

# Call for Applications

International DAAD-Alumni Digital Seminar on  
„Risk Management – Governing Uncertainty in a Complex World“



November 15 – 26, 2021



The Expert Seminar is organized by the [UP Transfer GmbH at the University of Potsdam](#) in cooperation with the [German Academic Exchange Service \(DAAD\)](#).

It will be held digitally and will be covered by funds from the DAAD provided by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Please find out more about the Seminar and the application procedure below.

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## Objectives

According to the “International Risk Governance Council”, managing global risks and crises requires cohesion between different countries and the involvement of government, industry, science and civil society in the process. Especially against the background of the Covid-19 pandemic and the ongoing challenges posed by climate change, the importance of this principle of cooperation in dealing with the risks and challenges of crises are all the more evident and bring with it a new urgency.

The aim of the seminar “**Risk Management – Governing Uncertainty in a Complex World**” is to create a deeper understanding of the many factors that cause risks as well as to discuss the fair distribution of responsibilities for sustainable action in crisis situations and ultimately the criteria for good risk management, such as transparency, accountability and legitimacy. For this purpose, we will focus on **risk management** in the context of the **Covid-19 pandemic** as well as **climate change**. The active inclusion of the diverse experiences of the participating alumni is promoted through a participatory seminar approach.

The seminar is addressed to alumni of the Master of Public Management (MPM) Program at the University of Potsdam as well as alumni of other selected German Master programs. It will take place **digitally from November 15 – 26, 2021 for 3-4 hours per day**. The exact working hours will depend on the time zones of the group of participants.

Despite the digital format we are aiming for intense interaction during the seminar to initiate networking among the participating alumni and explore avenues for future cooperation.

## Tentative Program

The digital Expert Seminar is scheduled from **November 15 to 26, 2021**.

The seminar will feature various formats such as inputs by academics and professionals, virtual site visits, different peer learning formats as well as social and networking events. Online tools such as Zoom, Gather.town, Mural, Mentimeter and Etherpad will be used within the context of the seminar. Please ensure that you have the necessary technical equipment when participating.

By applying **you consent to participating in the whole program** (online seminars, digital site visits and online social activities).

*Please note that this is a tentative outline of the Expert Seminar. Changes are likely to occur.*

Online preparation	Reflecting on previous knowledge as well as expectations of the seminar
November 15, 2021	Getting to know each other
November 16, 2021	Global Risk Management – Input
November 17, 2021	Global Risk Management – Peer Learning
November 18, 2021	Climate Change as a Global Risk
November 19, 2021	Health and Pandemic Management
<i>November 20, 2021</i>	<i>Optional: Cultural Event – Virtual Museums Tour</i>
<i>November 21, 2021</i>	<i>Free day</i>
November 22, 2021	Innovation in times of Crisis
November 23, 2021	Simulation – part 1
November 24, 2021	Simulation – part 2
November 25, 2021	From theory to practice
November 26, 2021	Knowledge transfer & evaluation

## Eligibility Criteria for Participation

Eligible for participation are **alumni of the Master of Public Management (MPM) at the University of Potsdam and alumni of other selected German Master Programs** who meet the following requirements:

- **National of one of the countries listed on the [OECD DAC list](#)**
- **Currently living and working in their home countries or in another country listed by the OECD DAC**
- **Fluent in English** (seminar will be held in English)
- **Interested in risk management and development policy issues**
- **Willing to work as a multiplier** (please elaborate on how you would fulfil this role in your application form and abstract)

## Cost Coverage

The costs for the digital Expert Seminar are covered by the DAAD. Participation in the Expert Seminar is therefore free of charge. Any individual costs incurred by the participants in their home countries, e.g. due to missing working hours or the purchasing of necessary technical equipment, cannot be borne by the DAAD.

## Application

If you are interested, please send your application **by August 31, 2021** via e-mail to:  
[events@mpm-potsdam.de](mailto:events@mpm-potsdam.de)

The application (in English language) must include the following documents:

- Filled-out **form of application**. The form is available [here](#).
- A **short CV**
- An **abstract** (Arial font, font size 11, 1.5 line spacing, max. 2 pages) on either “mitigating global risks” or “risk management in times of crisis”

Please relate to your abstract to one of the core topics of the seminar: “Climate change as a global risk” or “health and pandemic management”.

Please send your application in a **single PDF** document named in the following format: **Last name\_First name\_country** (e.g. Uhde\_Stefanie\_Germany).

With your application you consent to your data being stored and processed for purposes related to participating in the program as outlined above (e.g. transmission of participant lists to lecturers & the DAAD/BMZ).

After review by the selection committee and the DAAD the selected participants will be notified by the end of September 2021.

## Contact

For further questions please contact the team of the Master of Public Management on  
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