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Ukrainian-Bavarian Conference on Double Degree Programs

May 4th and 5th, 2023, in Regensburg, Germany
and online via Zoom (hybrid format)

Concept

Ukrainian-Bavarian academic cooperation has been heavily affected by the Russian attack on Ukraine. Since February 24 of 2022 numerous Ukrainian universities have been damaged or even destroyed, staff and students were forced to flee to other regions of Ukraine or to other countries.

Apart from offering support and advice for refugee students and academics from Ukraine, it is highly important to continue and further develop cooperation in teaching and research with Ukrainian universities in times of war.

Joint and double degree programs of Ukrainian and German universities are seen as a promising model for future cooperation, also in times of war. They give Ukrainians the possibility to study at Ukrainian universities and to do a part of their studies at the German partner university. In the end, they receive both a Ukrainian and a German degree or one joint degree. The courses at the German university may also be delivered online when physical mobility is impossible.

Joint and double degree programs offer Ukrainian students an international learning experience. In addition, they facilitate international cooperation of university teachers and contribute to the internationalization of syllabi.

At present, few Ukrainian-German joint or double degree programs already exist. According to an online survey in autumn of 2022, a considerable number of Bavarian universities are interested in establishing new joint study programs with a Ukrainian partner university.

At the conference, good practice examples of existing programs will be presented. Academics from Ukrainian and Bavarian universities interested in setting up new programs will have the opportunity to be advised by experienced experts. Those who do not yet have partner institutions in Ukraine or Bavaria can use the conference for networking and matchmaking.

The conference program includes information on funding opportunities for international joint and double degree programs as well as information on legal and administrative procedures to be taken into account in Ukraine and Germany.

In addition, we want to have a look at research findings on international double degree programs and the use of digital instruments in international higher education.

The Organizers

BAYHOST (Bavarian Academic Center for Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe)

The Bavarian Academic Center for Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe (BAYHOST) promotes academic exchange between Bavaria and countries in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe. BAYHOST supports Bavarian universities and universities of applied science through its specific competencies; by supporting their collaboration with academic organizations in its partner countries and by establishing new partnerships.

The promotion of cooperation in research and teaching as well as the distribution of knowledge about the higher education system in Ukraine form a focus of BAYHOST's work.

The Coordination Office for Ukraine was established at BAYHOST in response to the Russian attack on Ukraine and the increased number of people fleeing the war to Germany. It aims to support and advise students and academics from Ukraine by compiling various funding and support offers, provides relevant information on the Bavarian higher education system and acts as a contact point offering personal consultations.

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IOS (Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies)

The Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS) researches the history and the economic and political development of Eastern and Southeast Europe with a focus on transnational and comparative issues. As a member of the Leibniz Association, IOS benefits from being part of a leading network of scientific institutions.

Along with its own research, the Institute also focuses in scientific infrastructure service, including the management and publication of journals and papers as well as a specialized library.

Central goals at IOS are the promotion of young scholars, especially through the supervision of doctoral and postdoctoral students, and the communication of regional knowledge both to academics and a public audience. Various events and cooperation agreements make the Institute an internationally visible place of professional exchange.

In response to the war in Ukraine, research on the area has been intensified, with a series of public events on Ukraine and seven refugee scientists being taken in, who now continue their work and joint research at IOS in Regensburg.

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