

Transform4Europe-Workshop for students (all disciplines)

**„Intercultural communication and multilingual discourse
in academic teaching“**

(from October 17th to 19 th 2022 at Saarland University)

Academic exchange in Higher Education as well as intercultural communication in the contexts of international cooperation between European partner Universities seem to become more and more global due to the lingua franca English. However, academic cultures can differ from each other due to specific discourse strategies or different academic styles (depending on the language/s in use).

This might be particularly visible in multilingual contexts such as international programs in border regions. The use of different languages in a joint seminar discourse creates an intercultural encounter on several levels, including language habits and attitudes toward languages and multilingualism.

The workshop „Intercultural communication and multilingual discourse in academic teaching“ at Saarland University from October 17th to 19th 2022 aims to share experiences in intercultural communication at each University in the framework of the Transform4Europe-community, each sending 2 students accompanied by an academic staff member who are working in the field of intercultural communication at their home universities.

The workshop is divided into 3 parts: a virtual preparatory meeting (October 6th on MS Teams), two days of sessions „sur place“ (October 17th and 18 th , arrival on October 16th) in groups of different working languages (English-German-French) and a video project (October 19th) with students' statements about intercultural encounters within Transform4Europe. The idea is to create an intercultural mindset based on language strategies in multilingual environments and to encourage students' mobility. The recording of voices in the L1 of all participants should also show the diversity of languages in European (border) regions.

The costs of travel and accomodation (4 nights) are covered by the International Office/Transform4Europe, Partners at Saarland University: International Office, ZEL, ISZ, Romance Studies, German Studies; admission (until 1st of October): CV and motivation letter, language skills in English (B2/C1) and at least B2 in German or French

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