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### FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Munich Re Foundation and United Nations University Environment and Human Security  
proudly announce the second annual

## Summer academy on social vulnerability

22-28 July 2007

at the historic **Hohenkammer Castle** (Schloss Hohenkammer)  
in the countryside outside of Munich, Germany.



The theme of the 2007 Summer Academy will be

## **Megacities as hotspots of risk: Social vulnerability and resilience building**

**Purpose:** The summer academy provides a small number of outstanding PhD candidates from all over the world a platform to present and discuss their research with leading international experts and scholars in social vulnerability, as well as senior scientists from the United Nations University and Munich Re Foundation. The summer academy is designed to advance the science of social vulnerability by discussing “state of the art”, research needs and strategies to address academic, policy and practical knowledge gaps.

The theme of the 2007 summer academy focuses on megacities and risk. Participants will discuss related topics, explore different research approaches to social vulnerability and identify practical resilience building strategies for people in megacities.

**Application process:** Information about the application process, deadlines and requirements will be available in Autumn 2006. Check the UNU-EHS ([www.ehs.unu.edu](http://www.ehs.unu.edu)) and Munich Re Foundation ([www.munichre-foundation.org](http://www.munichre-foundation.org)) websites during this time for updates.

**For more information:** To find out about the Munich Re Chair on Social Vulnerability, the UNU-EHS or the 2006 Summer Academy, please visit our websites.