MSc in Water and Sustainable Development

MODULE

Transformation, change and advocacy

With increasing inequities in access to water and sanitation services, there is a need for efforts to reverse these processes of social differentiation. To achieve this, there is a need to understand how change in society actually happens and how initiatives that aim for justice in water related struggles can be best supported. This module will examine grassroots initiatives as well as external interventions that aim for change of water use and sanitation practices at local level. These range from community efforts to strive for justice in access to water-related services (e.g. water supply, sanitation, irrigation) to donor funded campaigns to foster behavioral change (e.g. water efficiency, hygiene) in attempts to improve service provision. Moreover, the module will explore how legal concepts and instruments can be used to support or circumvent these processes and help students to develop advocacy skills for progressive societal change through e.g. policy outreach, alliances/partnerships. After a common part, students will go into specific part tailored to their thematic track.

In the Water and Health track students will examine cases of grassroots initiatives and behavioral change programmes related to water supply and sanitation.

In the Water, Food and Energy track students will examine cases of grassroots initiatives and external interventions related to e.g. protecting (ground)water, land transfers and pollution as result of mining activities.