

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
DEVOTIONAL HUMANS
GERMAN-BOSNIAN-ROMANIAN
YOUTH EXCHANGE



Dinara
Forum –
Dinara
l'Ateneu
Ključ



24.2.-4.3.2018 (Germany)
31.3.-9.4.2018 (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

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Central political questions are currently ignited by questions of religion. In the debate about German policies of asylum and integration, for example, national or ethnic and religious attributions are often mixed up; and a homogenous identity is constructed under the generic term of "Islam". This disregards the different cultural origins as well as the numerous confessional differences within Islam. At the same time, discrimination against various groups in society is sometimes legitimized by religion, such as that of the LGBTQ community by devout believers of different religious affiliations.

The youth exchange intends to counteract discrimination of this kind when it sets its focus on the interaction of politics and religion in their historically grown dimensions. The encounter consists of two parts: the first one takes place in the North-Rhine-Westphalian town of Vlotho in Germany, the second one in Ključ in the north of Bosnia and Herzegovina. In both countries the coexistence of members of different faith communities is a social reality that strongly influences the political sphere and fuels public debates.

The title "Devotional Humans" points out that members of different faith communities are always first and foremost humans. To deal with faith and religion against the background of humanity and thus human rights is the goal of the encounter. Participants come from Germany, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Romania. The encounter is open to members of all faiths and the greater the diversity, the more it benefits.

Participants must be 26 years or younger and ready to participate fully in both activities. They must be able to speak English so well that they can follow the seminar contents. Openness to situations of interreligious and intercultural confrontation and the readiness to deal with one's own religious and cultural characteristics and to put the discoveries up for discussion are assumed. Participants should also be willing to actively engage in planning the program and conducting the meeting, and be curious about the interplay of religious and political spheres in different societies.

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Participation: **German participants: 90€** (50€ in Germany, 40€ in Bosnia)
Bosnian participants: 45 € (25€ in Germany, 20€ in Bosnia)
Romanian participants: 45 € (25€ in Germany, 20€ in Bosnia)

Travel costs: **Travels within the home country** will be reimbursed up to **180€**.
Travels to another country will be reimbursed up to **275 €**.





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PROGRAMM IN GERMANY: 24TH FEBRUARY – 4TH MARCH 2018

24th February

before 15:00	Arrival to Vlotho
16:00	Welcome and Introduction Ice-breaker Introduction to the venue and the program
18:30	Dinner
Anschl.	Youthpass and Project Charter Explanation of the Youthpass Design of a Project Charter

25th February

8:30	Breakfast
9:30	Church Service at Heilig Kreuz, Vlotho Experiencing the Catholic Church
11:00	Church Service at St Johannis, Vlotho Experiencing the Reformed Church
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Experience Interreligious Contact Theater pedagogy workshop <i>Markus Kühn</i>
16:00	Coffee Break
16:30	Continuing Experience Interreligious Contact
18:30	Dinner
19:30	Contemplation

26th February

8:30	Breakfast
9:30	Religion in the Immigration Nation Germany Presentation and discussion
Anschl.	What is God? Encountering faith – Participants' exchange
12:00	Lunch
13:00	<i>Transfer to Bielefeld</i>
14:00	Synagogue Bielefeld Encounter with the Jewish Community in Germany
afterwards	Free Time in Bielefeld
18:00	<i>Transfer to Vlotho</i>
18:30	Dinner
19:30	Contemplation

27th February

8:30	Breakfast
9:30	Jewish and Christian Cemeteries in Vlotho Religious rites and ideas of death
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Star, Cross, Moon Creative workshops on symbols of faith
16:00	Coffee Break
16:30	Continuing Star, Cross, Moon
18:30	Dinner
19:30	Meeting Renate Wefers, pastor in Vlotho Religion, faith and culture in politics and society: integration and asylum

<u>28th February</u>	<u>Vlotho</u>
8:00	Breakfast
9:30	Religion under Socialism Preparation of an interview of a time witness of the German Democratic Republic
12:30	Lunch
14:30	Interview with time witness Angela Winkler (Theologian) Encounter
16:00	Coffee Break
16:30	Interview with time witness Angela Winkler (Theologian) Reflexion
18:30	Dinner
19:30	Contemplation
<u>1st March</u>	<u>Vlotho</u>
8:30	Breakfast
9:30	Faith, Society and I Workshops on political and societal influence of religion
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Faith, Society and I Continuation of the Workshops
16:00	Coffee Break
16:30	Faith, Society and I Presentation of the results
18:30	Dinner
19:30	Contemplation
<u>2nd March</u>	<u>Vlotho / Lemgo / Bodenwerder</u>
8:30	Breakfast (Packed Lunch)
9:30	<i>Transfer to Lemgo</i>
10:00	Islam and Christianity in East Westfalia Guided Tour at the Weserrenaissance-Museum
12:00	Discovering Islam in Germany Guided tour and free time in Lemgo
14:30	<i>Transfer to Bodenwerder</i>
16:00	German Orthodox Holy Trinity Monastery Guided tour Church service Discussion
19:00	<i>Transfer to Vlotho</i>
20:00	Dinner
21:00	Contemplation
<u>3rd March</u>	<u>Vlotho</u>
8:30	Breakfast
10:00	Stand up against Hate Speech Workshop for arguing against religion-based prejudice
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Creative Seminar Evaluation
16:00	Coffee Break
18:30	Dinner
afterwards	Farewell Evening
<u>4th March</u>	
8:30	Breakfast
afterwards	Departure