

The research focus of the working group is focused on metropolises and megacities, especially urbanisation dynamics, urban governance, disaster risk reduction, urban health and urban heritage. Further research includes cultural / social geography and ethnogeography. The regional focus is on Southeast Asia (Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam) and India

Prof Dr Frauke Kraas is leading the “RiskUrbMyanmar” project together with two coordinating Post-Docs, Dr Sophie-Bo Heinkel in Cologne and Dr Zin Mar Than in Myanmar. The UoC’s tasks are the scientific supervision of the project activities and their coordination and communication between the Myanmar and Germany partners. The UoC also, jointly with the partners, conducts qualitative, quantitative and GIS-based research in Myanmar.

### Further current research projects

- Sea-levelrise and delta flooding in the Ayeyarwady Delta (Myanmar) – Lessons from the past for disaster governance in the future (since 2019)
- Belmont-Forum/Norface (PI): H2O – T2S in Urban Fringe Areas (since 2018)
- Urban cultural heritage in Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi and Mawlamyine (since 2013)
- The urban network system of Myanmar in transformation (since 2012)

### Networking activities

- [ForUm for Urban Future in Southeast Asia](#)
- [Scientific Working Group on Southeast Asia](#) (German Geographical Society)

### Recent Publications linked with topics of RiskUrbMyanmar:

Kraas, F., Hackenbroch, K., Sterly, H., Heintzenberg, J., Herrle, P., Kreibich, V. (eds.) (2019): Megacities - Megachallenge: Informal Dynamics of Global Change. Insights from Dhaka, Bangladesh, and Pearl River Delta, China. Stuttgart (Borotraeger Science Publishers)

Kraas, F., Spohner, R., Aye Aye Myint (lead authors) Aung Kyaw, Hlaing Maw Oo, Htun Ko, Khin Khin Han, Khin Khin Soe, Myint Naing, Nay Win Oo, Nilar Aung, Saw Yu May, Than Than Thwe, Win Maung, Zin Mar Than, Zin Nwe Myint (co-authors) (2017): Socio-Economic Atlas of Myanmar. Stuttgart (Franz Steiner Publishers).

Kraas, F., Mi Mi Kyi, Win Maung (Eds.) (2016): Sustainability in Myanmar. Southeast Asian Modernities 15. Vienna (LitPublishers)

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