EBERHARD KARLS UNIVERSITÄT TÜBINGEN

Division V
International Office

Tübingen - Virtual Intercultural Program

October 7 – December 13, 2024

Course title	Germany - NOW!
Course content	The course Germany - NOW! takes you on a tour of Germany: people, places, politics, popular culture. What is the German nation debating? You will discover that some debates are shared in your home countries whereas others seem to get more attention in Germany. Using different media we will explore (in self-study, group discussions and the plenary forum) the historical, geopolitical, and cultural reasons for this. Some key words: Post-Merkel Germany, the new extreme right, a global player, regional vs. federal, the green city Tübingen (its current elections for mayor). Key is a willingness to contribute to the globally-dispersed debate so that from our different cultural perspectives we learn not only about Germany. So, please also feel free to state your interests. I will try to accomodate all topics. There will be readings, images, and clips to analyze. The course language is English, but you will learn German words like “Ostalgie” (the nostalgia for socialist Eastern Germany), Öko-Diktatur (dictatorship of the ecologically minded), and others.
Learning objectives	By the end of the course you will • have a broad knowledge of ongoing debates in Germany. • be acquainted with some German public personae and have taken virtual tours of Germany, not least, a tour of Tübingen. • know more about the German public sphere and how it is shaped.
Method of instruction	- Distance learning. - 3 academic hours/week (1 h = 45 minutes). - Courses will be taught via ZOOM (90 min) and Moodle (45 min)
Academic hours	3 hours/week on Zoom
Course requirements	Course requirement is a good command of English (B1 and higher) enabling you not only to listen to but also to actively participate in discussions, to do the required reading and take part in group activities.
Credits & Grading	4 ECTS
Course language	English
Number of places	Max 25-30
Course instructor	Dr. Karen Diehl
Schedule	Course takes place Mondays at 5.00pm (German Time) First lesson on Monday, October 7 5.00pm (German Time)