Module title: SiP Germany Today

Module summary

Module code:

Module coordinator: Tina Ewald

Credits (ECTS): 2 CP

Semester: each semester (if there are sufficient participants)

Pre-requisites with regard to content: none

Pre-requisites according to examination regulations: none

Competencies:

At the end of this course, participants are familiar with a selection of topics on German history, culture, politics and economy. They are able to make an intercultural comparison and to present, discuss and describe a reflected view of Germany, their home country and the countries of origin of the other course participants.

Assessment:

Written examination (90 minutes). Pre-requisites for the examination: Active participation and 2 Take Home Exams (THE)

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Module code: SIPGT

Lecturer: : IFS Adjunct Instructors

Contact hours: 2 SWS

Semester of delivery: Each semester, (if there are sufficient participants)

Type/mode: Seminar

Language of instruction: English

Content:

Course participants deal with the perceptions of Germany abroad and with widespread stereotypes. In the process, they learn about the events that have shaped present day Germany. Each week topics from the fields of culture, politics and economics are presented, in some cases jointly developed, and discussed. Current events in Germany are also taken into account. Course participants read articles, do their own research and discuss the texts and topics. Various topics are dealt with, for example: overcoming the German-German division, the political system with federalism and the multi-party system, integration of migrants, approaches to environmental protection and German festivals and traditions.

Recommended Literature

Handouts, current press articles, websites and own research on the internet.

Comments:

Students are actively involved in the knowledge acquisition process. Numerous visual objects and materials are provided.