

**What's your Cultural Profile?**  
Wie sieht Ihr kulturelles Profil aus?

**Entdecken Sie Ihre Gemeinsamkeiten mit über 100 Kulturen.**  
Find out what you have in common with 100 cultures.

**Prepare yourself for the International Relations front.**  
Seien Sie vorbereitet für internationale Beziehungen.

**Wie typisch "deutsch" sind sie?**  
How "typically" German are you?

**International Students Welcome:**  
Make your stay in Würzburg a cultural success!

# Intercultural Relations

Sommersemester 2012

## Kursbeschreibung:

Culture is a fundamental feature of social life, and it is manifested most obviously in the role of political institutions, especially in modern nation-states. **This course examines the nature and influence of culture throughout the spectrum of international relations.** Is a nation's culture its blueprint for survival? Where does culture originate? How does it affect our daily lives? These are some of the questions we will examine in this course.

The course is organized in two-hour weekly classes throughout the semester. In order to understand the **correlations between culture and international relations**, the first section of the course studies the universal **elements of culture**. We begin by looking at the origins of culture. In particular, we will review the roots and routes of culture and how culture is influenced by climate and religion. The second section focuses on **cross-century worldviews, cultural spectacles, cultural black holes and cognitive processes such as language and thought**.

It provides students with an opportunity to think more deeply about what they have learned in other international relations courses and develop their understanding of some central issues in political sociology.

**Available for the first time in German Universities, Würzburger students will have the unique opportunity to create their own Individual Cultural Profile. In addition, this seminar is filled with in-class exercises as well as on-campus activities such as foreign student interviews in German or English.**

## **What students are saying...**

*"I personally think that the seminar was a great experience and very different compared to other university lessons. I really think that I am well prepared to what concerns intercultural situations. I also appreciate the speeches of the guest speakers and that they had the time in order to give us important facts about their own foreign experiences. The case trains on WuCampus were very useful in order to practice for the final exam."*

*"Ich fühle mich definitiv besser auf interkulturelle Situationen vorbereitet. Insbesondere durch Rollenspiele und andere Lehrmethoden, die aktive Mitarbeit & Einfühlungsvermögen verlangten, bekam ich eine Vorstellung von Ideen und Verhaltensweisen, die von meinen eigenen abweichen. Das Seminar hat mein Interesse vor allem an der Frage geweckt, wie ich das Wissen um kulturelle Unterschiede konkret anwenden kann, bspw. In Gesprächssituationen."*

## **Zeit und Ort:**

**Start: 23. April 16:15 - 17:45**

Wittelsbacherplatz, Raum 02.102

## **Kurssprache:**

Deutsch und Englisch

**Grading:** ECTS: 5 (ASQ)

Zu erbringende Leistung: Präsenz, 5 gleichgewichtete Zwischenprüfungen (jeweils ca. 5-15 Minuten) sowie als Vorleistung: Case Trains (ca. 10 Seiten) und Fragebogen (ca. 2 Seiten) (ECTS) oder regelmäßige Anwesenheit (GSiK-Bescheinigung)

## **Leitung:**

**Mr. Philo Holland**, U.S. Amerikaner, seit 15 Jahren in Deutschland

Philo consults mid-size and large enterprises offering measurable support in the areas of international collaboration management and multi-lingual communication management within multi-national organizations.

Previously, Philo was a Senior Globalization Advisor at T-Systems headquarters (Deutsche Telekom AG) in southern Germany. He was responsible for initiating Corporate Globalization Services integrating multi-lingual and cross-cultural service resources from over 30 countries into one integrated organizational development service framework.

Philo holds a BS in International Economics from the University of Utah.

**Sprechzeiten:** Nach Vereinbarung oder nach der Veranstaltung

**E-Mail:** [philo.holland@uni-wuerzburg.de](mailto:philo.holland@uni-wuerzburg.de)

**Telefon:** +49 (0)170-784-8494