

Intercultural Issues in Academia

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Time/Date: Tue.: 16:00 - 17:30

Location: 326, S0.01

Credit Points: 3 ECTS

Intercultural encounters in an academic context can be challenging and beneficial at the same time. In this seminar, international and regular students of the University of Cologne will be introduced to methods and theories as to how to make the most out of an international academic environment in practice.

Nowadays, intercultural competence is needed not only in professional contexts but has become a necessary tool in everyday life as globalization and migration are shaping our lives.

1st half of the semester

- Understanding the German academic system
- Study competences (e.g. writing essays, giving presentations)
- Communication on campus
- Studying in international groups

2nd half of the semester

- Discovering intercultural potential
- Transferring theory to real-life situations
- Intercultural communication
- Perception of the self and the other
- In-group and out-group perception
- Excursion

The content of the second half semester is subject to change depending on the wishes and needs of the students.

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