

Dialog on Water (DiWa) Integrated River Basin Management in Iran and Germany



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Invitation to take part in the Dialog on Water - Integrated River Basin Management in Iran and Germany (DiWa)

Dear students in Iran and Germany,

We are delighted to inform you that our current cooperation program entitled; “*Dialog on Water - Integrated River Basin Management in Iran and Germany (DiWa)*” has been extended until the end of 2022 by DAAD under the program “*Higher Education Dialogue with the Muslim World*”. Having passed the first year of cultural exchange in addition to webinars and online activities due to the Corona pandemic, we hope to organize face-to-face activities in the forthcoming years.

Let us to give you more information for those who hear about DiWa for the first time. In general, DiWa is a dialogue between students together and with professors from both sides to exchange their knowledge and experiences alongside the cultural contributions in different forms that will be suggested by you.

In DiWa project, we are going to orientate the dialogue in River Basin Management (RBM) to get the students familiar with the accomplishments of Iran and Germany besides the cultural activities that supposed to be reflected in it. The idea of higher education dialogue has been developed based on an interactive e-learning course to promote the modernization of teaching and foster the existing cooperation program. In fact, this is an opportunity to keep dynamically in touch together via an online platform and develop the DiWa e-learning course on RBM together. The current situation of the Coronavirus outbreak has unfortunately affected all face-to-face activities. From the early stage of project planning, it was supposed to have face-to-face meetings in form of student excursion in Iran and a summer academy in Germany in addition to the student exchange from SANRU to Ostfalia for the winter semester 2021. These ideas did not come true; therefore, we will focus at the beginning more on the e-learning course and conduct all project activities in the “Moodle” Learning Management System (LMS) hosted by Ostfalia University.

In light of the existing program, the DiWa e-learning course in 2020 was developed with 16 students from both sides. In the first year 2 chapters and 6 webinars were organized and

evaluated by students to be improved for the second phase in 2021-2022. Considering the concept of the DiWa project, in terms of dialogue, the DiWa e-learning course is going to be completed through the collaborative effort from students and course organizers.

To continue the existing dialogue you are cordially invited to join us to keep on the activities in 2021 and 2022. In addition, a meeting is planned on **Wednesday, March 03rd at 18:30 (local time in Iran)**, if you are interested to participate in introduction meeting, please send us an email (To a.sadeghi@ostfalia.de), (Subject: "Confirmation of Participation in DiWa Meeting") including your first name, last name and your level and field of study. For example, B.Sc. or M.Sc. or Ph.D. of X. One week prior to the meeting, you will be provided with the link! This is only for enrolled students at SANRU and Ostfalia University. It is not an open course for all interested persons.

An Introduction webinar from 2020 was recorded and now is available on Lecture2Go through the following link. Please take your time to watch it and inform yourself about the DiWa project.

Introduction Webinar 2020 (Video Pass: **diwa):**

<https://lecture2go.ostfalia.de/l2go//get/v/BsD3VgW3J93hBMMzJ4EfzQxx>

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Fatemeh

The DiWa project, in addition to the technical aspects, can provide meeting other students, to get familiar to education system and research in Germany in the same field of study, which in my opinion can give me a good chance for future.



Hossein

DiWa project is giving the chance to me to create a cultural network with students at Ostfalia to know more about students' lifestyle in Germany. Also, having more contact and communication with students to introduce my country and culture is really interesting for me!



Azam

I found DiWa an interactive way of communicating with students that River Basin Management (RBM) is bridging us! I am curious about being teamed up with students at Ostfalia to have an ambassadors network of Iranian-German students in order to expand the current dialogue and make it sustainable for future students at SANRU and Ostfalia.



Saber

I am eager to contribute to the DiWa project with German students at Ostfalia to communicate with them and learn more. The common collaboration and social activities in DiWa project is very interesting that we cooperate together in order to discuss about different subjects. Also, will be so helpful to promote my English Knowledge.