## Dealing with Conflicts

## Palestinian-German Educational Dialogue and Student Exchange - Development and Implementation of a Joint University Module



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## Our university

- Neubrandenburg University of Applied Sciences
- Was founded in 1991 and currently has a total of 2,500 students
- Four departments offer courses in ten different subjects at
 undergraduate and postgraduate levels
- We work in close conjunction with businesses and institutions from within our region.
- The campus is near the city centre and located close to Lake Tollense


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## Courses

- Each department offers undergraduate and postgraduate courses
- Courses leading to B.Sc./B.A. and M.Sc./M.A.
- Include internship semester or provide practical work experience extending


## Four faculties

- Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences
- Faculty of Landscape Sciences and Geomatics
- Faculty of Social Work and Education
- Faculty of Health, Nursing, and Administration



## Faculty of Social Work and Education

- Social Work (Bachelor of Arts)
- Early Education (Bachelor of Arts)
- Social Work - Social Sciences, Project Planning and Development (Master of Arts)
- Counselling (Master of Arts)

- Organization Development and Inclusion (Master of Arts)


# Student Exchange - Development and Implementation of a Joint University Module 

- General information on the project
- Partner institutions
- Summer schools


## Why Social Work?

- Transnational nature of conflicts
- Transnational nature of issues: violence, refugees, migration, poverty etc.
- Social work has become a global profession
- Social workers need to look beyond indigene communities, societies and nations
- Social workers need a broader perspective and new tools - there is a DEMAND


## Five partners

Our project:
Palestinian-German
Educational Dialogue and Student Exchange

Our topic:
Dealing with conflicts
Our goal:
Development and implementation of a joint university module


## Hochschule Neubrandenburg

 University of Applied Sciences
## Five topics

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## Our team



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## Module and sub-modules

- The module is being developed in co-operation between all five universities



## Milestones and timetable

| 1. milestone | Dialogue and planning | after 3 months |
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| 2. milestone | Preparations/materials | after 6 months |
| 3. milestone | Summer School | after 9 months |
| 4. milestone | Continuation of project | after 12 months |
| 5. milestone | Exchange and curriculum | after 24 months |
| 6. milestone | Analysis and sustainability | after 36 months |

## Hochschule Neubrandenburg University of Applied Sciences <br> The project consists of three columns:

- Dialogue, cooperation and networking between German and Palestinian higher education institutions
- Student exchange as a contribution toward developing intercultural dialogue
- A joint curricula and study material on conflict intervention, also useful for the civil society.



## Where are we now and how did we come to where we are today?

Main results $(2014,2015)$

- PAGED academic network
- Two summer schools
- Curriculum reader
- Students network

We are planning for 2016

- Two summer schools
- International conference
- Textbook
- Ideas for double degree

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## Summer school programme

Two summer schools (SuS, October 2014 and March 2015)

- First SuS in Neubrandenburg, Germany
- Second SuS in Jericho, Palestine



## Summer school is a lab for

- New ideas
- Creative discussions
- Promoting identity driven intercultural understanding
- Improving professional knowledge, competencies and practice
- Lectures, small group
 discussions, agency visits, and informal interaction


## We start with a icebreaker



## During our lessons we discussed

- Family and group work dynamics
- Roles and community work
- Hot spots to democracy
- Human rights and social justice
- Change to intercultural communication



## Summer school timetable (2014)

- Mixed lectures (8h per day)
- Social programm
- Teaching in Pal-Ger groups
- "Buddy programme": students build tandems (one German one Palestinian student)
- Interviewing each other about their personal experiences related to our main topic "dealing with conflicts"
- Story telling about individual history and experiences related to our main topic ",dealing with conflicts"
- Providing unique inside into the "others" culture, tradition and identity



## Results of the first and second summer school

- Conclusively the two summer schools offered many opportunities for reflecting one's own activities from a global to local view to the personal perspective
- They learned about the different social welfare systems as well as social work services and explored environmental and cultural treasures in both countries
- Improving university networking
- Establishing new dimensions of intercultural perceptions and reflections
- Improving the awareness of dealing with conflicts on intercultural levels
- Practicing and reviewing the curricula materials


## Conclusions

- Continuing Summer school model on a frequently base
- Bring social workers into the neighbour region to "other" country, society and nation
- Monitoring and reviewing courses, materials and methods
- Adopting the SuS model and improving it for additional conflict areas


## Public influence: public lecture and one article in the local press



## Montag, 6.10.2014

 19.00 UhrHörsaal 4, Haus 2 Hochschule Neubrandenburg Brodaer Straße 2

## Eine Veranstaltung der Hochschule Neubrandenburg aus Anlass der Summer School, die im Rahmen des deutsch-palăstinensischen DAAD-Projektes „Dealing with Conflicts" stattfindet.

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## Excursion: Exploring the countryside and the people


"I am deeply thankful for the amazing experiences the Summer School has given me so far, and believe I speak in unison with all participants on that." - student
"I think an adjuvant way to intensify the cross-culturally exchange and building on intercultural competencies and widening our horizons." - student



## Exploring history and people: Jerusalem

 (Representative Office, Ramallah) for the German students, Austrian Hospice, East Jerusalem

## Excursion: Exploring the countryside and the people



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