Virtual Joint Lectures

Boon and Bane of Transnational Teaching Projects

DAAD-Workshop „Digital Formats in International HE projects“
Tuesday, 2 June 2020
Digital Internationalisation at the University of Cologne

- ...is part of UoC’s Internationalization Strategy since 2019
- ...is an official task of the International Office
- ...covers stock taking of, dissemination/promotion and instigation of and support for international/transnational exchange activities in general and (joint-)teaching projects in particular
- ...includes the realisation of lighthouse projects
Narratives of Europe
Narratives for Europe

An International Lecture Series in Cooperation with the Coimbra Group

What do people in the EU member states really think of Europe and European Integration?
How did their thinking change over time?
What are the underlying narratives in the different member states?

Weekly double pack: two speakers from prestigious European Universities
Summer semester 2019
Tuesdays, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

More Information at
www.portal.uni-koeln.de/europeanarrives.html

Keio University
Keio Lecture Series

Getting Old and Even Older
Pathways to Longevity and Implications for Society

Cologne Series
Research and Experiences from Japan and Germany

Winter Semester 2018/19 | start: 31 Oct. On Wednesdays 10:00-11:30 in Cologne Room: 567, Philosophikum
Live broadcast 18:00-19:30 local time in Tokyo and Osaka

Keio University
Is a Global Network Partner of the University of Cologne
- Full semester lecture
- Two speakers per session
  - One live speaker in Cologne
  - One remote speaker from Tokyo
  - 30 minutes lecture each
- 30 minutes discussion
  - based on questions and comments sent in by Email
  - Complicated handling of questions, as students had no access to chat
- In Cologne: Studium integrale
- In Tokyo: integrated into curriculum of Medical Studies and Social Studies
- Very tedious preparation (12 months): First time in both institutions
- Prestigious project with poor student participation in Cologne; coercive participation in Tokyo
Full Semester lecture

In cooperation with the Coimbra Group Network

Two speakers per week (27 from 25 countries!)
- Per default one live and one remote speaker
- Due to contingency sometimes both speakers either present or remote!

Five audiences: Cologne, Cracow, Granada, Heidelberg, Graz
- In Cologne: Studium Integrale
- In Cracow, Heidelberg, Graz and Granada: PhD-Workshops

Lively discussions

„Up to“ 150 students in Cologne

All lectures as video podcast on Youtube: https://bit.ly/2zQ2Cwe
Technical Aspects

- DFNconf Webconference Service
- Adobe Connect
- Standard projector
- Standard soundsystem
- Logitech C920
- Jabra microphone
- Windows Laptop
- Internet-Connection via Lan cable
Administrative Hurdles

- Coordination challenging
  - Different administrative cultures
  - Keio-Cgn: Two faculties involved
  - Narratives: No faculty, but 25 Universities involved

- Academic Integration
  - Curricular mismatch
  - Low institutional commitment
    (from faculty/department)
  - Low individual commitment

- Organisational problems
  - Internal promotion/mobilisation
  - Time shift

Overall impression: „Prestigious, but useless!“
Thanks for your attention!

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