



## Our Answer to Corona: Think Globally!

### Our first tridem meeting

We introduced ourselves and gave a bit of information to our backgrounds, interest in studies and locations. We discovered that two of us are from South Africa and two are from Germany. We discussed the course expectations and arranged for our next two meetings in preparation for the debate. We realized that the topic of Gender Inequality is also the topic of Gender Equality.

### At our second tridem meeting

We talked a lot about the presentation. Starting a Padlet as the platform for brainstorming. It was a very productive meeting, and we had great ideas. The range of themes and subcategories within Gender is highly expansive and often have intersectional narratives. Interceding religion, culture, knowledge epistemology, cuisine, education, employment and rights. We spoke about German Pragmatism vs South African Ubuntu.

### Our third tridem meeting

This session began with a follow up on our debate presentation and we watched a video on the gender and sexuality spectrum. We discussed a strategy for simplifying the topics for the debate and narrowed it down to gender wage gap. We also spoke about experiences of cat-calling culture. Then our German tridem partners, always on top of things, reminded me of our next group session debate, regarding the Charlie Hebdo cartoons of Mohammed (saw), which of course I was clueless about and shocked to hear what was happening in Europe regarding Islam and reflected on the geopolitical difference between Global North and Global South. Never have I personally been harassed for being Muslim within South Africa and perhaps I should prepare myself for when I travel that side. This was quite depressing, but also we focused on respect of other national cultures as well as wisdom of religious practices and ideologies. - **Latif Imaan from South Africa**



*"Our first meeting went very well. Alisa and Katharina are friendly and easy to talk to, and we found some similar interests while getting to know each other. I also think that there was a good balance between working and having fun. We made sure to listen to each other's ideas and to give each person a chance to talk. This allowed us to easily choose a topic that aligned with all our interests. I believe my team will be very successful moving forward, as we are passionate and interested in our topic. I am excited for our presentation and am happy to be working with them.*

*Our second tridem meeting was productive, as we defined our topic more clearly and outlined the presentation. We shared our research from last week and were surprised by how awful the plastic pollution problem really is. Visuals will be important in our presentation to effectively convey this message.*

*I also learned a little more about German culture. For example, I found out that the popcorn in Germany is typically sweet, whereas in the US, it is usually salty and buttery. There is also an American section in German grocery stores where you can get buttered popcorn. Even though I could not study in Germany this semester, I still enjoy having these exchanges. Maybe one day I'll get to experience it myself!"*

**- Abby from the US**