**GJU-Network “Architecture & Design“ 25.- 26. April 2019 in Weimar**

**MINUTES**

**Participants:**

Prof. Dagmar Eisermann (HS Koblenz), Prof. Christine Bernhardt (HS RheinMain), Prof. Ziyad Haddad (GJU), Prof. Mohammad Yaghan (GJU), Rejan Ashour (GJU), Rawan Majzoub (GJU), Nicole Wichmann-Sperl (Bauhaus Universität Weimar), Prof. Linn Song (HS Rosenheim), Elena Stamm (HS Darmstadt), Prof. Marcus Kaiser (UAS Würzburg-Schweinfurt), Prof. Gunther Benkert (UAS Würzburg-Schweinfurt, Prof. Steffi Husslein (HS Magdeburg Stendal), Prof. Olaf Hirschberg (Hochschule Mainz), Prof. Hartmut Jahn (Hochschule Mainz), Prof. Julia Kühne (Hochschule Mainz), Melanie Beisswenger (Hochschule der Medien Stuttgart), Prof. Indra Kupferschmid (HBK Saar), Stefanie Kirsch (GJU).

The Network meeting was held at BAUHAUS University Weimar. On Thursday 25th of April Network head Prof. Dagmar Eisermann, Nicole Wichmann-Sperl and Prof. Dr. Hans-Rudolf Meier from Bauhaus Universität Weimar welcomed all participants to the meeting.

The participants introduced themselves.

Dr. Ziyad Haddad gave a presentation on the new MBA program in Design Management, a joint program of SABE and Graduation School for Business Administration that so far is only offered at one university in Jordan and Bahrain. The German Dimension at this MBA program plans to exchange German professors for teaching blocks like Flying Faculty within the regular study programs. Currently the program needs to be accredited at the Graduate School before it starts end of summer semester 2019. The duration of the MBA program is 4 semesters (2 years). HS RheinMain has a similar MA program Design & Media Management also HBK Saar and HS Mainz.

Rawan Majzoub (Exchange Coordinator at GJU Design Department) presented the BA program Design & Visual Communication at GJU School of Architecture and Built Environment (SABE) where students can chose their focus from 4 parts: Graphic design, Cinema & TV, Product design, Multimedia & Animation.

Rejan Ashour (Exchange Coordinator at GJU Architecture Department) presented two BA programs in Architecture and Interior Architecture and two MA programs in Architectural Conservation and Spatial Planning (Urban Design and Urban Regeneration; Implementation Management), in 2020 the new MA Green Architecture with HS Koblenz will be established. She announced that last year HfWU Nürtingen-Geislingen became new partner, this year Beuth HS Berlin. Rejan encouraged her students to do more graduation projects in Germany. She also suggested book exchange with the German partners to enrich the library at the new German lounge at SABE.

Prof. Benno Stein from Computer Science faculty at University Weimar introduced his Jordanian PhD student and the International Coordinator at the faculty Annette Reese.

All participants presented their own study plans: DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE (PPP attached)

1. HSRM: BA Communication Design, MA Cross Media Spaces (from October 2019)
2. HBK Saar: Diplom (foundation system). Advice to GJU not to make a foundation year but a foundation semester. First semester is good to make cross interdisciplinary friendships.
3. FHWS: BA Design, MA Information Design
4. HdM Stuttgart: BA Audiovisuelle Medien
5. HS Mainz: BA Communication Design, BA and MA Time Based Media
6. Universität Weimar: BA Urban Studies, BA Architecture, MA European Urban Studies, MSc Integrated Urban Development and Design, MA Architecture, MA Media Architecture, MA Urban Studies (possibility to study semester abroad)
7. TH Rosenheim: BA Architecture, BA Interior Architecture
8. HS Darmstadt: BA Architecture, BA Interior Architecture
9. FHWS: BA Architecture, BA Civil Engineering, MA Integrated Design & Construction
10. HS Koblenz: BA & MA Architecture (reaccredited)

Study plans were discussed and experiences by different university representatives exchanged. The end of the day was spent to attend the exhibition at the Bauhaus Museum.

**Second Day 26th of April**

Head of International office Dr. Christian Kästner presented the internationalization strategy of University Weimar and highlighted his intention to expand collaboration with more GJU departments. Weimar is focusing on a strategic partnership portfolio and GJU is one interesting partner where cooperation can be intensified with. Kästner also puts efforts in internationalization @ home for staff and students at University Weimar. He sees potential for structured Double degree programs.

Stefanie Kirsch, Network Coordinator at GJU presented the mobility programs with GJU, such as Flying Faculty, Staff Mobility Program and Student Group Mobility <http://www.gju.edu.jo/content/international-office-435> encouraging the participants to participate in joint DAAD KA107 Erasmus+ calls in order to acquire more third party funding for joint mobility projects with SABE. HSRM and Christine Bernhard shared her experiences with successful Erasmus+ projects. In spring 2019 Flying Faculty professors were Prof. Ulla Marquardt (HS Darmstadt) and Prof. Axel Schumann (Technische Hochschule Mittelhessen) for Design Department and Prof. Michael Kloos (HS RheinMain) and Prof. Cornelia Bott (HfWU Nürtingen-Geislingen) for Architecture. Nominated for 2020 is Prof. Linn Song (Technische Hochschule Rosenheim) in the field of Architecture/Interior Architecture. The SABE Design Department nominated Prof. Olaf Hirschberg (HS Mainz), Prof. Indra Kupferschmid (HdBK Saarbrücken) and Prof. Marcus Kaiser (FHWS Würzburg).

Prof. Gunther Benkert from FHWS presented his successful selected project in GJUs Student Group Mobility Program which enables him and 10 of his students to organize a September workshop at SABE on Renewable Energy Systems in Desert Regions and a field trip to optimize a Photovoltaic kit in Wadi Rum.

GJU student Karam Al Shamaa from the SABE Architecture Department presented his graduation project that he has just finished at HSRM with Prof. Kieferle. He shared his improvements from double supervision in Germany and Jordan. There should be close cooperation between both supervisors and as German supervisor gets no credit for supervision, students should get in touch with the supervisor in advance in order to either be part of the list of selected topics or use their BA thesis to become a proposal for MA/PhD topic which will be discussed in a colloquium and then be accepted or not.

Suggestion: GJU student should apply like German students as well within the deadlines. If accepted the supervision by the German professor will then be credited. There are no technical differences between Germany and Jordan. GJU students just need to finish all courses at GJU before their German Year, then they can do their Graduation project in Germany in one semester instead of one year at GJU and save some fees at GJU.

Final presentation by Prof. Dr. Mohammad Ali Yaghan about his new released book New Islamic Patterns. LINK. He showed how patterns are used throughout history in literature, architecture and presented new variation in geometric patterns and its effect on design and visual perception. The idea was also to represent GJU by book exchange. Indra Kupferschmid from HDBK Saar is interested in Flying Faculty especially on Theory courses. Dr. Ziyad shared his experiences of teaching theory classes at HSRM within the Train of the Trainer program.

Rejan Ashour suggested to enable staff language courses in Germany for 2 month in summer (July & August) with the language centers of the partner universities. The idea of including language class into the staff mobility program was discussed.

The time and location for the next network meeting was suggested on 23th and 24th of April 2020 at HBK Saarbrücken including a visit of Völklinger Hütte (Unesco World Heritage). The topic of the next network meeting would be Postindustrialization - From Industrialization to Industry 4.0. Prof. Indra Kupferschmid as potential host will double-check with her home university HBK.