



DoGES graduate students attend a joint international inter-university field course

The Department of Geography & Environmental Studies (DoGES), University of Nairobi, in collaboration with the Centre for Development & Environment (CDE), University of Bern, Switzerland, and the Centre for Research in Arid & Semi-Arid Development (CETRAD), Nanyuki, held

a successful inter-university field course on sustainable regional development in Kenya. The field course, which took place between 21st and 31st of August, 2013, brought together 18 graduate students from various universities in Europe and 18 from the department.

The field course covered the following spatial contexts: semi-arid lowlands (**Samburu, Isiolo**); semi-arid plateau (**Laikipia**); semi-humid foot-zone (**Nanyuki, Mt. Kenya**); high-potential core areas (**Karatina**); peri-urban agglomeration (**Thika-Nairobi**); and urban centre (**Nairobi**). Within that spatial context, the field course covered nine themes, namely, 1) water issues and management; 2) water, gender and marginalized groups; 3) primary production and food security; 4) climate and/or global change; 5) values of nature; 6) poverty and disparities; 7) economic versus service landscapes; 8) governance of sustainable development; and 9) learning for sustainable development.

The field course was facilitated by Prof. Urs Wiesmann, Dr. Hanspeter Liniger (University of Bern), Dr. Boniface Kiteme (CETRAD), Prof. Elias Ayiemba, Prof. George Krhoda, Dr. Stella Mukhovi, Dr. Samuel Owuor and Mr. Lincoln Karingi (DoGES, University of Nairobi).