



Times mentioned correspond to the Central European Summer Time (CEST)

Monday, June 14

12:00 FUB [Lunch-time Debate](#): “Watersheds of Internationalization. Debating the Future of Internationalization Strategies”

Official Welcome to Freie Universität Berlin

13:00-14:00 Welcome by Professor Dr. Verena Blechinger-Talcott, Vice President for International Affairs

Welcome by Dr. Herbert Grieshop, Director International Affairs
Introduction to Freie Universität Berlin

Introduction to 1st Virtual Staff Training Week - Introduction to the four different tracks – short words of welcome by the different organizers

Group Photo with Brandenburg Gate

14:00-14:15 Sportive Intervention
Sylvia Ndoye

14:15-14:30 Break



14:30 Meet & Greet in Sub-Groups

Introduction to the program
Icebreaker challenge

Tuesday, June 15

Diversity at the University – an Interactive Workshop

13:00-16:00 Diversity became a true buzzword in Higher Education: we talk about diversity as a fact, resource, challenge, research topic, etc. The Executive Board of Freie Universität Berlin approved the university's first Diversity Strategy and Action Plan in February 2021.

This workshop aims at discussing diversity within different universities: What does diversity mean, for you, for your organization? How can we navigate diversity in everyday life at university? After an introduction, we will discuss short case studies to identify the relevance of diversity and individual strategies to promote equality.

Dr. Heike Pantelmann ([Margherita-von-Brentano-Center for Gender Studies](#))
Melanie Bittner ([Toolbox Gender and Diversity in Academic Teaching](#))

16:30-18:00 **Berlin Bingo**
As playing games is only half the fun if there is nothing to win, our lucky winners will receive a present from Berlin!

Wednesday, June 16

Developing Intercultural Competence in Faculty and Staff

13:00-13:45 Crossing Cultures in Education: An Introduction to Intercultural Communication
Amanda Wichert, WITOS Berlin PartG

13:45-15:30 Professional Development in Intercultural Competence in Higher Education Institutions ([PROFIC](#)) – Presentation, Training, with breaks
Gabriela Avalle, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina

15:30-16:00 Integrating an international and intercultural dimension into the service functions of Freie Universität Berlin
Stefanie Ritter

Thursday, June 17**Developing Awareness and Intercultural Competences among Students**

- 13:00-13:30 [DIGIPASS](#) – Virtual Support Environments for Mobility
Chelsea Ferguson & Randall Reinhard, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK
- 13:30-14:15 Support Structures of Students – Good practices from partners
- Buddy Program of Incoming Exchange Students at SU
Gözde Doğmuş, Sabancı Üniversitesi, Turkey
- Online services during lockdown: BUDDY program
Dina Abdul Rahman, Lebanese American University, Lebanon
- Intercultural Communication in an Asian Context: Education and Culture Exchanges
Austen Wei, International College of Innovation, National Chengchi University
- 14:15-14:30 Break
- 14:30-15:30 The Intercultural Competence Program of Universidad de Monterrey ([UDEM](#))
Brenda García Portillo, Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico
- 15:30-16:00 Wrap up and Evaluation

Friday, June 18**Visit Berlin, Say Goodbye – See you next time!**

- 13:00-14:30 Virtual Berlin Walking Tour – [Essential Berlin](#)
Tour guide: Nick Jackson
- Ask your questions live in the chat!**
- 14:45-15:30 Feedback and Farewell