

**ISOS Course:**

# Coping with Differences: Intercultural Training for Foreign Researchers

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Every culture has its characteristics in terms of communication and interaction. So has Germany. Coming from abroad, you sometimes might encounter situations you perceive as strange and which leave you uncertain how to react. These can be personal as well as professional.

This two day workshop is designed for foreign PhD candidates who would like to know more about the specifics of working in German academia and about German mentality.

It is focussing on the characteristics of German academic culture at institutes and universities: the interaction with supervisors and colleagues, the culture of open debate, time planning or dealing with assignments. Specifics of German culture are discussed by looking at common cultural misunderstandings in work life.

The course will help you to feel more comfortable at work and in every day life in Germany. We will share experiences and have fun in an interesting workshop.

## **Methods:**

Theoretical input will be predominated by variable interactive experiences. We will use simulations, case examples, teamwork and active exchange of experiences.

## **Lecturer:**

Simone Gutbrod M.A. (ICD-Experts; [www.icd-experts.net](http://www.icd-experts.net)) is a certified, cross-cultural trainer who has studied intercultural communication and lived abroad in Indonesia and Australia. She regularly gives seminars at universities and qualifies scientists for cross-cultural challenges.

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**Venue:** Leibnizstraße 1, room 105a