

New network Social Work and Refugees established after fruitful meeting in Magdeburg

From 19th till 21st October 2017 the GJU-Network “Social Work and Refugees” met with representatives from 10 different German universities in order to start collaboration and exchange in the academic field of Social Work.

The network meeting held in Magdeburg enabled the German partners to share their experiences from their own Bachelor and Master’s programs in order to contribute to the study plan of GJU’s Master’s.

The valuable experiences of the well running Professional Diploma of Social Work: “Refugees and Migrants” were fed into the study program of the Masters’ in Social Work which was successfully accredited in September 2017 and already started with its first lectures in February 2018.

By exchanging teaching staff GJU and its partner universities in Germany share knowledge and experiences that will benefit the students in the sort run but also the development of the curriculum and the aspiration of joint research projects in the near future.

Several visits of German partners at GJU were planned, sending students to participate in Summer Schools as well as delegations of professors to learn more about field work will emphasize the practical approach of the studies and strengthen the collaboration with NGOs in Jordan.

In her keynote speech Prof. Dr. Anne Lequy, President of UAS Magdeburg-Stendal, underlined the importance of the successful establishment of the study programs for Social Work with Refugees and Migrants at GJU and its valuable contribution to the international mission of GJU.

The next network meeting will be held on 8th-10th November 2019 at University Kassel.

Agenda
Language of the conference: English

Thursday, 19th October 2017

19:00
Optional Dinner
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Friday, 20th October 2017

8:30
Welcome & Registration

9:00
Opening and Keynotes
PROF. DR. ANNE LEQUY
President HS Magdeburg-Stendal;
Director of GJU Project Office Magdeburg,
Member of GJU Board of Trustees

PROF. DR. ANDREAS GEIGER
former President;
Member of GJU Board of Trustees (t.b.c.)

9:30 – 12:30
Working Session I (Chair: Dr. Jochen Pleines)
- Defining roles and functions of the Network “Social Work”
- Curriculum development and teaching experience: feedback from the Professional Diploma and the Master programmes in Aachen and Würzburg
- Academic staff: flying faculty, guest lecturers etc.
- Student exchange: sending German students to the GJU and Jordanian students to German partner universities
- Opportunities and regulations for internships
- Election of the Network Head (Chair: N. N.)

12:30 – 13:30
Lunch

13:30 – 15:30
Working Session II (Chair: Prof. Dr. Rahim Hajji)
- Presentation 1:
Academic perspectives for refugees at the Hochschule Magdeburg-Stendal (Ms. Kloot Brockmeyer)

- Presentation 2:
The Language Issue and Social Work (Mr. Magnus Frampton; Universität Vechta)

- Presentation 3:
Voluntary Engagement for Refugees (Ms. Vanessa Gottlieb; Freiwilligenagentur Magdeburg e.V.)

- Presentation 4:
Council for Refugees: Looking at current Issues of Refugees in Saxony-Anhalt (Ms. Anne Wedekind & Mr. Georg Schütze, Flüchtlingsrat Sachsen-Anhalt e.V.)

16:00 – 17:30
Working Session III: (Chair: N. N.)
- Research & Publication:
- Experience and current projects in research activities in partner universities
- Preparing a publication based upon research activities and study programmes of network members

17:30 – 18:30
Working Session IV: Open Space for Networking (Chair: N. N.)

19:00 Dinner
Restaurant: La Piazza,
Leiterstraße 6, 39108 Magdeburg
<http://www.la-piazza-md.de/>
Invitation by GJU Project Office Magdeburg

Saturday, 21st October 2017

8:00 – 9:45
Working Session V (Chair: Dr. Sahar Makhmreh)
- Future Activities in the Network
- Planning the next Network Meeting
- Wrap-up of the conference

10:00 – 13:00
Working Session VI (Chair: Prof. Dr. Rahim Hajji)
- Guided Visit of Refugee Center (Landesaufnahmehinrichtung) Magdeburg

13:00
End of the Conference Network „Social Work“