeholder dialogue meetings. The student will also support the creation of a network of people who might participate in the project.

**Profile**:

* Candidates should have an official MA degree in a social science field relevant for this research (i.e., anthropology, geography or development studies).
* Preference will be given to candidates with fieldwork experience and a background in ethnographic research methodologies.
* Candidates should be fluent in written and spoken English and Burmese, and spoken Karen (written also a plus).
* Previous field research experience would be highly valued and existing networks in Karen speaking communities of Myanmar’s southeast.
* Candidates who have published in academic outlets is also an advantage.

**Contract terms***:* Student will study full time during three consecutive years of the PhD. The scholarship will include the cost of tuition and a budget for living allowances. Off-campus medical insurance and field expenses will also be covered by the project.

**To apply:**Applicants should send a cover letter and any examples of their previous work (eg. Master thesis) and an updated CV to [juch@diis.dk](mailto:juch@diis.dk) by **April 20, 2021.** The cover letter should include a personal statement explaining the applicant’s interest in the project and the name, position and e-mail contact of two potential referees. Candidates should also write a 2 page research proposal related to the MyClimate project:

* The outline of the research plan
* Previous research experiences or works
* Why you are interested to do this research
* Why you are interested in the in the Myclimate research project and should be awarded the scholarship
* How you propose to carry out the study

Candidates need to fulfill the [requirements for Ph.D. in Social Science Porigram at the Faculty of Social Science at Chiang Mai University](https://www.soc.cmu.ac.th/admission_en), including a Certificate of English Proficiency. After the selection process, the student will need to find a supervisor within the Faculty of Social Science to support their PhD application. We can support the selection of a supervisor at CMU, but candidates are also encouraged to approach academic staff on their own. For more details about the specifications for the PhD program and the application process please email [sujiwan.y@cmu.ac.th](mailto:sujiwan.y@cmu.ac.th).

Requirements for English proficiency:

* + TOEFL score of at least 183 (CBT), 69 (iBT)
  + IELTS score of at least 5.5
  + CMUeTEGS score of at least 65 (test result from 5 June 2021 onward)