

Research and PhDs in TVET-LELAM

Tentative timeline 2017-Start of 2019

1st November 2017:	5 PhDs and 3 PostDocshave been recruited
30thApril 2018:	First research proposal in English (20 pages, excluding bibliography) are ready and sent to all supervisors
May 28-June 9, 2018:	Workshop in Zurich: 1 week on “Vocational Training: Institutions and Markets” (Ursula) as well as an extra week on methods and defining research questions (Isabel)
31stJuly 2018:	Final research proposalsare due
31stJuly 2018:	PhDs need to submit questions they would want to be included in the youth survey or EELI survey for their research project
October 2018:	Pilot youth and EELI survey in Benin (together with steering committee meeting if possible)
Spring 2019:	Youth and EELI survey in Benin, Nepal, Costa Rica, Chile

PhD students hired for TVET-LELAM should be

- Interested to work on policy relevant questions and together with policy makers (transdisciplinary)
- Interested to work together with other disciplines and other PhD students (interdisciplinary)
- Interested to work towards one of the research questions Q1-Q4
- In addition to their “own” research, PhD students (and PostDoc in Costa Rica and Nepal) will be responsible to implement surveys within their countries
- Fluent (reading and writing) in English and willing to write their dissertation in English
- Willing to travel and undertake fieldwork

Research questions

Q1: How to measure and define social institutions of TVET?

Q2: How can we measure the labour market situation of the youth?

Q3: Do linkages between the education and labour market improve the labour market situation of the youth?

Q4: How to implement and continue systemic change in TVET?

Overview of PhD/PostDoc projects

Institution	Position	First Supervisors	Discipline	Focus on research question	Focus on methods	Responsible for Overall Survey	Status
Benin	PhD	Guy	Sociology	Q1, Q4	Qualitative		
Chile	PhD	Paola	Economics	Q3	Quantitative		
Nepal	PhD	Mahesh	Education Studies	Q1, Q4	Qualitative		
Nepal	PostDoc		Education Studies				
Costa Rica	PostDoc		Education Studies	Q3	???		Recruited
ETH-KOF	PostDoc (50%)		Economics		Quantitative		Recruited
ETH-KOF	PhD	Ursula	Sociology	Q1	Qualitative	EELI	Recruited
ETH-DEC	PhD	Isabel	Economics	Q2, Q3	Quantitative	Youth Survey	Announced

Outline of Research Proposal (20 pages, excluding bibliography)

- Abstract
- Chapter 1: Introduction / Background of Research
- Chapter 2: Literature Review
- Chapter 3:
 - 3.1 Research Gap
 - 3.2 Research Questions (these should be 3 or 4 questions linked to academic papers)
 - 3.3 How does the research contribute to the questions of the overall project (Q1-Q4)?
 - 3.4 Policy Relevance of the Research
- Chapter 4: Methodology and Data
- Chapter 5: Limitations and Risks (of the research approach)
- Chapter 6: Time Plan and Partner Interaction
- Bibliography

The research proposal is evolving over time. This means that the final thesis (papers) of the PhD thesis do not have to be a 100% reflection of the PhD proposal