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DistributedCampus

Distributed Campus – from virtual to real-life mobility

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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

Real-life

- ongoing online support while in Berlin

Motivation

Target group

- International students (incomings) at FU Berlin
- 1 – 2 semester stay

Intercultural knowledge transfer

- facilitate transition & integration

Realization

- Center for Digital Systems (CeDiS)
  - e-Learning / Multimedia Competence Center at the FU Berlin
- International Office, FU Berlin

Distributed Campus partners & target groups

Initial development with US American exchange programs:

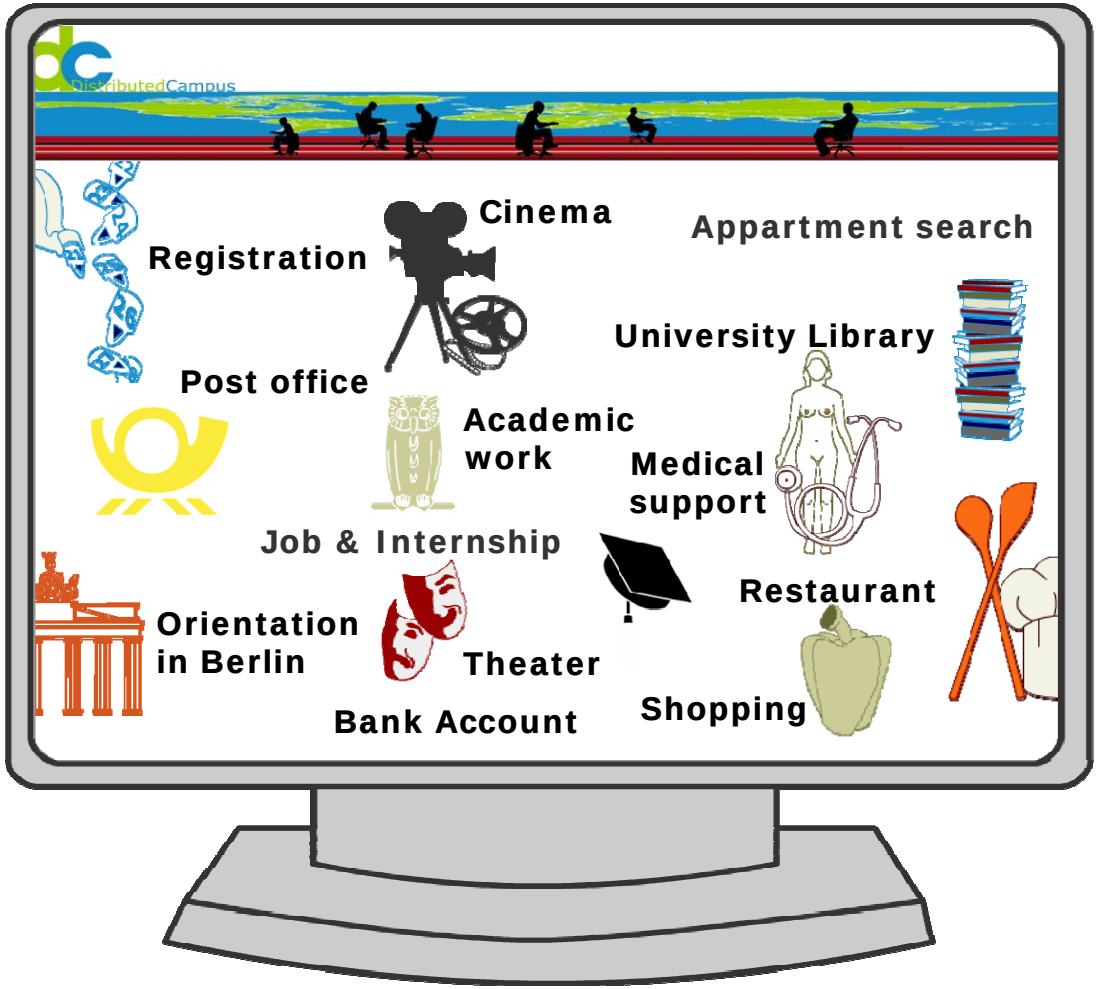
- Berlin Consortium for German Studies, BCGS
- Duke in Berlin Program, Duke Summer School
- FU-BEST Program
- Fulbright Commission
- Stanford University in Berlin

Cultural extension, supported by German Academic Exchange Service:

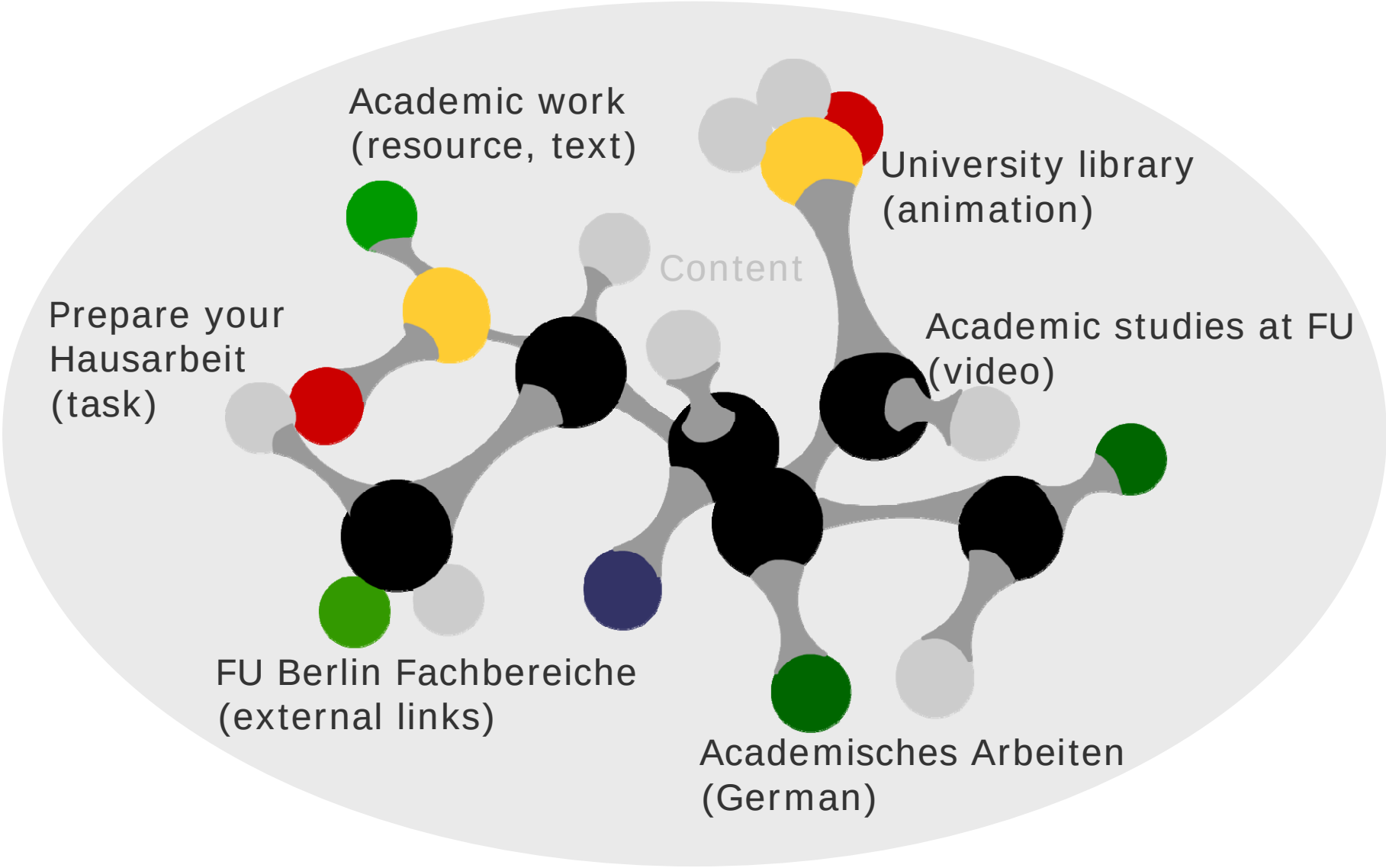
- Eastern Europe: MGIMO Student Exchange, Journalists International, European Journalists-Fellowships
- Southeastern Asia: Joint VPH Programme (Veterinary Medicine)
- FU Berlin International Office: international exchange students (Canada, Australia, Israel, China, Taiwan, Peru, Netherlands, France, Poland, Italy, Switzerland, Scandinavia, Japan, Korea

Support for international students

Intercultural knowledge transfer



Intercultural & academic content modules



Role model

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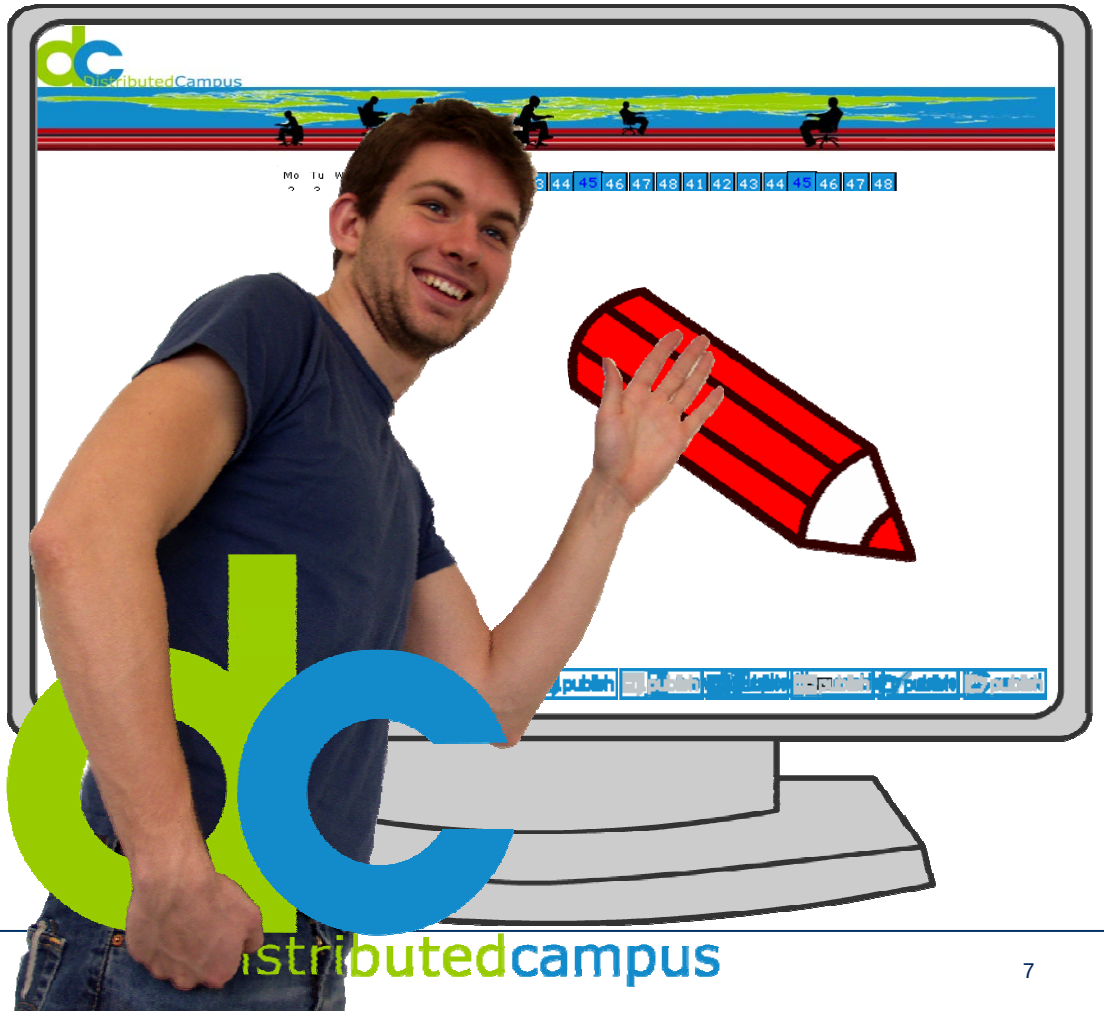
Administrator
- Administration

Main Editor
- Content pool
- German
- Global tasks

Organizations

Editor
- Task
- Timeline
- German
- Content pool

Student
- User



Student

Tasks
create → create / adopt

Content
create → publish

German
create → publish

Partner

Timeline
create

Distributed Campus in use I

Support for Students

- Better pre-departure and on-site support for international students Online distribution of up-to-date, authentic and attractive materials
- Greater intercultural cooperation within the university
- Stronger trans-cultural cooperation between the university and its international partners

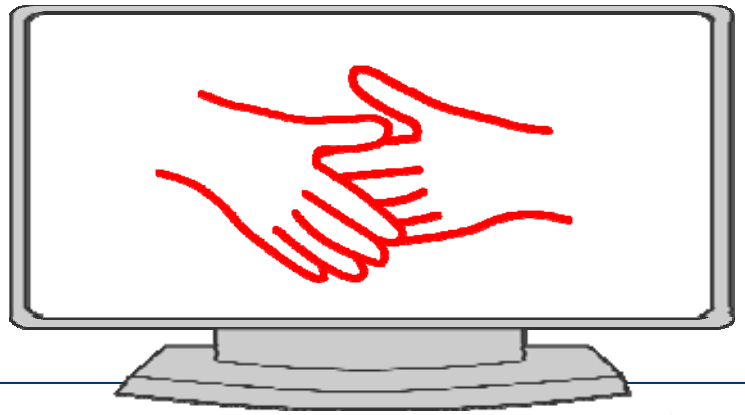
Improve student satisfaction →

Distributed Campus in use II

Support for organizers

- Decentralized editing of online materials increases flexibility (time / place)
- All users access one central platform
- Tight networks between institutions within the university
- Tight networks between all international student support institutions and partners

Greater institutions‘ satisfaction



Distributed Campus evaluation

Student inputs

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

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Demo-version and contact:
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Thank you for your attention!

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