

**ERASMUS Intensive Program**  
**Diversity Inclusion for Social Cohesion**  
Evangelische Hochschule Ludwigsburg, Germany  
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**IP- DISCO 2010**

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**Cooperating Universities**

Diaconia University of Applied Sciences, Finland  
Jabok Institute/ Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic  
Jan Długosz University in Czestochowa, Poland  
Katholieke Hogeschool Kempen / K.H. Kempen University College, Belgium  
Newman College of Higher Education, United Kingdom  
Protestant University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg, Germany



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### **Logo**

The logo stands for metamorphoses. A butterfly evolves from one life stage to the next in endless cycle of renewal.

IP- DISCO rides the coloured wings of renewal. Human life is renewing because it is expansive and inclusive in its diversity.

It is in coherent diversity that the integrity of human life is respected in all its challenging and disturbing forms.


Social cohesion is a vision achieved by respecting and upholding the integrity of life in all its diverse expressions.





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This is an invitation for you to the  
**2010 ERASMUS** Intensive Program in  
Diversity Inclusion for Social Cohesion



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**IP- DISCO** brings 30 diverse students and approximately 14 experts from different universities in a 10 day social learning laboratory. Issues of identity, race, culture, citizenship, religion, sexual orientation, ability and disability, will be lived and studied here.

Students and Professors will live, work and study together to experience the limits and challenges of tolerance or respect, exclusion or inclusion, dialogue or division.

Activities include innovative contributions from experts who will facilitate group work and lead discussions. There will be interactive visits to communities and organizations dealing with inclusive citizenship, diversity issues and social cohesion.

Our program will be held in an atmosphere that provides safe interaction among all students.



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### **Why attend the IP- DISCO?**

Inclusive European citizenship is a theme gaining critical importance when it comes to issues of conflict and cooperation among diverse communities in Europe today.

NGOs and state institutions work with universities to support professionals in handling contentious diversity issues and cultural differences.

The purpose is to study how different institutions and communities work with the question of social cohesion in Europe today.

Universities are in agreement over the need for didactical approaches that bring about new competences for young professionals.

Social workers and similar professionals face the ever growing challenge posed by an expanding Europe. The question remains on how diversity can serve as social capital for community cohesion.



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### **Lecture and Workshop Themes**

Dealing with Difference – What Unites Us, What Divides Us?

Citizenship and Identity

Race and Racism

Sexual Orientation

World Religions – Global Conflict and the Rise of Religious Fundamentalism

Ability and Disability

Multicultural Citizenship and Social Cohesion

### **Participants to the IP – DISCO**

- IP- DISCO encourages participants from Social Work and related disciplines
- Students who have experiences dealing with diversity issues
- Students who otherwise would not have enough financial means to study abroad
- Students who are personally affected by issues of race, ethnicity, class minority culture, sexual orientation or disability.



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### **How Do We Perform Our Tasks?**

Living and working together with expert academics from six different universities and countries for a period of 10 days.

Discussing issues of diversity, such as race, sexual orientation, religion and disability.

Experiencing didactical methods that combine theory and analysis while challenging existing community practices in diversity, inclusion and social cohesion.

Developing competencies in working with conflictive issues resulting from exclusionary practices.

Reflecting on how controversial individual differences strengthen or threaten social cohesion.



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### **What Does it Cost?**

This Intensive Program is funded by the Erasmus Lifelong Learning Programme, so participation is free.

Students have just to pay 25% of the airfare (depending on the country, airline and distance to Germany).

### **Course Requirements**

Every student earns European Credit Points from active participation and fulfilment of course requirements. The IP- DISCO is planned under the Project Studies Module led by Prof. Jo Jerg, EH- Ludwigsburg.

**Contact** your university international office for helpful details on scholarship and travel arrangements. Get advise on course requirements and preparations from your university professors who are involved in the IP- DISCO.

### **Location**

We will live, work and study together in three interesting locations in Southern Germany:

#### **Stuttgart**

Youth Hostel Stuttgart

[www.jugendherberge-stuttgart.de](http://www.jugendherberge-stuttgart.de)

#### **Ludwigsburg**

Protestant University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg

<http://www.eh-Ludwigsburg.de>

#### **Bad Boll**

Protestant Academy- Bad Boll

[www.ev-akademie-baoll.de](http://www.ev-akademie-baoll.de)





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### **Potential Lecturers and Expert Resource Persons**

- Graham Brotherton, Newman College of Higher Education, United Kingdom
- Terry Potter, Newman College of Higher Education, United Kingdom
- Pieter Lievens, Kempen University College, Belgium
- Filip Bode, Kempen University College, Belgium
- Nol Reverda, Hogeschool Zuyd, Holland
- Reetta Leskinen, Diaconia University of Applied Sciences, Finland
- Tony Addy, Diaconia University of Applied Sciences, Finland
- Beata Pawlica, Jan Dlugosz University in Czestochowa, Poland
- Edyta Widawska, Jan Dlugosz University in Czestochowa, Poland
- Eva Hernova, Jabok Institute/ Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic
- Monika Barz, Protestant University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg, Germany
- Melinda Madew, Protestant University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg, Germany
- Jo Jerg, Protestant University of Applied Sciences Ludwigsburg, Germany



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### Tentative Schedule

DAY	TOPIC	Lecturers
<b>Day 1</b> 26.Mai	Difference as Social Capital	Melinda Madew
<b>Day 2</b> 27.Mai	Inclusive Citizenship	Tony Addy
<b>Day 3</b> 28.Mai	Dealing with Race and Racism	to be arranged
<b>Day 4</b> 29.Mai	Sexual Orientation	Monika Barz Robert Nutt
<b>Day 5</b> 30.Mai	Culture, Class, Identity Difference	Graham Brotherton Terry Potter
<b>Day 6</b> 31.Mai	Role of Religion in Multiculturalism	Reetta Leskinen
<b>Day 7</b> 01.Juni	Ability, Disability and Marginalization	Jo Jerg
<b>Day 8</b> 02.Juni	Social Cohesion in Europe	Nol Reverda
<b>Day 9</b> 03.Juni	Discussion with Advocacy Groups	
<b>Day 10</b> 04.Juni	Presentation of Work Group Results	



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