

GJU-Network "Architecture & Design" 22.- 23. April 2018 in Wiesbaden

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Participants:

Prof. Christine Bernhard (HS RheinMain), Prof. Dagmar Eisermann (HS Koblenz), Prof. Michael Kloos (HS RheinMain), Prof. Runa Hellwig (HS Augsburg), Prof. Rejan Ajour (GJU), Amal Dahmoos (GJU), Prof. Pavel Zverina (OTH Regensburg), Nicole Wichmann-Sperl (Bauhaus Universitaet Weimar), Prof. Egon Bunne (HS Mainz), Erich Weiler (HS Mainz), Prof. Linn Song (HS Rosenheim), Elena Stamm (HS Darmstadt), Anabelle, Bijelic (HS Darmstadt), Anke Kreh (HS RheinMain), Judith Hayer (HS RheinMain), Stefanie Kirsch (GJU), Yara Takriti (GJU), Dina Dissi (GJU).

The Network meeting was held at HS RheinMain in Wiesbaden. Prior to the event the [SEE-Conference](#) was attended. During the network meeting a company visit at Scholz & Volkmer offered the possibility to get in touch with the organizers and participate in several of the speaker's workshops.

On Sunday 22 of April Network head Prof. Dr. Christine Bernhard welcomed all participants on campus at the faculty of Architecture & Design to the network meeting.

All participants introduced themselves.

Christine Bernhard gave a presentation on the history of the School of Architecture and Built Environment (SABE) network outlining the milestones in establishing the network and gaining new partners.

Session I – Up dates and recent developments

Erasmus Plus and Erasmus Transformation partnerships

Judith Hayer (HS RheinMain) held a presentation about Erasmus Plus Program and the collaboration between Hochschule RheinMain and GJU in this regard. The Erasmus program offers funding for incoming and outgoing mobility (academic & administrative staff) in Germany. Interesting for the network: Scholarships for Erasmus partner meeting (Jordan -> Germany 120€/Tag; German -> Jordan 160€/Tag).

Up date from GJU: Rejan Ajour (Exchange Coordinator GJU) about the Department of Architecture and Amal Dahmoos (Exchange Officer GJU) about the Department for Design and Visual Communication (PPP attached).

German language competence of GJU students

GJU students should attend lectures held in German already in Jordan, e.g. one of their major classes could be taught in German. During the German year there should be mandatory German classes at the host university as part of their compulsory work-load (credited with 6CP). While BA Design is more of an international major, classes are mostly practical classes teaching language could be German or English.

Several suggestions to improve GJU German language competence: Buddy-Program with language partners (Tandem) and compulsory German course during the German Year. Encourage students to live in shared flats (WG) and put stickers with name tags translated in German on their furniture, also possible at SABE campus. German space at SABE will be ready by end of the year. Incoming students from Germany can meet with GJU students in order to discuss study projects and work together.

Dictionary of Terminology (Fachsprache) in German, English and Arabic is needed. The Fachsprache-Coordinators of each school will be contacted in order to get the vocabulary list that will be translated and updated with every Flying Faculty professor so students have free access on the school's website.

During International Week at the host university GJU students should hold a presentation promoting GJU in order to create visibility and get in touch with German students.

Curriculum development

Matching current BA courses at SABE with a partner university's curriculum won't be a problem as the BA program has many electives. Exchange in MA programs is a bit more complicated, as the study plans e.g. future HSRM MA „Crossmedia spaces“ are not so flexible. GJU SABE plans to offer a new MA „Design Management“ with a written MA thesis (in collaboration with the GJU School of Management and Logistics Sciences - SMLS) as in Jordan this major is only offered once at Middle East University (MEU) Jordan. Amal Dahmoos (EO) will send the study plan to the network partner asking for feedback and further development. Christine Bernhardt (NH) confirms that HSRM is willing to collaborate by exchanging study plans and getting her colleagues in touch with Amal.

Another option would be collaboration in courses like „Times Based Media“ (HS Mainz) or „Film making“ with local or regional partners like Al Quds University, partners in Cairo or Addis Abeba (contact via Prof. Egon Bunne, HS Mainz)

Flying Faculty

Flying Faculty professors from Germany should teach GJU students in their 3rd year in German language. For instance Project and Design could be held in German, whereas Theory and History of Design can be done as project work but with short description in German. Also DAAD-Lecturer could be invited as additional teaching staff for specialized courses offered in German.

Prof. Michael Kloos (HS RheinMain) held a presentation about his Flying Faculty stay at GJU in March 2018 and shared his positive experiences. His research and teaching focuses on Modern heritage (1920-1950) and Cultural heritage (MA) cooperating with TU Berlin (Prof. Dr.-Ing. Thekla Schulz-Brize) and UNESCO. PPP attached.

Session II – Next steps and further engagements

Future activities

- Expansion of the network: GJU Design Department needs to extend the number of partner universities and the number of seats, it has 12 partner universities which needs to be doubled in order to have as many partners as the Architecture Department. Bauhaus University Weimar is asked to join, contact person is Prof. Christa Belling. Next step: Inquiries will be sent to existing

GJU partner universities asking to raise the number of seats for Design. New partners will be approached such as University of Design Karlsruhe, KIT, HFWU Nuertingen-Geislingen.

- Memorandum of Understanding: HS RheinMain (Architecture), HS Darmstadt to be signed
- Visits to Jordan/GJU: Lecture series (Ringvorlesung) offered by Prof. Dagmar Eisermann (HS Koblenz), Prof. Pavel Zverina (OTH Regensburg) and Prof. Runa Hellwig (HS Augsburg) for 2nd year students at SABE during July-August 2018. Workshop series offered to max. 15 students per section.
- Amman Design Week: German partners are invited to join the yearly held Amman Design week in combination with their Flying faculty visits and learning more about GJU student projects presented there

Election of Network heads

Prof. Christine Bernhard as network head for Design and Prof. Dagmar Eisermann as network head for architecture have been elected unanimously.

Next network meeting

The next network meeting will be held in Weimar in April 2019 on the occasion of 100 years of BAUHAUS <https://www.bauhaus100.de/en> celebrations. In case university of Weimar cannot host the network meeting Prof. Dagmar Eisermann will host the network at HS Koblenz.