



Istanbul, Turkey, August 3 to 14, 2015



Exploring sustainability from an intercultural perspective.

Differing attitudes towards energy politics and the sustainable use of resources are easily leading to misunderstandings and conflicts. The impact of culture in this context is often neglected or not taken in consideration. Therefore, this Summer Academy, organized since 2013 and targeted at young adults, approaches these topics from an intercultural perspective. Participants can earn academic credits according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).

OBJECTIVES

This innovative two week Summer Academy aims at developing applied solutions for intercultural challenges in international energy politics as well as further ecological issues. It is intended to be a platform for scientists, students, and practitioners to engage in questions like the following:

- What are the linkages of energy policy with energy security, economy, foreign policy and environmental policy? How can we design and assess corporate social responsibility projects in energy and environment related issues? What is the concept of "sustainable development"?
- How can diverse cultural understandings be united and philosophical questions be addressed in order to develop environmental and ecological positions? What are the interdependencies of political and cultural contexts, public participation and energy mix strategies?

TARGET GROUP

The main target groups are international students and young professionals (age 18 to 35 years) with verifiable intercultural interest and prior international experience and exposure. Expected enrolment is 40 to 60 participants; working language is English.

CONTENT

During the Summer Academy the participants will be divided in two groups, attending two lectures (in turns) and one workshop per week. The groups will remain the same for the entire duration of the Summer Academy program. The agenda looks as follows:



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WEEK 1		WEEK 2	
Lectures	Workshop	Lectures	Workshop
Regional Energy Politics in a Comparative Perspective	General Intercultural Competence & Intercultural Communication	Public, Private and NGO Partnership in Energy Politics	Intercultural Conflicts & Simulation on Political and Entrepreneurial Decisions
Post-Colonial Perspective on Sustainable Development		Renewable Energies	

Each course will be conducted by lecturers from Karlshochschule International University or Istanbul Kültür University or their partner universities. Practical parts and exercises will be delivered by qualified trainers from the InterCultur and AFS network with extensive experience in the international and intercultural field. This combination of academic resources and practical workshops represents an innovative, synergetic and applied concept. The participants will have many opportunities to process their experiences and to get to know Turkish culture better. Furthermore, they can spend free time with members of the international and multi-cultural participant group and deepen their intercultural skills.



TUITION FEE

Participants will pay a tuition fee of 2.200 € (reduced fee of 1.250 € for students, volunteers and employees of NGOs):

The tuition fee covers

- 2-week participation in the event
- Room and board
- All course material
- Social activities

Not included: Costs for visa and travel and for further subsistences

SCHOLARSHIPS

The project partners offer scholarships to qualified candidates.



PROJECT PARTNERS

- Karlshochschule International University
- Istanbul Kültür University
- InterCultur gGmbH
- AFS Turkey (Türk Kültür Vakfı)

The project is carried out in cooperation with Stiftung Mercator (www.stiftung-mercator.de)

LOCATION

Istanbul Kültür University

FURTHER INFORMATION

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