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Peace Boat - A long journey

Peace Boat's first voyage was organized in 1983 by a group of Japanese university students as a creative response to government censorship regarding Japan's past military aggression in the Asia-Pacific. They chartered a ship to visit neighbouring countries with the aim of learning first-hand about the war from those who experienced it and initiating understanding and reconciliation through people-to-people exchange. Since then, Peace Boat has organized over 80 regional and global voyages for peace and understanding, taken over 25,000 participants onboard, and visited over 100 ports of call.
www.peaceboat.org/english



Peace Boat
Study Trip

Global Learning
on the open sea

A project of the Berghof Foundation and
the Institute of Political Science

Peace Boat Study Trip

Experience peace and conflict

Every two years since 2005, students from Germany board the cruise ship of the Japanese NGO Peace Boat. They travel to various conflict regions and engage in constructive dialogue with both local peace activists and experts as well as the international participants. The students actively take part in a wide range of intercultural encounters and peace education programmes. Apart from gaining a glimpse into the inner workings of peace activism from around the globe, students also benefit immensely from this chance to reflect upon their own role and responsibilities when it comes to social peace processes.

Elements of the programme

- ≡ Preparatory seminars on civil war and dealing with the past including the development of a presentation on how Germany deals with its past
- ≡ Fundraising and trip organisation
- ≡ 10-days excursion on the Mediterranean Sea
- ≡ Documentation of the trip in blogs and social media
- ≡ Reflection of experiences in learning diaries

Participants

Master students of peace studies and international politics and related subjects



Peace Education & Global Learning

Learn about the world and yourself

Peace Education seeks to develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values of people to prevent violence, to resolve conflict peacefully, and to create the conditions conducive to peace on all levels of society. It is closely related to the concept of Global Learning which aims at developing the skills of people to act as global citizens and to strive for a world in which human relations are characterized by justice, empathy and the acceptance of differences. This includes an awareness of the interconnectedness of the global world and one's own personal responsibility in it. Peace Education and Global Learning require a readiness to question one's own assumptions in the direct encounter with „the other“.

Learning aims and approaches

- ≡ Intercultural understanding
- ≡ Change of perspectives
- ≡ Open mindedness
- ≡ Self reflection on one's own role in a conflict
- ≡ Empathy
- ≡ Dialogue
- ≡ Creativity
- ≡ Bridging the theory-practise gap
- ≡ Integrating heart, hand and mind
- ≡ Emotional, affective learning
- ≡ Peer education
- ≡ Confrontation with reality outside university

Programme in ports and on board

Experience the living conditions of local people

- ≡ Stay overnight in a Palestinian refugee camp, Jordan

Visit sites of memorial and remembrance

- ≡ Visit the war museum in Dubrovnik, Croatia

Get a glimpse of the work of NGOs

- ≡ Meet refugee organisations in Malta

Meet committed and charismatic peacebuilders

- ≡ Discuss with lay mediators of Sant Egidio, Italy

Listen to testimonies of war victims

- ≡ Meet survivors of the atomic bomb blast in Hiroshima

Give others insights into your study subject and country

- ≡ Present and discuss how Germany deals with its past

Be part of a global peace community on board

- ≡ Interact with Japanese and international participants

Attend workshops with experts on board

- ≡ Learn about International Justice and Human Rights

Experience with all senses

- ≡ Try Japanese sea food or practise Tai Chi on deck

