

## Travel Grant “Developing Urban Futures” Conference in Addis Ababa

Cities around the world are growing – each one is a microcosm encapsulating the major challenges of our time: sustainable economic development; accountable and effective governance; social justice and social cohesion. How people shape their cities will have a major impact on their future, which is why the Alfred Herrhausen Gesellschaft promotes impactful solutions that foster integrative urban governance



In order to promote young talent and enhance the exchange between German-speaking countries and Africa, Alfred Herrhausen Gesellschaft is offering a **travel grant to five University students** to attend the **“Developing Urban Futures” conference in Addis Ababa from November 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>**. In addition to full participation in the conference, the grant covers a briefing, a city-tour, and a networking dinner in Addis Ababa as well as a **follow-up event in Berlin<sup>1</sup>**.

### What is the “Developing Urban Futures” conference?

The 17<sup>th</sup> Urban Age conference, jointly organised by LSE Cities at the London School of Economics and the Alfred Herrhausen Gesellschaft, will focus on the development of cities in rapidly urbanising countries. By convening urban experts, policymakers and practitioners from around the world, the conference will address the economic foundations of urban change and investigate current models of planning and governance with regards to efficiency and social justice.

### Why participate?

Grant recipients will enjoy a unique experience in one of Africa’s most dynamic and politically significant cities and will have the opportunity to engage in networking and intellectual exchange with established experts. The experience will be rounded off with a day of post conference reflection and networking in Berlin.

### Conference time schedule

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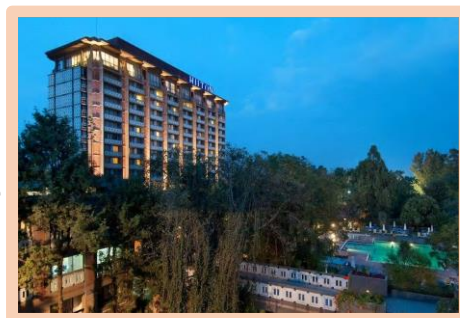
27<sup>th</sup> Nov.: Evening flight from Frankfurt

28<sup>th</sup> Nov.: Arrival in Addis Ababa: Briefing; City Tour

29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Nov.: **“Developing Urban Futures” conference**

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**2019:** Follow-up event in Berlin



<sup>1</sup>The travel grant covers flight and hotel expenses.

## How do I apply?

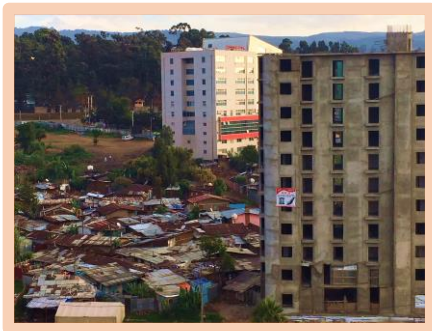
### Please submit:

- A one-page letter of motivation (approx. 450 words)
- A one page CV
- A policy proposal (approx. 1000 words) on the following topic:



**Essay Contest:** *Sub-Saharan Africa is facing rapid growth of its urban population; the urban governance structures which are able to meet their responsibilities and manage the change are limited. Please propose one specific measure by which a European government could support an African city government in coping with a particular challenge of rapid growth in cities.*

We are open to university students in Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Liechtenstein at **all levels** (bachelor-PhD) and from **all disciplines**, as long as a **significant interest in urban development** can be demonstrated.



All applications are examined by a Jury of Experts.

With the submission of your essay you agree to have it published in part or in its entirety on the communication channels of the Alfred Herrhausen Gesellschaft and LSE Cities.

**Applications** will be accepted **from July 9 to September 5**. Winners will be informed on **October 15**. Please send the essay and motivation letter, along with your a one-page CV in pdf form to [info.ahg@db.com](mailto:info.ahg@db.com).

**End report:** At the end of the conference, applicants will be asked to provide Alfred Herrhausen Gesellschaft with a report or blog on a selected theme which has been discussed at the conference. Further details will be distributed with the results of the selection process. For any questions, including details about the selection committee and process, please contact Elisabeth Mansfeld [elisabeth.mansfeld@db.com](mailto:elisabeth.mansfeld@db.com).

*There is no such thing as an inventory of good ideas. Aquired skills are not passed on genetically from parents to offspring. We must always start afresh, each time from a new position. (Alfred Herrhausen)*

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<https://alfred-herrhausen-gesellschaft.de/en/urban-age.htm>

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