

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### 3<sup>RD</sup> VIENNA WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS

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University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna



The **concept of sustainable development** raises new questions in science and research and requires innovative perspectives and approaches. Scientists are asked to **think “out of the box”** and work across disciplines to find sustainable solutions to today’s complex problems. Moreover, the **dialogue with “society”** is important to improve the applicability of results.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Vienna Workshop on Sustainable Development for Doctoral Students, which was previously hosted by the Institute for the Environment and Regional Development of the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU) in November 2011 and by the Vienna Institute of Social Ecology (SEC) of the Alpen-Adria University Klagenfurt-Wien-Graz in November 2012, provides a **platform for young scientists working in the context of sustainable development** to present and discuss their research projects in an interdisciplinary environment. The workshop should foster a fruitful, interdisciplinary dialogue and support the establishment of a long-term network of sustainability researchers.

#### Aims of the workshop

- Bringing together doctoral students from different universities and fields of research and providing an opportunity for them to present their research projects to an interdisciplinary audience.
- Supporting the establishment of a community of sustainability scientists and fostering an interdisciplinary dialogue and knowledge exchange.



- Facilitating further discussion and interaction among the participants in a workshop atmosphere to broaden and deepen their understanding of sustainability in general and in the context of the single research projects.

In the first part of the workshop, the participants will be given an opportunity to **present their ongoing work** to the audience. The second part will be dedicated to further discussion and interaction among the participants in a **workshop atmosphere**. In order to tailor the workshop to the needs of the participants, we would like applicants to share their expectations in advance.

## **dokNE II - Doctoral School of Sustainable Development**

This year, the workshop is hosted by the Doctoral School of Sustainable Development at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU). The Doctoral School provides an **organizational framework for cross-disciplinary research** with a practical orientation, at the interface of regional development, resource use, policy and society. dokNE II comprises an **interdisciplinary and international team** of ten doctoral students from Austria, Germany, Italy, Laos, Uganda and Russia, a number of master students as well as 16 supervisors from several departments of BOKU and other international universities. dokNE II is financed by BOKU, by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research, the states of Vienna and Lower Austria, the Ecosocial Forum Vienna and Billa.

For further information please visit our homepage: <http://dokne.boku.ac.at>

### **Submission info:**

Doctoral students are asked to submit a short abstract (max. 400 words) outlining their ongoing research and a short statement about what they expect from the workshop (a few sentences) **until September 30, 2013**. To guarantee a fruitful working atmosphere, the number of participants will be limited to 30 doctoral students. Applicants will be notified about the acceptance of their submission by the end of October 2013 the latest.

The workshop participation is free.

Please send your application until September 30, 2013 via e-mail to Hermine Mitter ([hermine.mitter@boku.ac.at](mailto:hermine.mitter@boku.ac.at)) and Katharina Schodl ([katharina.schodl@boku.ac.at](mailto:katharina.schodl@boku.ac.at)).

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact us at the same e-mail addresses.

Looking forward to seeing you in November!

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