

## Sharing Worldviews:

### Learning in Encounter for common Values in Diversity

#### International study days on transnational encounter learning of worldviews

Heidelberg, May 18, 2022 - **On May 16 and 17, the Heidelberg University of Education (PH) invited students from Greece, Austria, Turkey and Germany to two digital encounter days as part of the PH-led EU project "Sharing Worldviews: Learning in Encounter for Common Values in Diversity". The event was aimed at international multipliers in the field of education as well as student teachers in the fields of religion, ethics and philosophy.**

"Our goal is to bring different worldviews into conversation with each other transnationally, across religions and worldviews, as well as across subjects. We want to get students with different views to meet each other respectfully and with interest," explains project coordinator Prof. Dr. Katja Boehme about the goal of the Erasmus+ funded project "Sharing Worldviews: Learning in Encounter for Common Values in Diversity". Democracy thrives on debate and thus on the exchange of people with different worldviews in mutual appreciation and respect, she continues. In a pluralistic society, citizens must be equipped with the ability to conduct a fair dialogue with mutual respect, even with sometimes very different world views. The ideal place to teach these communication skills is at school, which is why the project "Sharing Worldviews: Learning in Encounter for Common Values in Diversity" aims at teacher training.

The study days on May 16 and 17 were a first milestone in the project. Over 100 interested multipliers and more than 170 students from different countries participated. In parallel online meetings on both days between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m., multipliers and students were able to exchange ideas with each other on the topics "Who is the human?" and "Vision of a better world."

Interested teachers are cordially invited to participate in a study day themselves with their students coming autumn. Lecturers at universities can come together as part of the project to hold a study day in the winter semester of 2022/23 or the summer semester of 2023 and give their students the opportunity to get the certificate. Interested parties can contact Ute Rössle at Heidelberg University of Education ([roessle@ph-heidelberg.de](mailto:roessle@ph-heidelberg.de) / +49-6221 477-226).

#### The project

"Sharing Worldviews: Learning in Encounter for Common Values in Diversity" is an Erasmus+ funded project. Under the leadership of the Heidelberg University of Education, it started in November 2021 and will run until February 2024. The goal is to qualify future teachers for the plural school of the future. Among other things, the multilingual digital teaching, learning, interaction, and collaboration platform WEL:digital is being implemented for this purpose and will go online in September. Didactic material developed as part of the project will be made accessible there. In addition, an internationally recognised additional qualification (WEL:cred) for teachers will be initiated.

## Project partners

Besides the coordinating institution Heidelberg University of Education, the Hochschule für Jüdische Studien (University of Jewish Studies), also located in Heidelberg, is involved, as well as the Pädagogische Hochschule Karlsruhe (University of Education Karlsruhe), the Kirchliche Pädagogische Hochschule Wien/Krems (University of Education Vienna/Krems) in Austria, the Turkish universities Eskişehir Osmangazi and Ankara, and the Aristoteles University in Thessaloniki, Greece. Associated partners are the Freiburg University of Education, the Heidelberg School of Education, the Gymnasium Bammental as well as the HAK/HAS/AUL Sacré Coeur in Austria, the Platon Schools in Greece, Eskişehir Eti Sosyal Bilimler Lisesi in Turkey and the University of New Brunswick in Canada.

For more information on the project, visit <https://www.ph-heidelberg.de/sharing-worldviews/>.

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