

Program for International Doctoral Students

Workshop

“German Academic Culture for International Scientists“

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Nov 16, 2017 – 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.

Room 0.217, Studierenden Service Center (SSC), Universitätsstraße 22a

Description

Studying or doing a PhD in Germany - and in a foreign country in general - implies studying together with colleagues from all over the world. This is a great opportunity and can be at the same time a great challenge. How does communication work? Do Germans communicate differently than French or Japanese? Is “time” defined equally throughout different cultures? How can a cultural shock be avoided? The seminar tries to provide answers to these and other related questions and familiarize you with specific concepts like cultural standards, stereotypes, dimensions of culture. While learning to understand and appreciate cultural difference, you will improve your ability to communicate effectively in a global context.

Next to the day-to-day communication with people from different cultural backgrounds, the university represents a special setting for intercultural communication. When we are engaged in group work, discussions and exchange of ideas, there might arise some uncertainties, irritation and misinterpretations. Therefore the seminar will at the same time will focus on assumptions, rules and expectations of the German academic culture (for example in terms of academic argumentation or social interaction with professors and colleagues) as well as on learning and working in international teams. The goal of this workshop is to show how cultural diversity can be used for an effective and successful cooperation.

As the number of participants is limited, registration is required: Please register before **Nov 11, 2017** via <http://www.isac.uni-koeln.de/23506.html>

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