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Just Landed: An Introduction to Life and Academia in Germany

Objective

This online workshop helps you answer these questions:

- What are the main challenges and opportunities facing an international researcher coming to Germany?
- What are the main characteristics of academia in Germany?

Description

Moving to Germany for academic purposes can be an exciting yet daunting task (and your trainer did exactly that a few years ago). Crucially, this workshop focuses specifically on providing you with the skills and knowledge needed to have a smooth start into your new life. This workshop places particular emphasis on issues pertaining to intercultural understanding, practical administrative and logistical challenges, the formal regulations of German academia and the unspoken rules mediating its professional and social interactions.

On the first day, participants work together as a group with the trainer to explore some of the challenges that they will likely face.

On the second day, participants meet the trainer on a one-to-one basis to address the specific concerns they might have through a tailor-made approach. Dates for the second day will be assigned in the workshop on the first day.

Methodology

- Role-play and recreation of real-life situations
- Continuous focus on the link between theory and practice
- Extensive hands-on and practical exercises
- Use of intercultural surveys
- Individual and group feedback

Target group

Aimed at non-German participants who recently moved to Germany or are soon to do so.

The workshop is **not** intended for German participants or for those who have already been living in Germany for more than a year.

Organizational Information

Language / Format	English / Online
Target group	Doctoral Candidates at all stages and Postdocs (R2/R 3) from all faculties, who are planning to go abroad or who came from abroad to Goethe University for a research stay
Date	Group workshop: Wednesday, 17 April 2024, 9:00 – 18:00 Individual Coaching Session: Thursday, 18 April 2024, 9:00 – 16:00
Registration	For registration click here