In the last few decades environmental problems in urban areas within poor countries pose an even more serious threat to human well being and health. The teaching workshop will focus on urban environmental problems. A particular emphasis will be given to water and air pollution - health effects, valuation issues, policy design. However, the workshop will also deal with other issues, such as solid waste. The teaching workshop will be comprised of two sections: - a teaching school, in which invited experts will illustrate the different aspects of urban environmental problems - a workshop, in which participants’ studies and study designs will be presented and discussed with the objective to investigate and improve the presented studies. In order to participate actively in the second part of the teaching workshop, applicants must have chosen a research topic within the general field of urban environment and constructed a corresponding preliminary research plan. The more detailed description of the research topic and the corresponding research plan are, the higher the benefit gained from the discussions with their peers and with the resource persons taking part in the teaching workshop. Furthermore, the selection of participants will, to a large extent, be based on the research plan presented.