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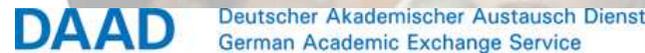


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Sino-German Workshop

***Reflecting on and Discussing
 Didactics – Learning and Teaching at
 the University***

***A Stimulus for Comparing Teaching
 Cultures***



Contents and Goals of the Workshop



This workshop addresses teachers of universities in China who are interested in a reflection on and discussion about teaching and learning. The workshop aims to provide and promote an understanding of the German or rather, the European view of professional didactics of teaching at the university. It does not claim to be a “magic formula” for the right didactic methods – which is impossible. But it is a chance to rethink common ways of learning and teaching and to find out what your own individual way for effective didactics could and should be.

The German and the Chinese Higher Education systems originate from different traditions. In this seminar we want to explore the differences between the understandings of learning in these two cultures. The reflection and discussion aims to be part of the process to make studying easier and more effective.



There is currently a serious conflict concerning learning and its consequences for didactics. It is a conflict between the (old) traditional views of teaching and the new knowledge gained by neurophysiology, psychology and educational sciences. The ongoing intensive debate in the scientific discourses of higher education is about a process of change from input didactics to output didactics and about trying to find ways to reach an optimized transfer. Yet there isn't just one right way.

It is our aim and interest to discuss our different understandings of effective learning so that we can learn from each other and gain a better access to prevailing views.



Learning and Living

The workshop will be divided into two parts. The first part of the workshop will bring you far away from your day-to-day business to a beautiful landscape in the northern part of Germany close to the North Sea and Denmark.



Starting with a cross-cultural training on German culture, you will get a glance on German teaching and learning methods. On the occasion of excursions to other German universities, you will have the chance to meet German professors and teachers and to have a professional exchange. Furthermore, you will be provided with further information on learning and living conditions in Germany.

The second part of the workshop will take place at East China University of Science and Technology in Shanghai, China. The results and lessons learnt from the German workshop will be reflected. Furthermore, possibilities of the transfer of the results to the teaching circumstances in China will be discussed.



Time and Place

5th – 16th of October 2009
Nordsee Akademie, Leck, Germany

9th – 13th of November
East China University of Science and Technology, Shanghai, China