

# GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

MASTER



→ PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL

[professional programme]



**LEUPHANA**  
UNIVERSITY LÜNEBURG

# USING GOVERNANCE TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS

The Masters programme in Governance and Human Rights imparts the capacity for critical understanding and provides students with the tools required to assess and apply legal and political governance theories, as well as human rights norms and standards. The project learning tools will enable students to acquire the skills necessary for the application of good governance tools required to establish, implement and protect human rights.

This is a hands-on programme which places central importance on project-based learning. The students will work under the guidance of international scholars and practitioners. They will learn how to develop ideas and make meaningful contributions to social change. Furthermore, they will acquire the design and communication skills needed to adapt the theoretical approaches to governance and human rights to their own professional working environments e.g. as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) or sustainable development policies. Instruction and supervision is carried out by outstanding and renowned international human rights academics, practitioners and experienced project coaches.

The Masters programme is organized and run by the Leuphana University of Lüneburg and has been funded by the Volkswagen Foundation.





## HANDS-ON APPROACH

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The Masters programme is a 2 year distance-learning programme with 3 classroom sessions (2 weeks each, taking place in Lüneburg). Students will be supported by the coordinator of the program who answers academic questions, supports the students during the learning process and endeavors to stimulate and moderate online discussions.

During the Masters programme students will acquire skills that will enable them to protect human rights using (good) governance tools. This truly interdisciplinary programme also allows students to apply their newly learned skills to their own governance and human rights-related project.

### GRADUATES OF THE M.A. GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS WILL

- possess a comprehensive understanding of governance principles and the means to critically examine them.
- be acquainted with the various types of human rights principles, norms and standards.
- know how to apply governance principles in order to promote human rights.
- be able to organise work pertaining to issues such as funding, project management etc. in for-profit, as well as non-profit and non-governmental organisations.
- be prepared for the challenges associated with development aid and state building.



# FLEXIBLE CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN AN EXTRA-OCCUPATIONAL STUDY PROGRAMME

8 | The study programme is designed so that students can remain fully active in their profession during their studies. The attendance phases of the course are held in 3 classroom sessions over a period of 2 weeks each in Lüneburg. Most of the seminars take place as distance-learning units. Lecturers, as well as members of the course and e-learning teams provide comprehensive support not only during the online learning and attendance phases, but also during self-study periods.

## THE PROFESSIONAL MASTERS PROGRAMMES OF THE PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL ARE

- **Tailored to your needs:** Content is designed to meet the requirements of working professionals. Study time per week is adjusted to allow studying while working full time.
- **Flexible:** Our e-learning platform supports self-organised learning and work in virtual work groups. This allows for high flexibility and enables you to individually plan your study time.
- **Transfer-oriented:** Scenarios of global relevance are discussed in groups and interdisciplinary projects, promoting knowledge exchange and transfer to practice.

9 | “ The Masters programme adopts a multidisciplinary approach, combining a strong grounding in the legal framework of human rights international, regional and domestic instruments, with the more practical governance tools necessary to implement and monitor human rights programmes across public and corporate organisations.

Prof. Dr. ALESSANDRA ASTERITI, former Programme Director

“ Over the past years I've become increasingly aware of the unacceptable living conditions and suffering that millions of people face on a daily basis. Women and girls particularly face tremendous issues that I want to help alleviate and raise awareness about. The best way to do this, I believe, is through educating myself about the whole picture (both good governance and human rights issues) in order to learn how to help produce effective and long-lasting change.

ANNA-KATE BULTEMA (USA), Student



**LEUPHANA PROFESSIONAL  
SCHOOL** – ADDITIONAL  
QUALIFICATION FOR WORKING  
PROFESSIONALS AT UNIVERSITY  
LEVEL | HIGHLY FLEXIBLE  
COURSE STRUCTURE |  
ATTRACTIVE LEARNING  
ENVIRONMENT | PERFECT WORK-  
LIFE-LEARNING-BALANCE



## YOUR ADVANTAGES AT A GLANCE

### INTERDISCIPLINARY ORIENTATION

The course has an interdisciplinary structure in which content from various areas of governance is linked to human rights. Students will observe the interactions between these two disciplines during their studies.

### THE OPTIMAL BALANCE BETWEEN STUDYING AND WORKING

The Masters degree programme is tailored to the needs of active professionals. A large portion of the lectures are held as distance-learning sessions. The attendance days consist of three attendance blocs.

### ACADEMIC ATMOSPHERE

Students can take advantage of the small study groups with a maximum of 25 fellow students during the classroom time. Furthermore, the coordinator of the program will act as an online tutor, supporting students in administrative and academic matters. Students can also discuss topical or general issues during the distance-learning sessions.

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

By pursuing the Masters programme in Governance and Human Rights, students learn to be more effective in responding to human rights issues. They can apply governance and human rights knowledge in the field of development cooperation and development aid at NGOs or public authorities.

## PRACTICE-ORIENTED COURSE

Within the framework of the courses students will develop their own project in the field of governance and human rights. This encourages students to practically apply theoretical knowledge as they acquire it.

## INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE

While studying students will meet and get to know fellow students and lecturers from different countries and cultures. This will make them aware of cultural differences, as well as different ways and approaches to solving problems.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACADEMIC CAREER EXPANSION

Students graduating with a Master of Arts in Governance and Human Rights will acquire an internationally recognised degree. The programme is accredited by the FIBAA (Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation). Successful completion of the Masters programme opens up the possibility of pursuing a doctorate degree.



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In the course of their studies, students will develop their own governance and human rights project. This will help them to apply their new skills straight away.

Prof. Dr. JÖRG PHILIPP TERHECHTE, Head of Leuphana Professional School



This Masters programme has a very international atmosphere. You have the opportunity to get to know different approaches and perspectives in the field of human rights and governance by exchanging first hand experiences from people all over the world. It is intense and demanding but academic coordination is very flexible to adjust to each personal situation and committed to constant improvement.”

ANA LOZANO (Spain), student



# YOUR PATH TO THE M.A. IN GOVERNANCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS APPLICATION

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The programme begins in September each year and applications are accepted until May 31<sup>st</sup>. Most seminars are held online. There are a total of three classroom sessions, each lasting two weeks. The classroom sessions are taking place at Leuphana University of Lüneburg.

## What prerequisites are required?

The M.A. programme in Governance and Human Rights attracts and accepts interested professionals who already have:

- a first university degree (e.g. Bachelor degree)
- at least one year of relevant work experience
- advanced knowledge of English

## HOW MUCH DOES THE COURSE COST?

The Masters programme Governance and Human Rights carries a tuition fee of 9,900 EUR plus a semester fee of currently about 210 EUR per semester. Additional costs arise in conjunction with travel and accommodation expenses during the attendance phases.



# CONTACT AND ADVISING. FIND OUT DETAILS

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION?

Should you have specific questions about the programme or need individual advice concerning your studies, you are welcome to visit our website at [www.leuphana.de/gahr](http://www.leuphana.de/gahr) or to contact the course coordinator.

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AT A GLANCE	
Degree	Master of Arts (M.A.)
Credit Points	90
Length of Study	4 semesters
Language	English
Start Date	September
Application Deadline	May 31 <sup>th</sup>
Costs	9.900 Euro total plus the current term contribution of c. 210 Euro per term

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