

Ministry of Education of P.R. China

Graduate Education Innovation Project

2014 Summer School

Field Studies of Development in Ethnic Borderlands

Organizer: Yunnan University

Sponsors: Graduate School of Yunnan University

**National Research Center at Yunnan University for Studies of
Borderland Ethnic Minorities In Southwest China**

Theme: Field Studies of Development in Ethnic Borderlands

Aims: Development is one of the words which we are familiar. It is a word not only with rich meanings and different understanding concepts, but also a practice which is closely related to every country, every nation, every group or even every person in contemporary world. However, what is development? What development does human need? How can we achieve sustainable development? Despite the importance of culture in sustainable development has been widely recognized , but how to combine culture and development , and how to comply with the various ethnic and cultural groups to promote the development of the individual in order to effectively eradicate poverty and other misfortunes and promote the well-being of humanity , still is yet to be resolved , or at least not yet completely solved.

The organization of this year's summer school is exploring the theme of development, focusing on related to culture and development, and taking the ethnic minorities in borderlands as the objects of the field study.

This program will take the lessons learned in Europe and elsewhere as a reference for the development for graduate students and young scholars to learn, share and reflect on theories of development and opportunities for field research. It will strive for sowing the seeds of talent and ideas for the full benefit of the minorities living in the borderlands of their sustainable development.

Period of Study: July 12-30, 2014

Course Venue:

Lecture sessions at the Auditorium of Wenjing Building of Yunnan University, No.2 North Greenlake Road, Kunming, China.

Field practice at about 10 ethnic minority villages in Yunnan, which are research sites operated by the National Research Center at Yunnan University for Studies of Borderland Ethnic Minorities In Southwest China

Admissions

Eligibility

Students who are currently enrolled in a Master's or Ph.D. program in any discipline, young teachers who are working in colleges or universities.

Numbers of Admission:

60 officially registered students (including 50 Master's or Ph.D. students, 10 young teachers)

20 self – supported students

Course content:

The course combines in-class sessions and field practice. The duration of in-class sessions is 5 days. The lecturers are from domestic and abroad, covering a range of multidisciplinary backgrounds including anthropology, ethnology, sociology, political science and economics. The contents of in-class sessions are : Analyzing the concept of “development”, study of the works of development theory, comments on development model and development path, questions detailed cases of development, problems like poverty, disasters, etc. which development is facing and basic theories and methods of fieldwork.

The field practice requires residence in one of the 10 ethnic minority villages for a continuation of 10 days. Students will do the fieldwork on development issues under the guidance of 1-2 teachers in each group and complete the investigation report.

Schedule:

Date	Events	Venue
July 12,2014 (09:00-18:00)	Arrival and registration	The Corridor of Wenjing Building A, Yunnan University
July13-17,2014	In-class sessions (Lectures)	Auditorium A of Wenjing Building A, Yunnan University
July 18-29,2014	Field work	the 10 ethnic minority villages of Yunnan Province
July 30,2014 (09:00-11:30)	Summary debriefing and graduation ceremony	Auditorium A of Wenjing Building A, Yunnan University
Before Oct.15,2014	Submit the investigation report	To the guide teacher of each group

Application:

- Applicants, who meet the qualification may apply directly to website of Summer School www.summer.ynu.edu.cn to download the application form

Materials to be submitted

- Application Form, filled in Chinese or English
- A copy of the applicant's ID card or passport with photo page
- Documents of school credits and Academic performance
- The applicants' documents must arrive at the admission office of Summer School of YNU before June 20th 2014.

Approval and Notification

All the application materials will be carefully reviewed and the final decision whether to admit the applicants or not will be made by the Summer School of YNU. The application will be seen as invalid and will not be processed if the applicants are not qualified or the application materials are inconsistent with the recruitment regulations or are incomplete. Admission list will be posted on www.summer.ynu.edu.cn or www.xbzx.ynu.edu.cn before June 25,2014

- All the students will pay their own transportation fees to Kunming.

- According to the different levels of applicants' qualifications, we will select 60 students from the applicants as the officially registered students whose expenses of living in Kunming and the village, and transportation to the field site will be covered by YNU.

The other 20 selected self – supported students who will pay all the expenses by themselves.

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