MSc in Water and Sustainable Development

MODULE

Water diplomacy and conflict transformation
With the risk of water related (transboundary) conflicts increasing, managing conflicts over shared water resources through diplomatic efforts is essential. This requires insights in root causes of conflicts and diplomatic processes as well as developing appropriate skills to negotiate and mediate in water related conflicts. This module will teach tools for the comprehensive analysis of water related conflicts and conflict sensitive planning. Students will assess different tracks and tools of water diplomacy and evaluate various approaches to conflict resolution. Moreover, students will learn to apply related skills to prepare, organise and engage in negotiation and conflict transformation. After a common part of the modules, students will go into specific part tailored to their thematic track.

In the Water Hazards, Risks and Climate track students will examine cases in diplomatic efforts on transboundary projects to mitigate floods and/or droughts.

In the Water, Food and Energy track students will examine cases in diplomatic efforts on transboundary hydropower dams.