

Course description and general information

Description:

International degree seeking students and exchange students on behalf of partner universities are going to present their home countries within the scope of so called "Cultural Evenings". Since each student will lay a different focus, we are already looking forward to an exciting course of lectures which will point out the cultural diversity at FH JOANNEUM. After watching the presentations, participants can discuss the findings.

Objectives:

The Cultural Evenings aim to develop the following skills in students: cultural self-awareness, an appreciation of cultural differences, a facility to interpret actions in many ways in order to facilitate cultural understanding, intercultural communication skills and sensitivity for intercultural issues. Moreover, local students gain the possibility to participate in "internationalization at home" and the cultural diversity and heterogeneity at FH JOANNEUM is emphasized.

Scope ECTS: 1

WHO can participate in the course?

All students and staff of FH JOANNEUM can **participate in this course**.

Registration is just required if they would like to obtain the credits. Participants **register by signing the attendance list on 5 of 6 evenings**.

All students as well as employees are also welcome to join the Cultural Evenings as **guests** (no registration required).

Examination modalities

For the successful completion of the course the following conditions must be fulfilled:

- **Participation** in 5 of 6 Cultural Diversity evenings.
- **Proactive participation** during the country presentations and discussions that follow afterwards.



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- Submission of 5 **reflection papers** (=assignments) until the next session via MS TEAMS. The assignment questions will be uploaded the following day after each evening - as a task.
- No late submissions will be accepted!

Please note:

Country presenters only must hand in **4 out of 6 reflection papers**, as they give a presentation about their own country instead.

Dates:

Campus GRAZ

Lecturer: Jelena Petrovic

› Bulgaria & Thailand 21 st October 2025 6:00 p.m. EA11.001 Presented by: Andreana Manolova & Wai Yan Hein	› Taiwan & India 4 th November 2025 6:00 p.m. EA11.001 Presented by: Jia-Hua Liu & Ranjodh Singh
› Colombia & Peru 18 th November 2025 6:00 p.m. EA11.001 Presented by: Leonardo Márquez, Esthelfania Muñoz Neira & Juan Pablo Sebastián Nalvarte, Karen Yep Li, Fabricio Jerico Beltran Aguilar	› Argentina & Chile 2 nd December 2025 6:00 p.m. EA11.001 Presented by: Isabella Paganini, Juana Ledesma Arocena, Carolina Martinez, Mercedes Lapasset & Francisca Gallardo
› Uganda & Mexico 16 th December 2025 6:00 p.m. EA11.001 Presented by: Jocelyne Mugisa, Grace AANYU & María Jose Santacruz Anguiano	› Iran & Spain 13 th January 2026 6:00 p.m. EA11.001 Presented by: Partow Moradi & Agustin Sevil De Llobet



Campus KAPFENBERG

Lecturer: Cornelia Mayer

› Austria - Obersteiermark 23 October 2025 18:00 WS46a.223 Presented by: Lisa Hausberger	› The Balkans 6 November 2025 18:00 WS46a.223 Presented by: Nikola Igic
› Nigeria & Algeria 4 December 2025 18:00 WS46a.223 Presented by: Temitope Ayanlade & Adel Aber, Malek Mousli	› The Netherlands 11 December 2025 18:00 WS46a.223 Presented by: Michelle Aarnink & Matt Goedemans
› Pakistan 15 January 2026 18:00 WS46a.223 Presented by: Ghaza Pervaiz & Jaweria Qazi	› Mexico & Spain 22 January 2026 18:00 WS46a.223 Presented by: Fausto Rodriguez, Hugo Lozano & Marina Martin de Blas, Asier Ruiz

Campus BAD GLEICHENBERG

Lecturer: Sophie Strohmaier

› Country tba 29 th October 2025 6:00 p.m. tba Presented by: tba	› Country tba 11 th November 2025 6:00 p.m. tba Presented by: tba
› Country tba 26 th November 2025 6:00 p.m. tba Presented by: tba	› Country tba 10 th December 2025 6:00 p.m. tba Presented by: tba
› Country tba 7 th January 2026 6:00 p.m. tba Presented by: tba	› Country tba 14 th January 2026 6:00 p.m. tba Presented by: tba



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Information for participants of the Tandem program:

Tandem participants must attend at least 4 Cultural Evenings as part of the Tandem Program.

- **If you are participating in both the Course Cultural Diversity (1 ECTS) as well as the Tandem Program (2 ECTS; in total 3 ECTS):**

You must fulfil all requirements for **both** the **Tandem program** and the **Cultural Diversity course - independently!**

- **If you are only participating in the Tandem Program (2 ECTS):**

You only have to fulfil the requirements for the Tandem program. E.g., participating in 4 Cultural Evenings together with your Tandem partner and writing an experience report together. In this case, you don't need to complete the examination requirements for the Cultural Diversity course.

