

The power of language

Language is more than a key to communication. Languages represent cultural diversity in a society. UNESCO proclaimed the 21st February as the International Mother Language Day. According to UNESCO, about half of the 6000 languages which are still spoken today are in danger of disappearing. Therefore, UNESCO called on its member states "to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by people of the world".

First of all, we will learn about the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#).

On Saturday, we will experience how our languages influence our perception of the world. We will see how languages shape the way we think. Moreover, we will also discover that languages are used to construct power and to maintain it.

In the afternoon, we will relate language to education and see how it can increase or restrict the access to education. Multilingual or mother tongue-based bilingual approaches in education can contribute to the achievement of goal 4 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which aims to ensure quality and inclusive education. Thus, we will take a look at the language policies of a few countries and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of both approaches.

Finally, on Sunday we will hear whether globalisation endangers languages. Are English or Chinese languages a threat to the variety of languages worldwide?

PROGRAMME

Friday, 4th November 2016

Arrive until 5:30 pm

6:00 Dinner

7:00 **Introduction into SDG 4**

Ms Ainura Berebulova, student B.A. NGO Management, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences, Kazakhstan

8:00 **Get to know**

Saturday, 5th November 2016

9:30 Workshop

am **The power of language – The language of power! How language helps construct our representations of the world**

Lecturer: Ms Melisa Bel Adasme, Student M.A Sociology, Goethe-University Frankfurt, Argentina

12:30 Lunch

3:00 Workshop

pm **Language policies in education: Obstacle to achieve SDG 4?**

Lecturer: Mr Dr. Rajesh Ramachandran, post-doctoral fellow and research associate, African-Asian Options (AFRASO), Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Goethe-University Frankfurt

6:30 Dinner

Sunday, 6th November 2016

9:30 Workshop

am **Is it Globalisation that endangers languages?**

Mr Hamid Shah, Student M.A. Global Political Economy, University of Kassel, Afghanistan

12:00 Evaluation

12:15 lunch, departure afterwards

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Application



Hereby, I apply **bindingly** for the following STUBE Hessen - seminar:

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Surname:

First name:

female male

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Postal code/ City:

Phone/ Mobile:

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Country of origin:

University of applied sciences University

Studienkolleg

Place of study:

Field of study / semester:

English speaking study course: Yes No

Desired university degree (e.g. BA, MA):

Scholarship holder: Yes No

Vegetarian: Yes No

(For non-vegetarians we always provide nutrition without pork!)

I am involved in development oriented, intercultural or social projects (non-profit): No Yes If yes,

where: _____

I need childcare: Yes No

Name of the child / gender/ age of the child

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Sunday 30th October 2016

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Organisation:

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Seminar will be held in English!

Childcare will be offered!

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*Weekend seminar
for students*

*from
Africa, Asia and Latin-America,
studying in Hessen*

Location of the seminar:
Marburg

