

# VIRTUAL TEAMS IN AN INTERCULTURAL CONTEXT

Students from two different countries will work together in multicultural virtual teams and thereby experience how to overcome cultural differences and challenges of virtual cooperation simultaneously. They will communicate, brainstorm, solve problems, change perspectives, and present in video conference format. Thereby, they will acquire skills that are becoming more and more important. Students will reflect upon intercultural challenges but also be able to distinguish between cultural and virtual communication barriers.

This seminar is less of a lecture on the cultural dimensions of Geert Hofstede, but rather focuses on experiential learning and on experiencing cultural differences. The joint reflexion within teams on the experienced challenges is a key to overcoming cultural barriers. In teams of two students from each country they will have a unique and valuable experience that will leave a lasting impression.

Participation is extracurricular. Participants will receive a pdf certificate upon completion.

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## REQUIREMENTS

- English (students should be able to communicate and present in English language without difficulties)
- Students must have a computer with speakers/headphone, microphone, and webcam
- Updated browser like Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer
- Students should be working from a room with none or little background noise
- Preferably, students should download Zoom software when prompted. However, it is also possible to run Zoom via web browser

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## SCHEDULE (T.B.C.)

One small preparatory task is sent out to individual students prior to the seminar.

8:00 GER // 12:30am IND	Login
8:15 GER // 12:45am IND	Introduction
9:15 GER // 13:45am IND	Team Task 1: Entrepreneurship across cultures
10:30 GER // 3:00pm IND	Team Presentations
11:30 GER // 4:00pm IND	Team Task 2: Virtual Problem Solving Skills
12:45 GER // 5:15pm IND	Team Task 3: Reflexion
13:30 GER // 6:00pm IND	Discussion: Intercultural Observations
14:30 GER // 7:00pm IND	End of Workshop