



“From Distributed Campus to Open DC” Intercultural Knowledge Transfer Online

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Support for international students

Intercultural knowledge transfer



Project Distributed Campus

Virtual studies prepare real-live mobility

Pre-departure preparation through real-time guidance

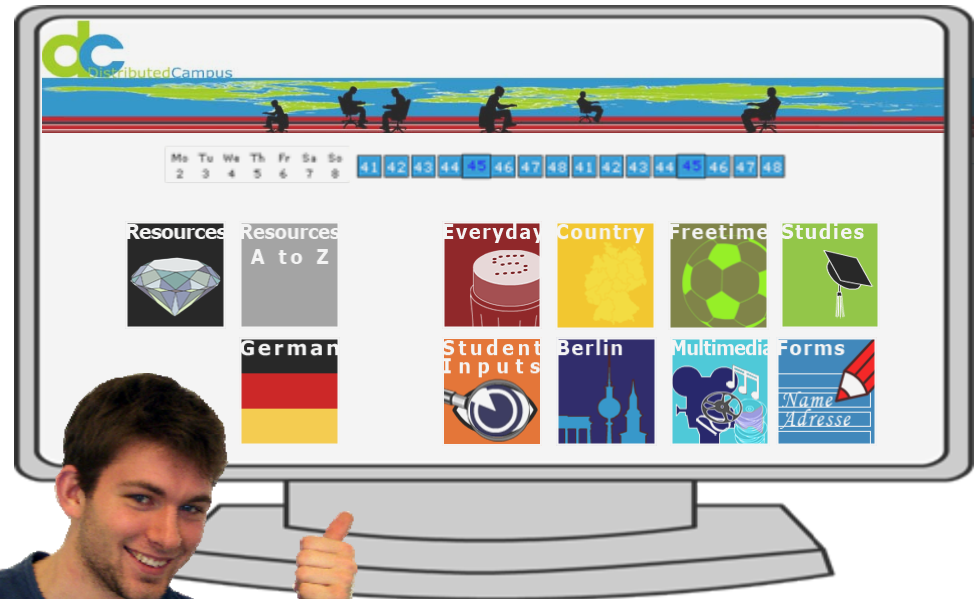
- academics
- intercultural matters
- social life
- every-day orientation

Communication

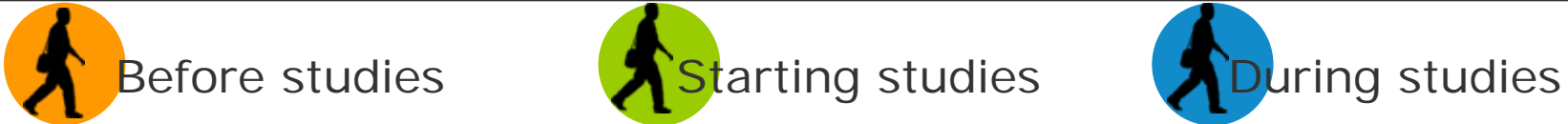
- organizers and tutors

Personification

- group-specific access to material (ERASMUS; exchange programs; scholarships...)



Online Coaching



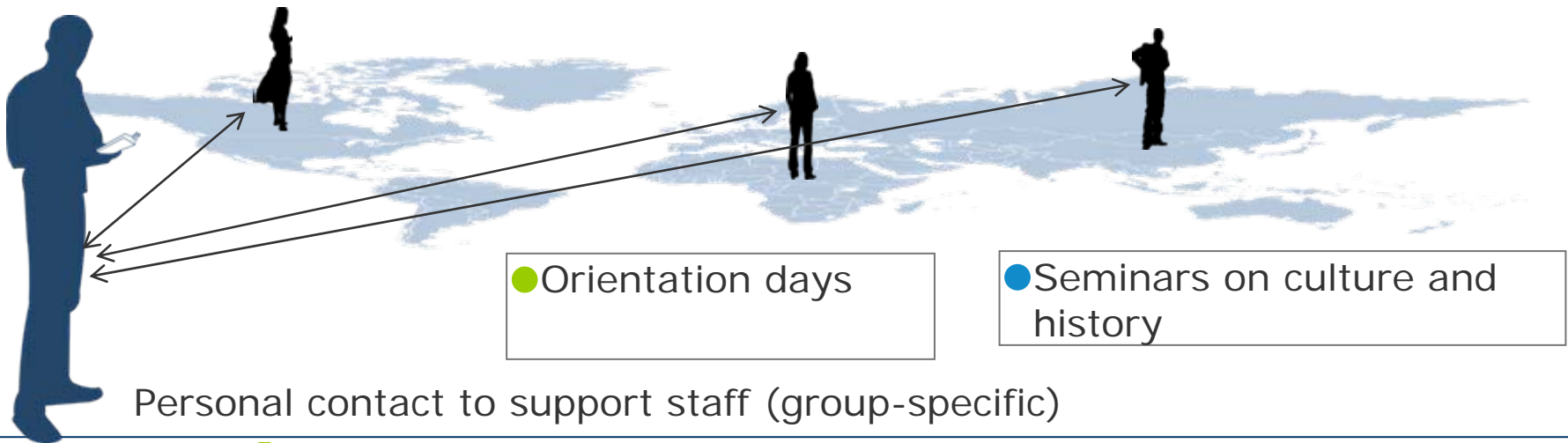
- Immatriculation
- Apartment search
- ...

- Choosing seminars
- Timetable
- Insurance
- ...

- Campus life
- Academic work
- Everyday life
- ...



Group-specific materials - online central Content Pool



Distributed Campus: experiences

Student inputs from DC use at the Freie Universität Berlin

Colin Stayton, New York University:

„Distributed Campus is seriously an amazing web-site. It provides you with an answer to every question you may ever have about your stay here in Berlin [...]. More than just a resource, it is a fun and innovative learning tool, portraying real student voices [...].“

Andrea Everett, Stanford University:

„Very useful tool! Best aspects are the student inputs and the preparation timeline!“

Jenna Huber, Roanoke College:

„I am absolutely obsessed with the Distributed Campus web portal! I think it is a brilliant idea and it is helping me so much already. I feel a lot more prepared for Germany than before I began using this great tool.“



Students

Open DC model: advantages for students



Support for Students

- Better pre-departure and on-site support for international students
- Online distribution of up-to-date, authentic and attractive materials
- Students arrive better prepared

Improve student satisfaction →



Open DC model: advantages for organizers



Advantages for international office staff

- Decentralized editing of online materials increases flexibility (time / place)
- All users access one central platform
- Decrease in students' questions via mail or phone

Greater institutions' satisfaction →



Open DC: Transmission to other universities

From Distributed Campus to Open DC:

- Open Source software: DC
- Contains all Distributed Campus features
- Contains all Distributed Campus intercultural and academic content

Services package:

- Installation
- Hosting and maintenance
- Design
- Documentation and training



➡ Individually configurable platform for each university

Open DC in Use: Potsdam, Jena

Potsdam University:

UPprepare

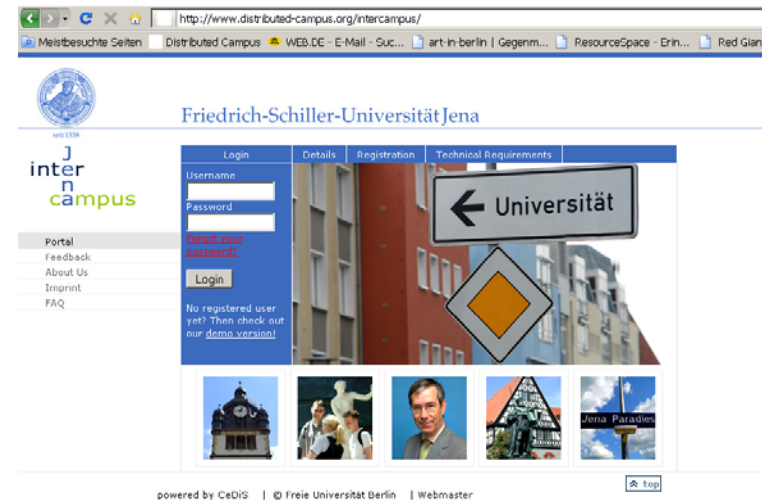
<http://upprepare.distributed-campus.org>



Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena:

Intercampus

<http://opendc.distributed-campus.org>



➡ Use at University Bremen in preparation!

Thank you for your attention!



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