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***Call for Applications for Participants***

***M.A Module: Climate change, mobility and gender in the Horn of Africa.***

**About the module**

The Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS), University of Hargeisa, in collaboration with the Rift Valley Institute (RVI), the Open Society University Network Hub for Connected Learning Initiatives (OSUN Hubs) and the Black Mountains College (UK) are offering an M.A module on ‘Climate change, mobility and gender in the Horn of Africa’ at the University of Hargeisa.

The module will include experiential teaching, and practical research on real-life challenges for communities impacted by climate change in the Horn of Africa. The main aim of the module is to build the capacity of early career researchers (ECRs) in the Horn of Africa to research climate change, mobility and gender in the region, and to raise public awareness and action on collective responses.

The RVI seeks applications from 15 students enrolled in relevant M.A programs at universities in Somaliland. Selected students will be offered a scholarship grant that covers their subsistence and research needs during the course of training.

**Course structure**

The course will combine both in-person and field-based teaching and mentorship over a period of one month (**between 1 September to 30 September 2024**) at the University of Hargeisa. Selected students will be required to successfully complete the training and submit a report at the end of training.

**Eligibility** **criteria**

* Enrolled in a relevant M.A/MSc programme (Environmental Science, Geography, Education, Peace and Conflict, Security and Strategic studies, Agriculture, Development Studies, Governance and Leadership, International Relations and Diplomacy, Disaster Risk Management and Food System Resilience).
* Have a good command of written and spoken English
* Demonstrate potential for research
* Have a strong commitment to local knowledge production
* Be available to fully participate in the programme.

Women researchers are particularly encouraged to apply.

**How to Apply**

Complete the online application form [here](https://riftvalley.wufoo.com/forms/ma-module-climate-change-mobility-gender). Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis until 30th May 2024. Applicants are highly encouraged to apply before the deadline.

Applications should include:

* A cover letter explaining reasons for applying for the course (maximum 1 page)
* A CV (maximum 2 pages)
* Two references (from an employer or academic tutor)
* Scanned copy of identity document (passport or national ID)

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