

IVAC - International Virtual Academic Collaboration

Enabling all students, regardless of family, financial or physical conditions, to have an international and intercultural experience.

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Our website is live now!

IVAC 1 - Project Feedback

Between October 2020 and September 2021, dedicated lecturers at SRH Berlin developed and tested new digital collaborative course formats to provide students with an international, intercultural experience, regardless of travel restrictions, family, financial or physical conditions.

Flexibility and creativity served as the basis for the development of the digital collaboration: lecturers could freely choose the course structure and format of collaboration. The only condition: the courses were to be offered digitally and with international partner universities.

Through this experience, both students and lecturers were able to acquire digital and intercultural competences that will enable them to thrive in an increasingly globally networked world. The students' feedback showed that they appreciated the opportunity to deepen their education in an international context, independent of physical mobility.

So we can definitely conclude the following: international and virtual collaboration formats are extremely useful from an academic perspective to promote digital and international competences among students and teachers. Such formats are also necessary to establish an innovative and equal-opportunity higher education landscape in the long term.

With this in mind we can jump into a new project year (2021-2022) full of energy, innovative ideas and enthusiasm.



1 Year

5

International academic virtual collaborations

5

Partner universities

3

Intercultural Events: Virtual-Exchange

300

Students

These figures were realised within the IVAC project "Digital Exchange: die barrierefreie Auslandserfahrung" at the SRH Berlin University of Applied Sciences.

Welcome to IVAC 2.0

The key to the sustainable development of employability skills

Starting from 1 October 2021, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) will fund 60 new projects on virtual university cooperation in the "International Virtual Academic Collaboration (IVAC)" programme. The projects at 46 higher education institutions will be funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) until the end of September 2022.

After the successful approval of the project for the academic year 2020-2021, the IVAC team submitted another application in May 2021 and received funding for new ideas for virtual, international collaboration. Titled "IVAC 2.0: The Key to Sustainable Employability Skills Development", this time the focus is on the acquisition of soft skills and key competences for the job market.

The milestones of IVAC 2.0 include:

- The development and curricular anchoring of international, digital, collaborative formats in various modules at SRH Berlin;
- The creation of a cross-university extra-curricular offer with a focus on diversity, intercultural understanding and internationality, in close collaboration with the SRH Centre for Languages and Diversity;
- The establishment of digital badges as a format for the recognition of acquired key competences

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Virtual Culture Events

Presented by the SRH Global Cooperation Institute

For the Winter Semester 2021/22 SRH will offer anew cycle of virtual culture events organized by the Centre for Languages and Diversity in collaboration with IVAC 2.0.

The points collected with each event will count towards the completion of the Diversity Training Programme.

Bread, zero waste and more

Online cooking class (suitable for vegan and vegetarian diets)

Join us in a fun and interactive online cooking workshop in collaboration with "Restlos Glücklich" an association that aims to teach about more appreciation of food.

This workshop will focus on a climate-friendly menu. Everyone cooks in their own kitchen and you can see each other, ask questions and exchange ideas. The workshop will be led by a cook and additionally moderated by an expert who will share climate and nutrition information with you.

When? 10 December 2021

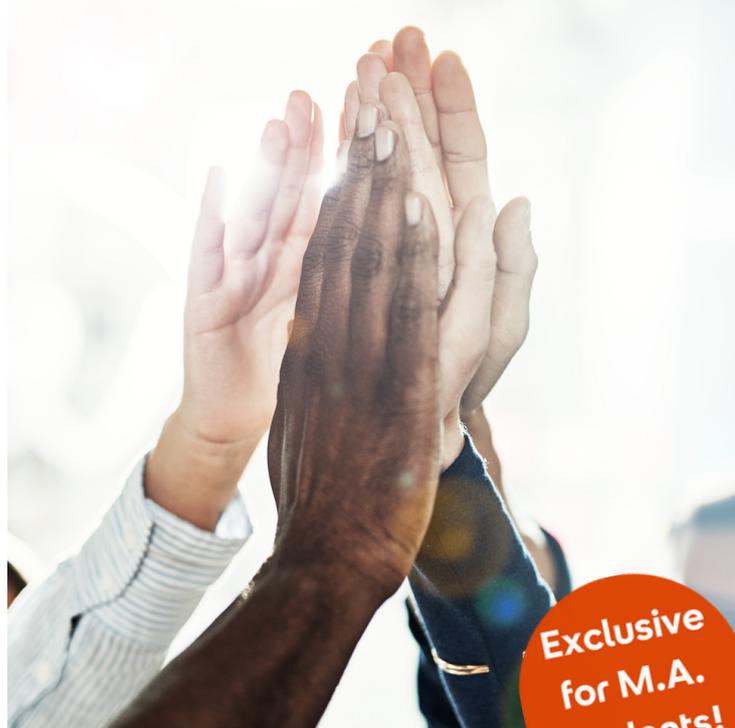
17:00 - 19:30 CEST

Where? online / Zoom

How to apply? [Enrol here](#)

The enrollment is binding.

Points? 2



**Exclusive
for M.A.
students!**

How to Counter Hate Speech

Online Diversity Training Workshop

This workshop aims to improve participants' ability to address racist behaviours in their daily life. The training provides the necessary strategies and tools to identify and address unconscious bias, structural inequality, and racist behaviours in one's self and others.

Key content covered includes:

- Notions of Race
- Race and Color
- Dimensions of Racism
- Stereotype/Prejudice/Discrimination
- Anti-Racism Strategies
- Self-reflection: Diversity and Identity

When? 12 November 2021 +

15 November 2021

17:00 - 19:00 CEST

Where? online / Teams

How to apply? [Enrol here](#)

The enrollment is binding.

Points? 4

[Check the website for more non-virtual activities.](#)

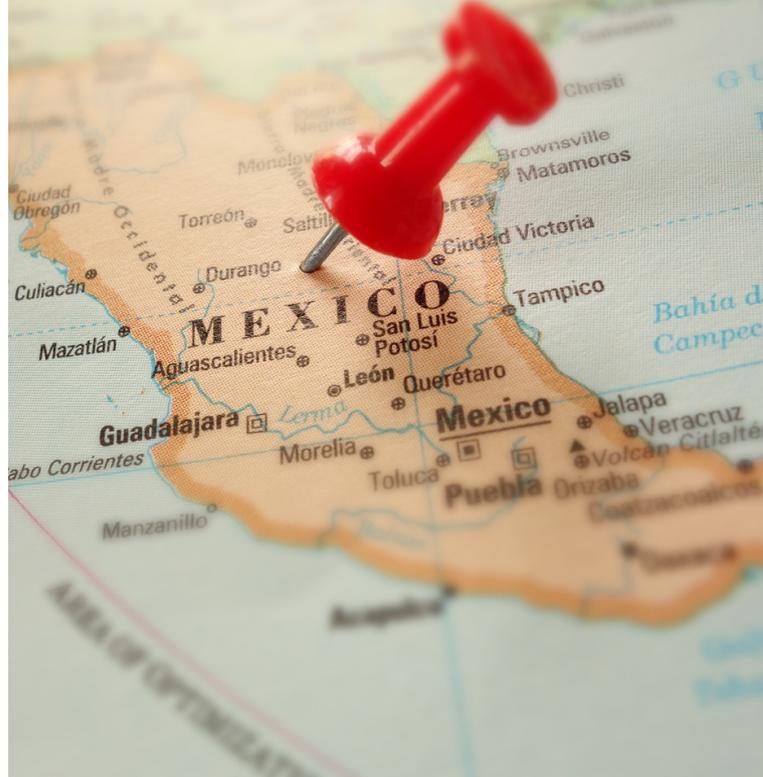
Education Beyond Borders: Mexico

A virtual Micro-Credential offered by our partner institution The Chicago School of Professional Psychology (TCSP)

Good Health and Well-being is anchored around the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #3 to Ensure Healthy Lives and Promote Well-being for All at All Ages. Open to TCSP and all partner institution students, including SRH Berlin, Education Beyond Borders will seek to understand the psychological, social, educational, legal, healthcare and intercultural perspectives within the context of global health and well-being.

Participants will gain global perspective and strategic planning skills. Most importantly, participants will impact their communities while working to transform themselves into global agents of change.

- The online course will be asynchronous (time zone will not be an issue, students are able to complete at their own pace)
- Live lectures will be offered and recorded if not able to attend
- This opportunity is offered at no cost giving learners the ability to earn a digital badge to indicate their professional development with no fee required.



Micro-credential Description

This micro-credential includes online modules addressing the topic of good health & well-being from a cross-disciplinary, global perspective. Modules open on November 5, and are to be completed by December 3. Upon completion, participants of the micro-credential units, will be awarded an Education Beyond Borders digital badge.

Eligibility:

- Enrolled SRH student
- **All applicants must be 21 years of age or older at the time of application**

Micro-credential Opens: November 5, 2021

Micro-credential Closes: December 3, 2021

Program Fee: free

[More information and how to apply, here!](#)



Coming Up

Things to look out for...

- Watch out for updates on the upcoming IVAC projects and courses
- This year's winter holiday special