



**GO Abroad Fair 2021,
February 3-4**

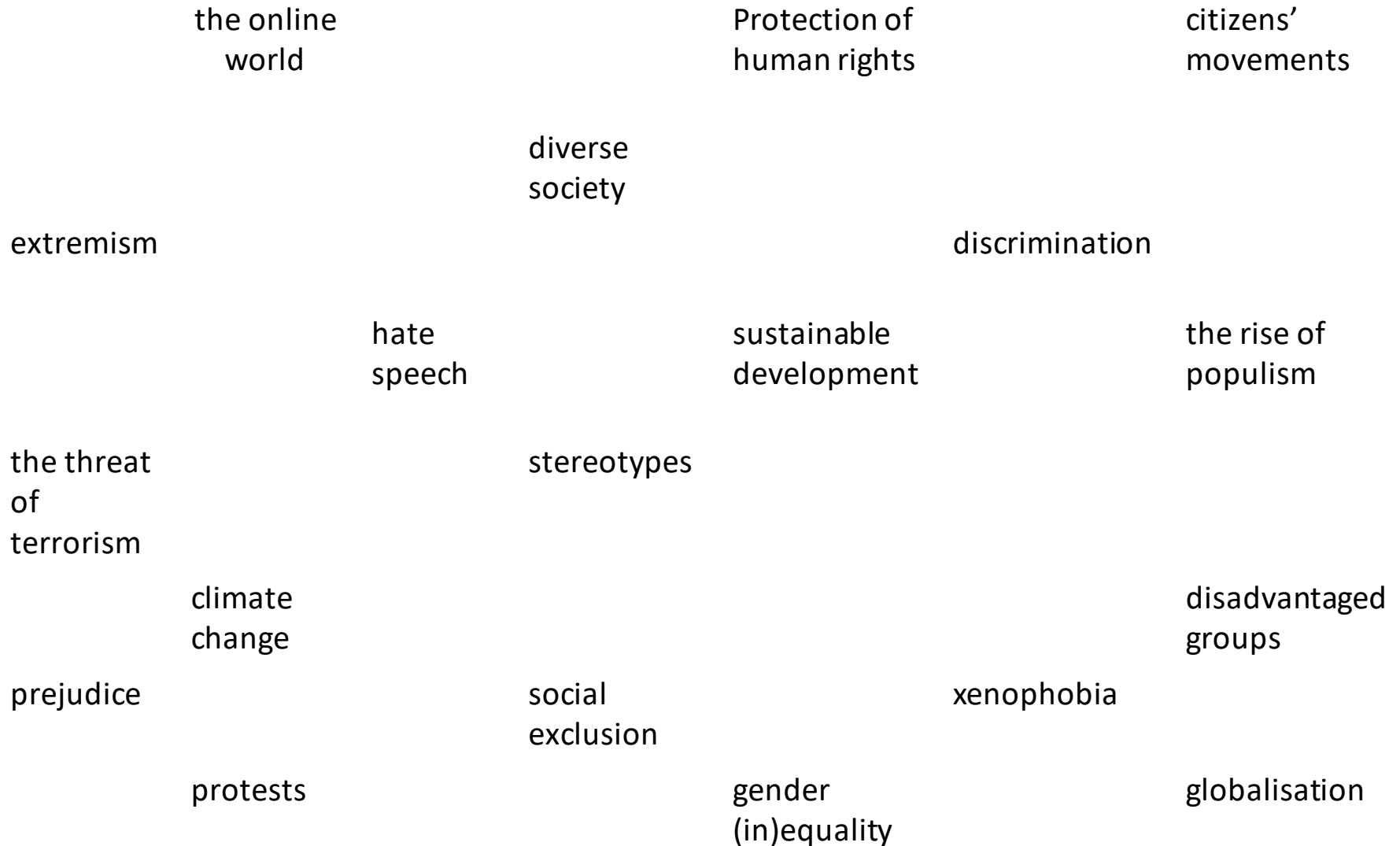
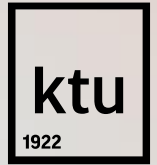
Discover Intercultural Learning



Rūta Jankauskienė, Saulė Zadlauskienė
Exchange programme coordinators
Academic Mobility Office

Why do we need Intercultural Learning?

World realities that we face...



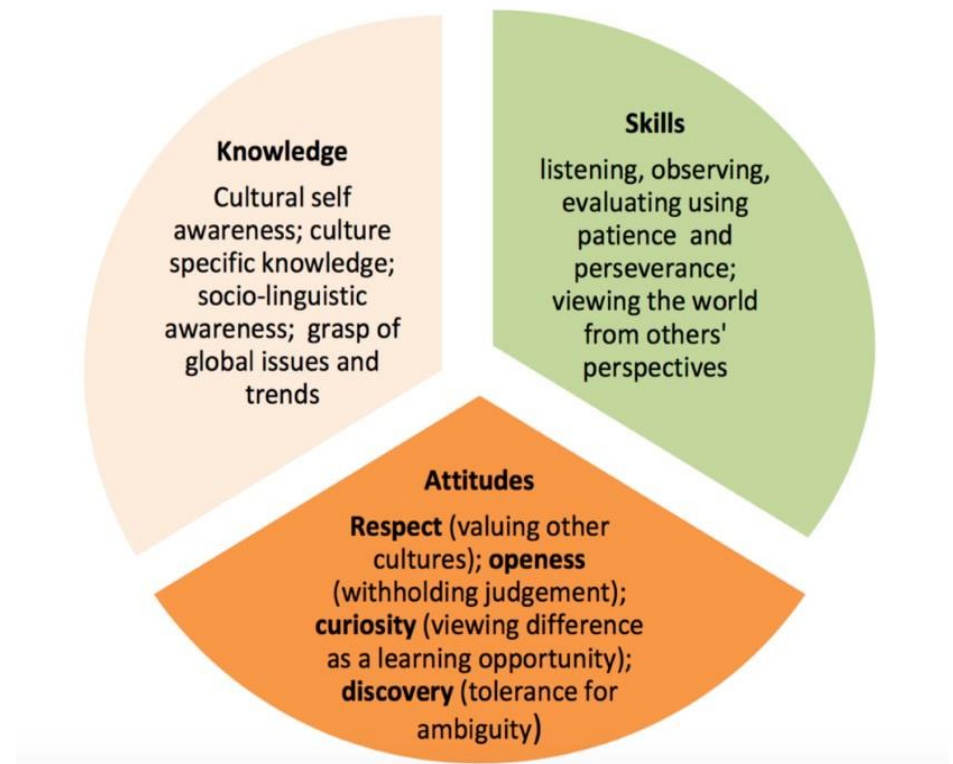


Intercultural Learning Course for Exchange Programme Participants

Aim

To develop intercultural competence necessary for effective communication and cooperation during academic exchange and when acting in multicultural groups.

Constituent elements of intercultural competence
(Adapted from Deardorff, 2006)



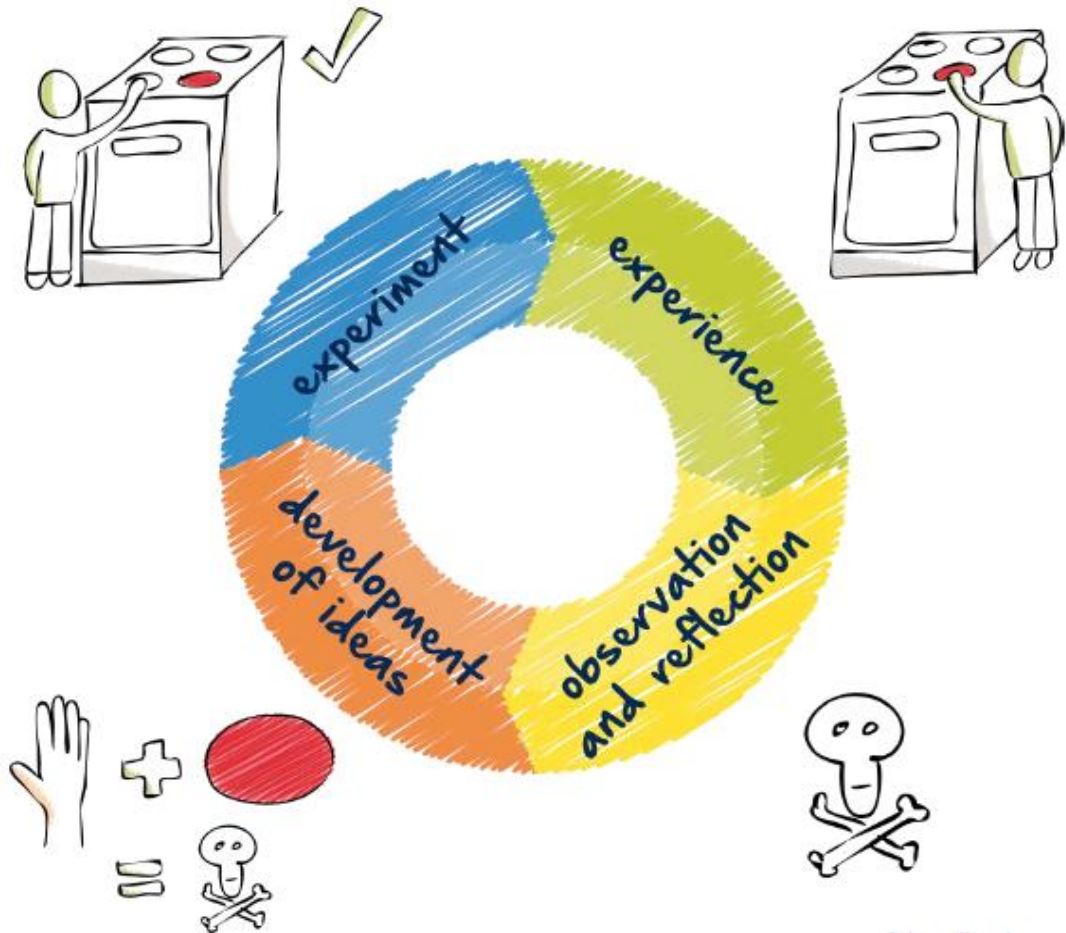
- 🌐 to facilitate your adaptation to the host country during exchange;
- 🌐 to support your reintegration into home country after exchange;
- 🌐 to develop your reflection skills and understanding of intercultural experience gained abroad.

During the course* intercultural competence is developed in multicultural environment through **experiential learning**.

**This course was prepared under ERASMUS+ project “Connect 2.0 – Intercultural Learning Network 4 Europe” material (<http://weconnecteurope.eu/>).*

Intercultural Learning Requires Reflection

Intercultural experience adds to intercultural competence only when learners are able to make sense of their experience through reflection.



- I. Preparation (Pre-departure. Face-to-Face Training):** introduction to academic exchange, first intercultural learning session in a mixed group of outgoing exchange students and trainees.
- II. Support (online activities):** during your stay abroad, online lectures on intercultural topics in combination with exercises that allow for interaction and self-assessment.
- III. Online stories:** reporting on your experiences gained abroad and exchanging practical information.
- IV. Reflection (Re-entry. Face-to-Face Training):** evaluation of and reflection on your intercultural experiences, integration of acquired intercultural skills into your CV, internet profile, job interviews.

Cultural Self-Awareness & Perception: definition of culture; expectations towards your stay abroad; models to describe cultures; identity / SWOT analysis.

Intercultural Acting: cross-cultural communication; meta-communication.

Culture-Specific Features: stereotypes and expectations; how to gather information on the region of your exchange.

Learning to Share Knowledge: narrative and media in intercultural context; online learning platform; reporting about host city, institution and your intercultural challenges.

What do we do?

Discussions & group work...





Practical exercises & games...



Designing & creating...

Watching videos & writing stories...





Presenting & public speaking...

SOUTHERN EU (IT, PT)

INSIDER GUIDE

Accommodation

- * NO DORM AVBL (Bologna)
- * NEED TO BOOK
- * COST IS HIGH [€250-€500] (shared)
- * HARD TO FIND
- * LESS AVBL ON DORM (Porto)
- * NEED TO BOOK
- * COST IS DEPEND [€160-€400]
- * QUITE RACY ON FORUMS (ESN, FB)
- * LOT OF SCAM (DON'T TRUST SERVICES)

Culture

- * MORE PIZZA & PASTA,
- * CHEESE & WINE
- * MORE FASIONATE
- * ROMANTIC PEOPLE
- * MORE PARTY
- * Religious
- * OLDEST CULTURE
- * GOOD RE with other
- * MOST of the Travellers are from PT (Ancient)
- * DIE FOR WINE
- * SEA FOOD
- * Music, Party, Hot, IEM

University

- * STUDY No idea but so many stereotypes are there
- * QUICK REPLY from Coordinator
- * Academic issues are solved by Co-ordinator
- * Need consultations before choosing subjects.
- * LESS subjects Avbl in English

Transport

- * Four lane of travel ticket
- * Ctg is on "A" line
- * Max Book on that region
- * Tramp, Bus, Train one available
- * Kanas to Porto is Detachable than Lisbon for Vilnius.

City

- * Look Full RED
- * Looks Colourful
- * Located on seaside
- * Such a Big city
- * Oldest city
- * Second largest in country.

NO DORM AVBL (Bologna)

Good information

Days Two times per week

Effective!!!

AMERICAN

More Systematic

When did you get the knowledge of former students? You can avoid that. Contact former student or accommodation!

comparing

hand request information regarding Porto. You have to compare to Vilnius.

Online Training Topics

- Coping with Uncertain Situations,
- Experiencing a Stay Abroad as Enrichment,
- Sharing Experiences,
- Coming Home / Thinking Back and Moving Forward.

Re-entry Topics

Reflection: reflecting upon your experience, settling back, reverse cultural shock, strategies of dealing with cultural shock.

Presenting Key Competencies: key skills and international competencies, gained during your stay abroad to include into your CV and present during job interviews.

Benefits for YOU?



- Acquiring **soft skills**;
- **Challenging assumptions** about your own and other / host cultures.
- **Broadening perspectives** on cultural stereotypes and prejudice;
- **Understanding** culture shock and reverse culture shock;
- **Acquiring** narrative competence;
- **Raising awareness** of international and intercultural competence and **ability** to present it effectively for **your career** (CV& Job Interview)
- **Credit recognition** (3 extra credits for free)
- **Certificate** of Participation and Completion

What did students say?

... Very much interactive and exciting to share my views and ideas. Felt Encouraging to bring out my ideas and skills!

I really enjoyed the discussion on topics like 'cultural shocks' and how to handle the situations and really enjoyed the exercises during Pre-departure training.

I did like that the module had a lot of activities and interactions with the theory. Many of the activities helped to reflect the exchange period which is extremely useful for self-development and future plans. I am glad that I will be able to adapt some tasks for my career, for instance the CV improvement...

I learned a lot and developed my personal skills which includes my resilience and even cooking skills 😊

I did like sharing interesting things I found during my exchange...

AWSOME COURSE!

really appreciated some of the given material (especially self-competences) and listening other participants sharing their experiences.

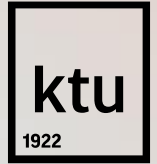
I liked the way you carried the programme, it was so friendly and informative!

My inert skills and talents were exposed through this programme and the fear of expressing my ideas was removed

I am improved to make a better CV for my career like what to include on our curriculum and how to include. From the competence sheet I can improve *myself* on knowledge about culture, history and politics.

The method you are following so productive and perfect, I think it is more than enough for students who go for exchange.

Intercultural Learning Course*



- Only for Exchange Programme Participants
- Only one group per semester (spring/autumn)
- Only in English
- Only mixed groups from different faculties/different study cycles
- **Not evaluated by the mark** („completed " (IT) or „not completed " (NT))

*Module codes: DS00B107 (for Bachelor students) / DS00M109 (for Master students)



Interested?

Contact: Rūta Jankauskienė/Saulė Zadlauskienė at erasmus@ktu.lt