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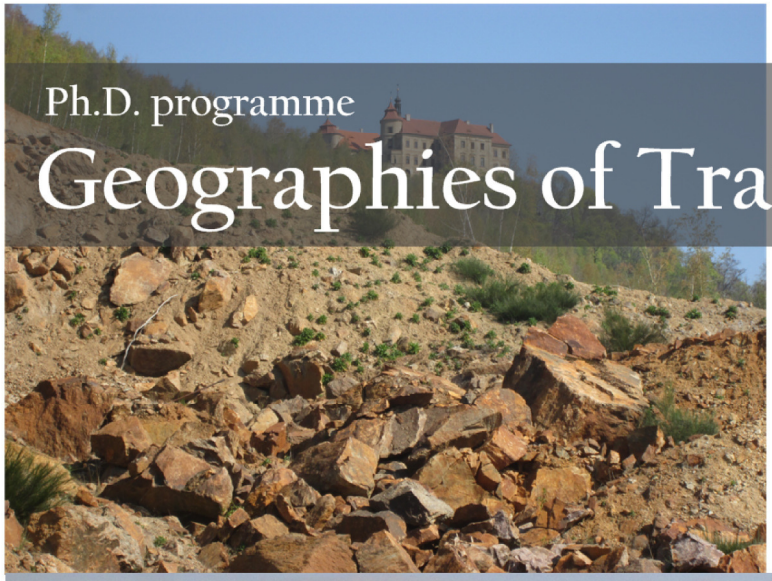

Ph.D. programme

Geographies of Transformations

... exploring causal roots
... tracing transformative paths
... narrating uncertainties
in transforming geographical systems

Standard duration: 4 years (240 ECTS)

The study programme develops our understanding of transformations of geographical systems to address challenges of socio-environmental development at various institutional scales and in different regional contexts. Exploring the feedback from collateral socioeconomic, cultural and environmental processes and their manifestation in space and places, the programme develops a career path for experts in strategic, regional and environmental planning.

Research topics include:

- ✓ Management of traditional cultural landscapes under the conditions of environmental change
- ✓ Transition initiatives and urban adaptations to climate change
- ✓ Changes of tenure patterns under economic transformations
- ✓ Changing policies and agents in shrinking cities
- ✓ Effects of cultural globalization on sustainable livelihood in marginal areas
- ✓ Visual presentation of changes in people's spatial behaviour
- ✓ Governing ecological insecurity in a trans-national comparative perspective

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Applications open now!

Applicants will need to provide (i) an application form, including the title of a research topic and the name of a prospective supervisor, (ii) proof of education, (iii) a research proposal (maximum 2000 words) detailing the rationale, aims, methods and location of the research, and (iv) a professional curriculum vitae. All documents should be submitted to Office for Study Affairs; the research proposal and curriculum vitae should also be sent as PDF files to the programme supervisor. The board of the study programme may request an interview with applicants.

Visit ‹https://prf.ujep.cz/en› for contacts and further advice.

Requirements:

✓ M.Sc., M.A. or equivalent (foreign degrees will be evaluated by university's recognition office)
✓ strong motivation for both independent and collaborative research work
✓ as communicating your research to undergraduates is emphasized, you must be capable of taking on modest teaching assignments
✓ the doctoral topics should be clearly linked to the aims of the study programme and framed by international policies and strategies
✓ applicants are advised to contact a programme supervisor to make sure there is a specialist supervisor available for the proposed doctoral research
✓ all foreign applicants should arrange the necessary formal requirements to be eligible for the study in Czechia

Funding:

While the Geography Department has modest funds for fieldwork and attending conferences, more demanding doctoral work along with standard study and living costs must be funded through external studentships arranged by the students themselves. The tuition fee for the study programme is waived in 2020/21.

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