

seminar offering within the GGG course programme

course title:

Intercultural Training in Science and Research

lecturer:

Prof. Dr. Gardenia Alonso

organization:

act international

date & time:

Fri. 21.09. + Mon. 08.10. (09:30 – 17:00)

target group:

beginners OR advanced learners

language of course and discussion:

English OR German

maximum number of participants:

16

conditions of participation:

good command of spoken English

credits (ECTS):

2

brief description:

To successfully tackle the challenges of today's multicultural academic and professional landscape also researchers have to be able to facilitate difficult conversations and manage intercultural work situations and conflicts effectively. Building the capacity to mediate successfully with differing cultural perspectives is a critical component for creating and maintaining sustainable professional relationships and performance in this field.

Designed as an interactive workshop, this training provides participants with essential cross-cultural skills for building collaborative relationships and work effectively in the field of science and research. Using hands-on exercises and simulation role-plays, participants will identify and analyze personal approaches to different intercultural situations, practice giving presentations to an international audience considering

intercultural aspects, build their capacity as facilitators and problem-solvers in international research teams and increase their cross-cultural competency

literature:

- Beamer, Linda; Varner, Iris (2010): Intercultural Communication in the Global Workplace, McGraw-Hill.
- Hofstede, Geert; Minkov, Michael (2010): Cultures and Organizations - Software of the Mind: Intercultural Cooperation and Its Importance for Survival, McGraw-Hill.
- Luthans, Fred; Doh, Jonathan P. (2011): International Management: Culture, Strategy and Behavior. McGraw-Hill.

location:

“Tagungszentrum” of the Historic Observatory (“Historische Sternwarte”),
Geismar Landstr. 11, 37083 Göttingen.

→ [location plan](#)

catering:

There is a small kitchen (,kitchenette’) in the “Tagungszentrum” that can be used for coffee or tea purposes. All equipment necessary (e.g. coffee machine, dishes, cutlery, etc.) is available.

Please take care of tea, coffee, milk, etc. on your own. The same also applies to food and cold drinks.

lesson contents:

I. Creating awareness of different cultural and individual styles to maximise research and business operations at home and abroad.

II. Preparation for living and working in a new country, preventing culture shock and easing transition.

III. Development of dynamic intercultural communication skills and further cultural competence to enhance relationships and work operations

performance requirements:

complete and active participation within the training; individual presentation + short report.

kind of (written) examination:

- paper
- written composition
- presentation
- other:

provision of advance information (e.g. literature or list of seminar papers)

- by lecturer via e-mail

OR

- presumably not necessary