Developing societies in a sustainable way?

Encountering Tanzanian-German perspectives on societal participation as a global phenomenon and part of higher education (service learning)





Description:

Service learning is a didactical approach to higher education that has been established at various universities worldwide and that combines research-based learning with the development of the civil society that surrounds and contextualizes the university's site. It is characterised by the interplay and seminal encounter of academic research and learning with community and life-world challenges, problems and development perspectives.

The seminar will, firstly, develop and critically reflect on the basics of service learning and provide some insights into the practice of service learning. Then, issues of community building and problem-based learning settings will be explored. Finally, the encounter and dialogue of perspectives between teachers and students from UDE and St. Augustine University in Mwanza/Tanzania will be put in the foreground and will be jointly processed.

The seminar is designed as a transdisciplinary approach in the field of social sciences. Participation in the seminar includes the opportunity to attend the 5-day Autumn School at the beginning of October 2025 (credited with 3 CP). The Tanzanian students of the seminar will then be guests at the UDE. The seminar will be taught in English and German. It is an excellent opportunity to gain experience and insights in an international scientific context and mutual exploration on the topic.

The seminar is part of the DAAD-funded Serve SDG project and can be credited to the UDE sustainability certificate.

Contents of the seminar at a glance:

- Scientific analysis in a transcultural framework within the context of societal conditions
- Comparison of the basics of service learning and experience-orientated teaching/learning settings
- Approaches to service learning in Germany / Tanzania
- Examples and development of ideas for joint service learning projects during the autumn workshops

Requirements:

- Regular participation
- Project planning and a written conceptualization of a service learning project for being implemented as part of the autumn school

Dates and times:

1. Thu, 22.05.2025	14:00 - 18:00
2. Fri, 13.06.2025	12:00 - 18:00
3. Sat, 14.06.2025	09:00 - 12:00
4. Mon, 30.06.2025	10:00 - 18:00
5. Sat, 11.07.2025	12:00 - 18:00
6 Sun 12 07 2025	12:00 - 18:00

Register for the seminar now:





