



Short Cultural Introduction to Germany

International Week

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Program



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- short introduction to (Berlin) culture
- culture shock model
- teaching and learning styles in Germany
- intercultural film about greeting and farewell rituals



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Cultural Iceberg



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**Food,
language,
clothing,
physical features**

**values,
beliefs,
attitudes,
perceptions,
assumptions,
communication styles**

Culture Onion



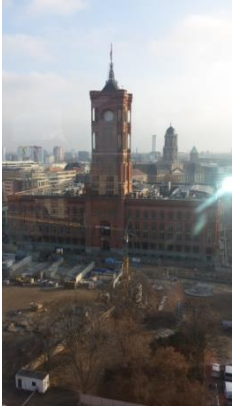
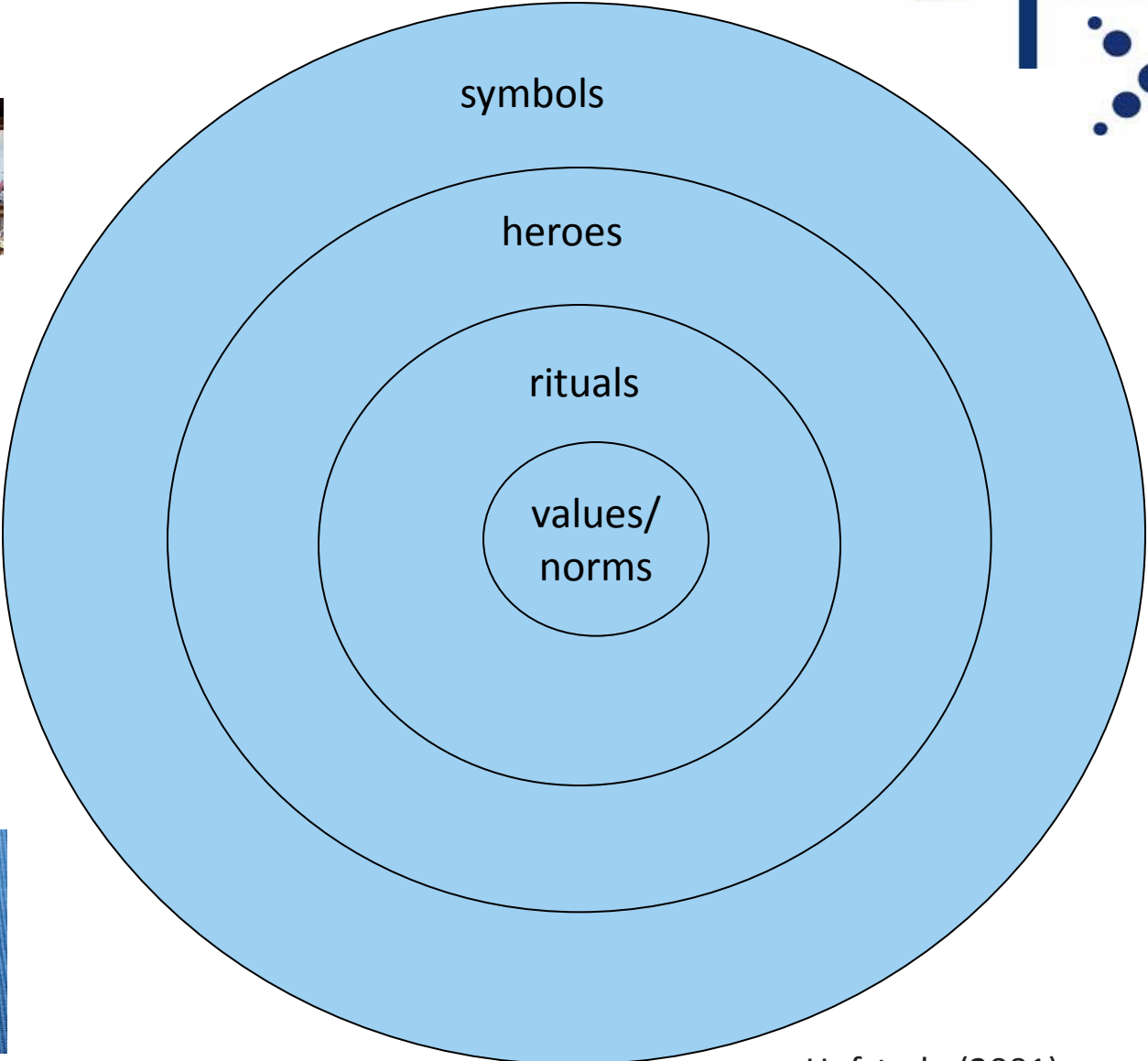
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Hofstede (2001)

Culture is



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open

dynamic

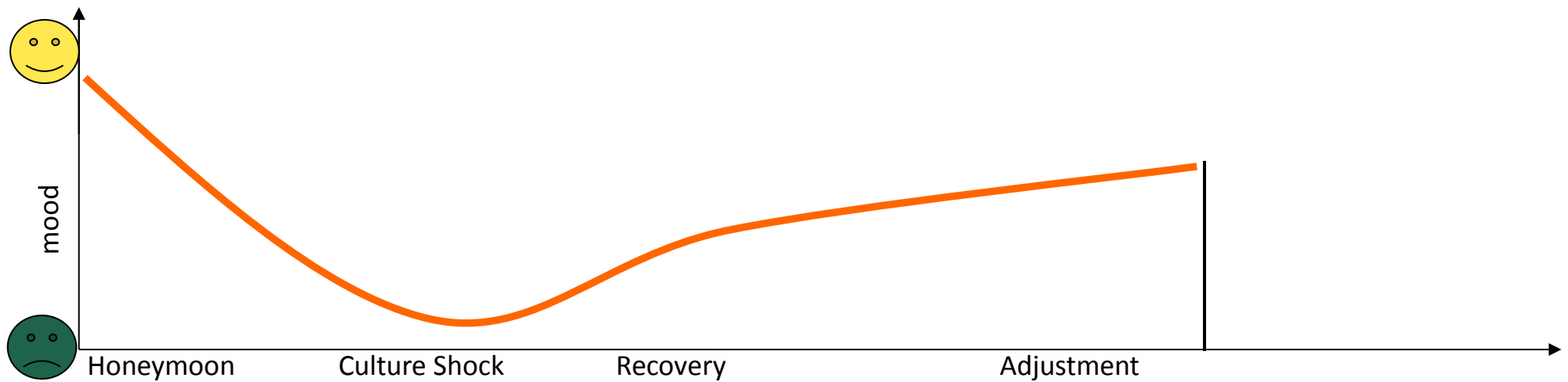
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Thomas (1999)

Culture Shock-Model



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Teaching and learning system



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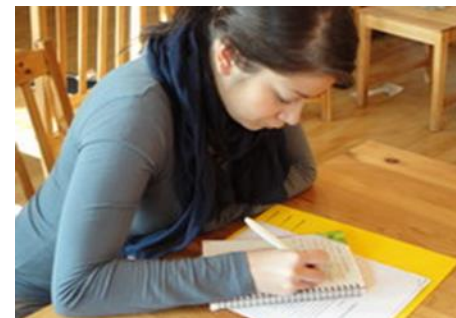
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Challenges of international students in Germany



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language / comprehension

learning & teaching styles

informal contact with local students

cooperation in teams

organisation of the study program

institutional communication

achievement / accomplishing the study tasks

communication with the professors

How to support & assist students?



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- know about the concept of different teaching & learning styles
- know about cultural differences & phases of studying abroad
- empathy
- applying peer tutors in your work

Example



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intercultural short film: „Nice to greet you“



by the Center for Intercultural Learning (European University Viadrina)



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