



## Workshop on Cross-Cultural Awareness for International and German Students

For international students in new cultural surroundings it can sometimes be difficult to get a first orientation. Already communication between people of the same culture is not easy, but it is even more difficult if people from different cultures try to communicate successfully with each other. Good intentions and knowledge of the foreign language are very often not sufficient in order to cope with the new situation.

Therefore, it is very important to realise that different cultures have different mind-sets and behaviour patterns. For example, communication styles, greeting procedures, small talk, and body language can differ a lot from culture to culture. Many people are not aware of the fact that our behaviour and thinking is very much influenced by our culture. For this reason, it is not only necessary to know how to deal with cultural encounters, BUT to understand why such kind of behaviour is necessary to handle such a situation successfully.

The aim of this workshop is to make you more aware of cultural differences and help you to deal with them. In addition, you have the chance to get to know other students who are in the same situation. By means of role plays, small movies, case studies and practical exercises, the participants of this workshop will increase their intercultural competence and become acquainted with the culture of their fellow students.

We will work on

- culture
- communication
- perception
- self-perception and perception of others
- stereotypes and prejudices
- cultural shock
- intercultural misunderstandings
- intercultural competence

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Registration: This workshop is free of charge for students and will be held in English. If you are interested in participating, please send an e-mail to [silke.venker@th-luebeck.de](mailto:silke.venker@th-luebeck.de).