



## NEWS #5

4. Januar 2018

Liebes Myanmar-Netzwerk,

ein frohes neues und vielversprechendes Jahr 2018 und an alle, die sich gerade in Myanmar befinden, zudem auch einen schönen Unabhängigkeitstag!

Über die Feiertage hierzulande hat sich eine Menge an Informationen zusammen gesammelt. Schaut genau auf die baldigen Deadlines der Stellenausschreibungen! Viel Spaß beim Lesen!

Liebe Grüße  
Diana

PS: Die Deadline für den nächsten Newsletter ist der 13. Januar 2018.

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### **Dresden, 10. Januar 2018, 18:30 – Vortrag: Wissensreich: Myanmar – Das „Goldene Land“ Buddhas**

Burma, seit 1990 Myanmar, war 50 Jahre lang durch die Herrschaft des Militärs weitgehend isoliert. Wie hinter einem Bambusvorhang verborgen, hat die Gesellschaft eine ganz eigene und autarke Entwicklung genommen. Auf den Besucher strahlt das Land mit seiner tief im Buddhismus verwurzelten Bevölkerung einen faszinierenden Zauber aus, dem man sich nur schwer entziehen kann. In jüngster Zeit gab es viele hoffnungsvolle Nachrichten aus Myanmar: Die 20 Jahre unter Hausarrest stehende Friedensnobelpreisträgerin Aung San Suu Kyi sitzt jetzt als Volksvertreterin im Parlament, das Land öffnet sich für Touristen und Auslandsinvestitionen; der Westen hat die Sanktionen ausgesetzt. Es herrscht Aufbruchsstimmung in Myanmar. Der Vortrag stellt in faszinierenden Bildern das Land im Überblick sowie das Alltagsleben der Menschen, kulturelle Besonderheiten, den praktizierten Theravada- Buddhismus und einige der 135 ethnischen Gruppen im Vielvölkerstaat Myanmar vor.

Referent: Frank Nimschowski, Studienreiseleiter / Dipl.-Arabist/Info

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*Otto-Dix-Ring 61*

*01219 Dresden*

*Eintritt: 5€*

<http://www.bibo-dresden.de/de/veranstaltungskalender/staedtische-bibliotheken-dresden-bibliothek-strehlen/wissensreich-myanmar-das-goldene-land-buddhas-2428--dd1781823>

### **Görlitz, 13. Januar 2018, 18:30 – Reisevortrag: Unter Buddhas Augen durch das goldene Land - Myanmar**

Unser Vereinsmitglied Mario Conrad wird in seinem Reisevortrag das Land Myanmar, was noch in den touristischen Kinderschuhen steckt, näher bringen und einen interessanten Einblick in die dort herrschende Kultur und die bestehenden Probleme geben.

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[https://www.sz-veranstaltungskalender.com/t/5083/13.01.2018\\_reisevortrag-unter-buddhas-agen-durch-das-goldene-land-myanmar](https://www.sz-veranstaltungskalender.com/t/5083/13.01.2018_reisevortrag-unter-buddhas-agen-durch-das-goldene-land-myanmar)

## Myanmar (Birma), 28. Jan – 11. Feb 2018 – Rundreise

Wer mit der Journalistin Verena Hölzl das Land Myanmar entdecken möchte, kann das zwischen dem 28. Januar und 11. Februar 2018 bei einer Rundreise von Mandalay über Bagan – Inle-See – Naypyidaw – Taungoo nach Yangon tun. Alternativ bietet die taz eine Reise im November mit Reiseleiter und taz-Asien-Redakteur Sven Hansen an.

<http://www.taz.de/!162919>

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Chiang Mai University Press

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1. Dezember 2017

Anthropology Today, DOI: 10.1111/1467-8322.12389

[https://www.academia.edu/35310344/The\\_Rohingya\\_crisis](https://www.academia.edu/35310344/The_Rohingya_crisis)

### Elliott Prasse-Freeman: *The Rohingya and the World*

Dezember 2017

Jacobin

<https://jacobinmag.com/2017/12/myanmar-rohingya-ethnic-cleansing-aung-san-suu-kyi>

## Stellenausschreibungen

### Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung: Research Study on contemporary progressive and left-leaning actors in Myanmar, Deadline: 09. Jan 2018

Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS) is one of six Political Foundations – related to German political parties – and a major provider of political education services in the Federal Republic of Germany. RLS considers itself an element of the broader democratic socialist movement. RLS is an institute for political education, a debate platform for critical thinking and political alternatives as well as a research center for progressive trends in society.

Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Hanoi office and RLS Asia Unit in Berlin intend to commission a research study on contemporary progressive and left-leaning actors in Myanmar. For this purpose, RLS will contract honorary services in order to provide RLS with an overview of the most important social, political, human rights and environmental groups, movements, initiatives, parties and personalities in Myanmar that define themselves as progressive, democratic and left-leaning. The objective is to gain a clearer understanding and perception of these actors with regard to their origins, composition, constituency, demands, goals, international networks, influence and challenges.

**Methodology of the study:**

Methods to be applied by the researcher for this study include a detailed outline of the study in the first phase, a review of actual studies, reports, programmes of organisations, newspaper articles and other relevant literature. A field trip of 3 weeks to Myanmar and subsequent debriefing sessions of the draft report in the Hanoi office and the Berlin home office are also part of the assignment.

**Background and tentative outline of study:**

Background of the study: The RLS regional office in Hanoi organizes and supports activities in the fields of social justice, socio-economic transformation and international dialogue. The focus of work is on Vietnam but efforts are made to further extend existing activities in other countries of Southeast Asia including Myanmar. Even if Myanmar has gained a lot of international attention after the first free elections in November 2015, information on existing and emerging actors (social, political, human rights and environmental groups, movements, initiatives parties and personalities) needs further research with regard to their origins, development, ideas, goals and challenges. Given the fact that there is growing uncertainty inside and outside the country on whether the new regime can bring about required social change, the understanding of alternative actors as described above, and their programmes, approaches, capabilities, needs, and challenges is of major importance.

**Desk Study: Review of recent studies and reports on Myanmar:**

This section should briefly outline the political, economic and social structure of contemporary Myanmar with regard to its political system, government, political opposition, and the major internal and external political, economic, social, and environmental developments and challenges facing the country. This should be done along with a review of existing research/reports on Myanmar.

**Conceptualizing relevant actors in Myanmar:**

This section should discuss the questions who are the progressive, democratic left-leaning and other oppositional actors that have been established since 2010. What are their main characteristics and their goals? Can they be clustered according to their characteristics and goals? What are their common causes and issues? What divides them?

**Mapping of relevant actors in Myanmar:**

This main section is to provide a concise overview of existing progressive, democratic and left-leaning groups in Myanmar (since 2010) It will give a short overview of each actor with regard to development, main agenda/ideas, main activities and ideological background. The section will also seek to give an overview about most important events of collective action and mobilization in Myanmar and government response to these events.

**Structure, scope and language of the study:**

The study should not exceed 10,000 words, excluding summary, footnotes, bibliography and references. The study shall be conducted in English. The project is scheduled to start in February 2018 and will be finished within 3 months of its inception. Details are to be discussed with the successful contractor.

**Qualifications of Applicants:**

- Working recording in countries of Southeast Asia with emphasis on Myanmar
- Experience in conducting studies of similar scope and content, preferably in region mentioned above
- Working experience in inter-cultural contexts
- Knowledge of leftist political space in Germany and Southeast Asia

**Applicants submit the following documents in English:**

- Offer for conducting research and writing the study, including a working schedule, an abstract and a price offer (broken down to person/days)
- Full CV in English including publication list
- One sample study on a comparable thematic issue

**Award of Contract**

The following criteria apply:

- Price: 50 per cent
- Regional experience: 25 per cent
- Reference studies 25 per cent

Travel costs and per diems will be paid in line with Bundesreisekostengesetz and RLS guidelines.

*Please send you application not later than **09 January 2018** to Mr. Jörg Schultz,  
Email: [Joerg.Schultz@rosalux.org](mailto:Joerg.Schultz@rosalux.org)*

**British Council: Head of Arts and Partnership, Deadline: 10. Jan 2018**

As the Head of Arts and Partnership, you will provide strategic and operational leadership for arts and partnership work in Burma, building on existing and new programme and partnerships, including:

- Designing and delivering a strategy which widens and deepens the level of cultural collaboration between Burma and the UK, contributing to global arts outcomes and regional priorities
- Increasing the profile and impact of the British Council in Burma through the development of a strong arts and culture & development programme, supported by effective communication and through working in close collaboration with other SBUs and collaboration with UK stakeholders notably the British High Commission in Burma and other representatives of the UK
- Seek out new opportunities to grow our work through partnerships with the private sector, government, philanthropic foundations and other sectors

You will have the opportunity to work with a range of global and local partners on the design and delivery of programmes which influence policy on key agendas and bring long term impact to beneficiaries. You will also work with the British Council's Education and Society by working together on culture & development programmes.

To be successful, you will possess Education to degree level or above (ideally in arts or arts management) and bring along International cultural relations experience, ideally including significant experience working in arts in an international context; and/or creative producing, programming or management in the arts sector in Burma. You should have a proven track record in Partnership and programme development experience, developing programmes through co-funding and income generating partnerships. Experience in successful delivery of projects to agreed financial and non-financial targets is essential.

Essential language proficiency - Myanmar / Burmese at Proficiency Level – Native / bilingual English – Professional working proficiency

For more information please see [role profile](#) and [British Council Generic Behaviours](#).

*In our commitment to promote Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, if you are using our CV upload function to apply - kindly note that we are not interested in collecting any information that is irrelevant to the job such as marital status, age, photograph, etc. Applications lacking in information will not be considered when we shortlist for any roles.*

*If you prefer to use the British Council application form to apply, kindly download the respective form here:*

External candidates - [External Application form](#)

**If you are interested in applying and feel that you are suitable for the role, *please apply before 10 January 2018 (23:59 UK Time)*.**

Weitere Infos: [https://jobs.britishcouncil.org/Vacancies/W/7502/0/168211/5448/head-of-arts-and-partnership-burma-mya-1391?utm\\_source=external&utm\\_term=east-asia-burma-rangoon-arts-arts-pay-band-7&utm\\_content=head-of-arts-and-partnership-burma-mya-1391&utm\\_campaign=british-council-recruitment&utm\\_medium=AtsViewLink](https://jobs.britishcouncil.org/Vacancies/W/7502/0/168211/5448/head-of-arts-and-partnership-burma-mya-1391?utm_source=external&utm_term=east-asia-burma-rangoon-arts-arts-pay-band-7&utm_content=head-of-arts-and-partnership-burma-mya-1391&utm_campaign=british-council-recruitment&utm_medium=AtsViewLink)

## **Universität Bonn: W 2-Professur Ethnologie Südostasiens, Deadline: 15. Feb 2018**

Die Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn richtet an der Philosophischen Fakultät eine W 2-Professur Ethnologie Südostasiens mit Schwerpunkt Arbeitsverhältnisse und Abhängigkeitsforschung (für 5 Jahre mit Tenure Track-Option) ein. Es ist beabsichtigt, die Professur zum nächstmöglichen Zeitpunkt zu besetzen. Nach Ablauf der 5-Jahresfrist besteht die Option der Übernahme auf eine permanente Professur nach entsprechender erfolgreicher Evaluation.

Gesucht werden Bewerber/-innen aus der Ethnologie (bzw. Kulturanthropologie, Sozialanthropologie) oder den Südostasienwissenschaften. Voraussetzungen sind eine breite Kenntnis des Fachs Ethnologie und empirische Forschungserfahrungen in Südostasien.

Bevorzugt werden Bewerber/-innen mit Forschungserfahrung zum Thema sozialer Beziehungen und Arbeitsformen, die maßgeblich von Abhängigkeit geprägt sind (unfreie Arbeit, Sklaverei, asymmetrische Arbeitsbeziehungen, Dependenz). Förderlich ist eine explizite Offenheit für historische Fragestellungen. Die Person soll maßgeblich mitwirken an dem Aufbau des Bonn Centers for Dependency and Slavery Studies ([www.dependency.uni-bonn.de](http://www.dependency.uni-bonn.de)).

Einstellungsvoraussetzungen (gemäß § 36 HG NRW) sind ein abgeschlossenes Hochschulstudium (Master, Magister oder Staatsexamen), Promotion sowie eine Habilitation oder habilitationsadäquate Leistungen in einem für das Thema relevanten Fach sowie Erfahrungen in interdisziplinärer und theorieorientierter Arbeit auch auf internationaler Ebene.

Erfahrungen in der akademischen Lehre sowie in der Einwerbung von Drittmitteln werden ebenfalls vorausgesetzt.

Chancengleichheit ist Bestandteil unserer Personalpolitik.

*Bewerberinnen bzw. Bewerber werden gebeten, ihre Unterlagen (Lebenslauf, Schriftenverzeichnis, Verzeichnis der Lehrveranstaltungen, Zeugnis- und Urkundenkopien) und eine kurze Darstellung der bisherigen Forschungsvorhaben dem Dekan der Philosophischen Fakultät der Universität Bonn (Am Hof 1, D-53113 Bonn) in elektronischer Form (eine pdf-Datei von max. 5 MB) an [philfak.berufungen@uni-bonn.de](mailto:philfak.berufungen@uni-bonn.de) bis zum **15. Februar 2018** einzureichen.*



**... und noch mehr!**

### Thoughts by Tobias Esche, 14. Dezember 2017

I am in Mae Sot and Umphang for a week now. In Mae Sot I met an old friend who knows it all. When touching on the current Rakhine issue, he said something interesting (quoted from memory):

At the western border in Rakhine it is the people from Bangladesh in Rakhine claiming their rights for "their" land for decades, but Myanmar says no and sends them west.

At the eastern border in Thailand in the camps for 20+ years the Mon and Kayin refugees there also tried to claim "their" land on Thai soil after having spent decades there, but the RTG said no and sends them west.

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I find this comparison interesting and it never occurred to me to compare both regions. Reminds me of the rivers flowing through Myanmar: The Sittaung's river bed (east) once was for the Ayeyarwaddy river, and the Ayeyarwaddy's river bed (center-west) once was for the Chindwin river. Westward movement. See here latest news connecting both regions, very interesting: <http://indianexpress.com/article/world/from-jail-near-patiala-a-trail-to-thai-border-rohingya-arms-route-4995191>

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Mae Sot people tell me business is down. All the funding for NGO activities at the border camps has dried up, or is now channelled into Myanmar towards new projects. This leads to lower hotel rates (last year 800 THB, now 500 THB, same room, Phannu House) and empty restaurants (Canadian, Famous Ray's, Casa Mia). One source suspects that Famous Ray's is supported by a faith-based charity, hence they don't need the cash but convert people to Christianity.

I spotted the new Casino (Chinese I hear) in Myawaddy, perhaps 1 km north of the Friendship bridge, at the banks of Moei river. Looked nice enough, at least from the distance. However, day trippers from Myanmar in Mae Sot a more frequent sight than before. At new and flashy Robinson mall at Highway they tell me that most customers there are Myanmar. Easy to spot and the only ones who use cash ISO credit cards for rather large payments.

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At Waw Lay checkpoint, 1 hour south of Mae Sot, I saw a truckload of goods from Myanmar smuggled into Thailand by 10 porters, via makeshift wooden bridge across a small stream. I thought goods were to go the other way. See photo of that bridge attached.

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Went to the border area near Umphang today. Most interesting moment was when a 4WD with Mandalay license plate came through from Myanmar.

Very mountainous here, difficult driving (self drive rental 30 USD/day, [www.avisthailand.com](http://www.avisthailand.com)). Background from 2004:

[http://www2.irrawaddy.com/article.php?art\\_id=3954](http://www2.irrawaddy.com/article.php?art_id=3954)

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Drive back to Mae Sot tomorrow, flight to Yangon on Sunday on new Nok Air connection Mae Sot (MAQ)-Yangon-Mae Sot (55 USD o/w). Last Friday on my flight RGN-MAQ only 22 Pax on Bombardier Q400. Nice view of Mount Zwegabin near Hpa An, halfway between Yangon and Mae Sot. 45 minutes sharp from takeoff to touchdown, 6.7 km altitude, 550 km/h.

### **“Myanmar Researchers” at Mandalay University**

Here at Mandalay University, a group of young academics has gathered to launch a transdisciplinary and international network of Myanmar researchers. We have realized that we are increasingly numerous to do research in the country, although we often don't know about each other's work. We thought trying to come together could be useful for all of us, as we also realized the challenges we face across disciplines are similar (going through administrative procedures, accessing reliable data, getting information about local academic events...)

*We launched Myanmar Researchers – a platform for us to connect and exchange. Today, we would like to invite you to join us and become part of the network. Our website is brand new: <https://myanmarresearchers.wordpress.com>, you would hardly need 5 minute to explore it and, if you wish, sign up. And of course, do not hesitate to spread the word!*

## **Artemed Stiftung: Projekt "Irrawaddy River Doctors"**

Mit dem Herzensprojekt Irrawaddy River Doctors entsendet die Artemed Stiftung mittels einer schwimmenden Klinik burmesische Ärzte und Pflegekräfte in von der medizinischen Versorgung abgeschnittene Landstriche im Irrawaddy Delta in Myanmar. Mit einer einfachen medizinischen Grundausstattung, einem kleinen Labor, Basis-Medikamenten und Hygieneartikeln behandelt ein Team aus zwei Ärzten, einem Zahnarzt, fünf Krankenschwestern und 2 Laborantinnen über das Jahr hinweg tausende Patienten mit akuten Verletzungen und Infektionskrankheiten in den Dörfern des Deltas.

An einem gewöhnlichen Arbeitstag versorgt das Team der Irrawaddy River Doctors durchschnittlich circa 50-150 Patienten an Bord ihres Schiffes. Die Menschen warten oft tagelang bis die mobile Klinik ihr Dorf erreicht – denn die Irrawaddy River Doctors sind für die Menschen in dieser Region die einzige Hoffnung auf medizinische Versorgung.

Die Artemed Stiftung bringt Gesundheitsversorgung an Orte, die bisher davon ausgeschlossen sind. Dafür ist nicht nur die Hilfe von ehrenamtlich tätigen Ärzten und Pflegekräften notwendig, sondern auch die großzügige Unterstützung jedes Einzelnen. Gemeinsam verbessern wir das Leben von Tausenden von Menschen langfristig und nachhaltig.

[www.artemedstiftung.de/river-doctors](http://www.artemedstiftung.de/river-doctors)

## **Judith Beyer awarded Fernand Braudel Associate Directorship at Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme Paris**

Auszeichnung für Konstanzer Ethnologin: Prof. Dr. Judith Beyer wurde von der französischen Stiftung „Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme“ (FMSH) das „Fernand Braudel Associate Directorship“ zugesprochen. Auf Einladung der Stiftung wird sie einen Monat bei der FMSH in Paris forschen und lehren. Das „Fernand Braudel Associate Directorship“ ist ein 1975 gegründetes Mobilitäts- und Förderprogramm der Stiftung, in dem herausragende internationale Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler zu einem Forschungsaufenthalt in Frankreich eingeladen werden.

Mehr Informationen: <https://www.uni-konstanz.de/universitaet/aktuelles-und-medien/aktuelle-meldungen/aktuelles/aktuelles/fernand-braudel-associate-directorship>

<https://www.uni-konstanz.de/en/news/news/judith-beyer-erhaelt-fernand-braudel-associate-directorship>

## **Youtube/Yale University: Understanding the Rohingya Crisis: Race, Religion, and Violence in Burma**

The Rohingya, a Muslim minority of Burma of approximately two million people, are enduring a protracted and ongoing ethnic cleansing campaign. In September alone the Myanmar military burned hundreds of villages and forced nearly half a million to flee to Bangladesh. Journalist Francis Wade, the author of Myanmar's Enemy Within: Buddhist Violence and the Making of a Muslim 'Other' (2017), joins James C. Scott, Kyaw Hsan Hlaing, and Myo Win in

an panel moderated by Elliott Prasse-Freeman to explore the deep roots of these events, examining how violent prejudices were nurtured by the military and activated during the democratic transition and what potential there is for peace and security in Burma not only for the Rohingya but for the country's other minorities.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gmw3k3wvltk>