A call for papers will be advertised at all cooperating institutions by the end of the year 2016. Students have to hand in an abstract of a planned piece of research either for an essay, a BA/MA thesis or a chapter of their PhD thesis. Students will be chosen on the basis of their abstracts. The summer school is free of charge for selected candidates. International participants will receive travel grants. Travel grants are paid as fixed allowances. Free accommodation is provided. Participants must cover all other individually incurred costs – such as entrance fees on excursions or food – themselves.

The deadline for submitting abstracts will be 31 January 2017.
Globalization and Diversity

An international Summer School in cooperation with partner universities in Europe, the United States and Japan

Organized by the Goettingen Diversity Research Institute

The summer school will provide students with an overview over current debates on social diversity on a global and local scale. Students will, firstly, gain theoretical knowledge through lectures by international scholars. The lectures will cover current trends in diversity research, different dimensions of diversity and their intersections and explain the importance of diversity knowledge in education and management. Secondly, they will learn about specifically German topics and perspectives related to diversity in past and present through excursions to a variety of local sites. These include a concentration camp memorial site as well as the documenta art exhibition. Thirdly, students will be enabled to pursue their own research in student-led seminars and group work in order to prepare essays or their BA/MA thesis. Students will also present their own work in one of the classes.

Student participants
– up to 30 students from cooperating institutions
– from the Social Sciences (including transdisciplinary study programs, such as Gender, Disability or Postcolonial Studies)
– levels of qualification: MA students, advanced BA students, beginning PhD students

Objectives

Students develop, present and discuss their research ideas. They make use of interdisciplinary perspectives and acquire intercultural cooperation skills.

The summer school is organised in two modules. Through mutual agreements 9 ECTS Credit Points will be recognised for students from all participating institutions.

In a first module students are introduced to different perspectives on diversity in the context of globalization through lectures and seminars (6 credit points). In a second module students experience and discuss further diversity-related topics, visiting the Concentration Camp Memorial Site Mittelbau-Dora, the museum Friedland – Perspectives of Migration, the Transit Camp from 1945 to today, the documenta (Kassel) (3 credit points). Students are expected to read the course literature and give a presentation. They will be assessed by an essay.

Confirmed Speakers
– Dr. Kristin Aune, Coventry University (Gender, Religion)
– Dr. Laura Fantone, UC Berkeley (Visual and Post-colonial Studies)
– PD Dr. Sabine Grenz, Göttingen Diversity Research Institute (Gender and sexual difference)
– Prof. Dr. Chia Longman, Ghent University (Culture, Gender and Diversity)
– Prof. Dr. Martin Lücke, Freie Universität Berlin (Diversity in Education)
– Prof. Dr. Hans Pongratz, LMU Munich (Sociology of Work)
– Prof. Dr. Steven Vertovec, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen (global diversities, »superdiversity«)