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Future solutions for resource management: Audi Environmental Foundation presents awards to young researchers

- **Two master's theses in the Sustainable Resource Management course of study receive the SRM Award**
- **Rüdiger Recknagel, Chief Executive of the Audi Environmental Foundation: "With this award, we are encouraging young inventors to work for environmental protection"**

Ingolstadt, February 6, 2019 – The Audi Environmental Foundation has presented two master's graduates from the Technical University of Munich with the Sustainable Resource Management (SRM) Award. For the eighth time now the Audi Environmental Foundation has honored outstanding master's theses in the Sustainable Resource Management course of study in this way. This year's award went to Julia Möbius and Sebastian Heinz. Each of the winners received prize money of 1,500 euros.

In her master's thesis, Julia Möbius analyzed how young people perceive and use the Berlin city forest. The result: They have hardly discovered the forest as a recreational area for themselves. On site, she interviewed 800 Berlin residents aged between 14 and 25 about their expectations of forests and thus created a comprehensive basis for planning future design concepts for forest areas.

The second prize-winning thesis was written by Sebastian Heinz. The master's graduate dealt with the socio-economic consequences of climate change and the associated uncertain environmental conditions. During a research stay in Hangzhou, China, he conducted an economic experiment with students and farmers to investigate how people living in river basins react to social dilemmas. In his work, Sebastian Heinz showed that fairness and trust contribute to the successful organization of unequally distributed access to water.

"Since 2009, the Audi Environmental Foundation has been promoting innovative ideas for environmental protection, as well as scientists and their research into sustainable resource management. With the SRM Award, we are honoring two young researchers who are concerned with the forest and the important resource of water – and are thus contributing to greater sustainability," says Rüdiger Recknagel, Chief Executive of the Audi Environmental Foundation.

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The Audi Environmental Foundation (Audi Stiftung für Umwelt GmbH) is an active promoter of research into new technologies and scientific methods for a future worth living. Its stated goal is to make a contribution to environmental protection and to create and promote ways of sustainable action. The foundation focuses in particular on the promotion and development of environmentally compatible technologies, environmental educational activities and the protection of the natural resources of humans, animals and plants. It was established in 2009 by AUDI AG as a wholly owned subsidiary and is part of its social and environmental commitment.