

The General Postgraduate Program: Courses 2025/1

B 2-2 Intercultural Communication (2 CP)

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Course Description

“Academics around the world share the same aims so working together should not be a problem...”

“If we speak the same language, we can work with each other...”

“We live in a global village...”

Phrases we hear every day and have learnt to accept. However, why then does working internationally cause so many problems? Why is it so difficult to work with my German/Mexican/Chinese colleagues?

Target Audience, Number of Participants

Doctoral candidates of Mainz University who are either planning a stay abroad or who do already have experiences in intercultural settings i.e., throughout a research stay in another country or international teamwork. **Foreign doctoral candidates are especially invited to apply.**

Maximum number of Participants: 14 persons

Date, Time, Location

Wednesday, March 12th, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Thursday, March 13th, 2025, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Seminar Room 01-229, ZQ Kieselberg (Isaac-Fulda-Allee 2b-c)

Content

This two-day seminar will start by exploring the different theoretical frameworks that define culture. We will then go on to apply the theoretical knowledge to practical situations in order to understand why difficulties arise, and to analyse what is actually going on. Lastly, we will consider intercultural misunderstandings that can occur – often unknowingly –, and how conflict can be avoided. This seminar will adopt a ‘hands on’ approach through the use of case studies and participants’ experiences so be prepared to talk!

Preparation

No preparation necessary.

Course Objectives

Participants can anticipate and avoid intercultural misunderstandings.

Application Details

To apply please use [OpenOLAT](#).

In order to be able to apply for the courses, doctoral candidates need to be **registered** with the GPP.

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