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Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability

University of Groningen Summer/Winter School
to be held at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Türkiye

16 - 27 June 2025

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The two-week practical training program is designed to promote understanding about and develop skills in effectively managing the social impacts associated with public and private investment projects, with a focus on land acquisition and resettlement.

DATE: 16 - 27 June 2025

LOCATION: Istanbul, Türkiye

TARGET AUDIENCE

Tailored for current and aspiring social performance and resettlement practitioners, as well as applied social researchers.

EXPERT-LED

Delivered by some of the world's leading social impact assessment and resettlement practitioners.

TRAINERS

A distinguished training team brings together exceptional expertise in social performance, resettlement, and sustainable development from academia and practice.

The course is led by experts including the Head of Cultural Geography at the University of Groningen, leading consultants in human rights and resettlement, and professionals with extensive experience in international financial institutions such as the IFC, FMO, and EIB.

This unique combination of academic insight and hands-on experience in managing complex resettlement projects, social performance, and environmental sustainability ensures participants benefit from both theoretical foundations and practical implementation strategies.

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LEARNING OUTCOMES



By the end of the training program, course participants will be able to:

1

Explain the social and human rights risks and impacts for people and communities that are impacted by projects, resettled or displaced;

2

Outline the international regulations and requirements governing resettlement, displacement and social impact assessment and be able to apply these regulations to their work;

3

Recognize and ideally recall the procedures, methods and language used in resettlement planning and social impact assessment and apply them in their own work;

4

Navigate the complex planning and implementation challenges involved in resettlement and social impact assessment

5

Use social science concepts relevant to resettlement and social impact assessment;

6

Explain how the resettlement experience is nested within a wider social-cultural context and illustrate that resettlement planning needs to take a holistic approach to sustainable development and livelihood enhancement.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION EARLY!



Given the high demand and restricted class capacity, admissions to the course are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Admission requirements

Applicants must demonstrate that they are either:

- Practitioners involved in social assessment, project-induced displacement and resettlement aspects of development projects, OR
- Researchers or academics at Masters level, PhD, or postdoc having a clear reason to take this practical course

Application procedure

Potential applicants are asked to send a short CV and letter of interest to Suelen Haidar:

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Acceptance for eligible applicants is on a **first-come, first-served basis**.

Course Fee

€ 3.750 for private sector practitioners and government representatives from OECD countries.

€ 2.750 discount rate for World Bank staff, NGO participants and government representatives from non-OECD countries.

Travel and visas

Participants are responsible for their own travel (including, flights visa and local transport) and accommodation arrangements.

All applicants will need to comply with the entry requirements to Türkiye, for more information about visa requirements please visit <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/tour/>