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CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN SOCIAL WORK

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FAKULTÄT WIRTSCHAFTS- UND
SOZIALWISSENSCHAFTEN

PURPOSE AND CONTENT

Culture contributes to shaping us; it is part of our identity and influences our behavior. Culture is our “way of doing things”. The course deals with cultural diversity in different situations based on a comparative perspective. It is designed as a module for students of Social Work/Education and related studies. Through a diverse mix of workshops, visits to practical settings and lectures, different topics related to „Cultural Diversity“ will be discussed in an international setting. The seminar gives insights into a variety of current theoretical approaches that make culture visible as (contested) places of everyday life and deals with the effects of (post)colonialism, globalization, internationalization and transnationality on cultural concepts. The module provides also the opportunity to reflect on theoretical foundations of transculturality, diversity, equality, solidarity and intercultural/interreligious communication.

LEARNING OUTCOME

After completion of the course students should be able to:

- define different concepts of culture and their impact on identity
- know the concepts of racism, global ethic, (critical) cultural studies and postcolonialism
- refer to human rights in order to guide their social practice
- know the basic beliefs of the world religions and the values they convey
- facilitate diversity awareness, cross-cultural competences and interreligious communication



You are welcome to join this course, which offers you the opportunity to experience cross-border learning in an international context. You will meet fellow students from different countries and lecturers from different departments and countries.

The course is divided into a campus part (in Osnabrück) with 8 full days from 09.00–16.00 in two weeks (04.–15.09.2023 / Arrival is on Monday, September 5th. Departure is on Friday, September 16th.) a presentation and a subsequent written paper, which is net-based, including supervision.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- English language certificate equivalent to English level B2
- 30 credit points in the Bachelor study-programme ‘Social Work’