

BRASIL NORTE-SUL EXPEDITION 2016



The Centre for Wood Science at University Hamburg, together with the Forestry Science Centre at Federal University Paraná offers a unique summer school through **South American forestry realities** in the 21st century. This expedition is an academic trip to Araucaria forests in South Brazil, to Rio de Janeiro and its worldwide largest urban forest, through the mountainous areas in Minas Gerais, national parks, Savanna vegetation, Pantanal (world's largest swamp lands) and the Western Amazon forest in Brazil, Bolivia and Peru.

The participants enter the "**green auditorium**"; their awareness of the local challenges in Amazonian primary forests as well as big-scale plantations shall be raised. Timber and NTPF processing, trade and farming systems, sustainable management of tropical forests ('**low impact logging**') will be experienced up close. The excursion destination, Acre state, is a pilot project of the South American **tropical forestry** with special value chains of so-called non-timber-forest-products (rubber, bamboo, palms, etc.). The region is internationally renowned for its historically developed, unique forms of co-operation between indigenous people, governmental and timber stakeholders.

The participants submit their own specific projects which shall be developed "**thinking out of the box**". In cooperation with the regarding home institution, a scientific publication can be started. Furthermore, there are possibilities to start theses (B.Sc.) together with Brazilian science and industry partners. Your initiative is very much appreciated.



The overall costs for the participation are composed of int. transport, local expenses and material costs. Overall we expect ca. **EUR 1.600** costs p.p. (incl. ca. EUR 800 for the int. flight). We will apply for grants at DAAD, Promos, as well as external partners, if



possible. Inform yourself at the local coordinators of your institution. We can enter in detail after the registration of applications.

The project is open to 15 undergraduate and master students from several European universities. The local languages are Portuguese and Spanish. It is a requirement to have basic knowledge of at least one of the languages at the start of the practical part of the project (A1 level). If you are interested, get in touch with your local coordinators and the EU-coordinator. Most institutions offer language courses at low fares.

The deadline for applications was extended to 05.02.2016. It is useful to contact your local coordinators earlier! In March 2016 there will be an introductory lecture at University Hamburg to the interested audience.

What	Unique summer school experience especially for students related to climate mitigation, forestry, wood science, biology or rural development
Where	Ca. 13.000 km crossing Brazil, Peru and/or Bolivia on the ground. Mutual starting point is Curitiba, Brazil.
When	14 th July to 8 th August 2016 (dates may be subject to changes still)
Contact	Goran Schmidt, EU-coordinator, UHH, goran.schmidt@uni-hamburg.de Prof. Dr. Renato Robert, BR-coordinator, UFPR, renatorobert@ufpr.br Local coordinators at your university, Promos, DAAD, Int. affairs offices

Further information can be found online as well:

English/German	Portuguese
http://www.bamboo.gs/2014---7th-expedition.html	http://brasilnortesul.tumblr.com/
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcaNK3tGE	https://ufprtv.wordpress.com/2012/05/25/scientia-amazonia-2/
http://www.bamboo.gs/2013---6th-expedition.html	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ckr4TtKHfrk