

Trilateral multidisciplinary academic exchange project
"Transformation and identities in European societies"

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At first I would like to say that I'm very glad to participate in this program and have an opportunity to study at the Bremen University. I'm grateful to the people who have thought this project up, who are implementing this project in. So, special thanks to Prof. Dr. Liebert, Prof. Dr. Zimmermann, Mrs. Lysiak, Mrs. Buemmerstede and all people who is concerning on and participating in the project.

As it is clear from above, I came here on the 14th of September. The semester has not started yet and that was unusual for me as in Russia we begin on the 1st of September. So, I decided to spend my time here in the most useful way at that moment and took a brief German course, which has lasted till the beginning of semester in the middle of October. This course took place in the University with an excellent performance provided by teacher of German language Wilma Winter.

What classes have I chosen? My specialization is management and economy. In St.Petersburg State University I got a bachelor degree in the year 2001 and at the present time I'm a second year

student of the “Master of International Business” program. Hence, here in Bremen I have taken classes of the same branch of science. At the moment I’m attending all classes, which are included in “Master of Business Studies” program, the program of economic faculty of Bremen University. This program is rather broad consisting of several classes among which are:

- ⇒ International Financial Management;
- ⇒ Business German;
- ⇒ International Project Management;
- ⇒ International Management;
- ⇒ Financial Crises, Bank Runs and Lender of Last Resort;
- ⇒ The Eurosystem: Centralization versus Decentralization;
- ⇒ Crisis Prevention by Reputation and Brand management;
- ⇒ Crisis Prevention by Intercultural Management;

with total 30 hours of classes per week. Besides this 30 hours classes I naturally have additional studies at home: working on presentations I will make, reports, readings, discussions etc. I have already made a presentation in “The Eurosystem: Centralization versus Decentralization” class and I’m going to make another one in “International Project Management”.

Besides those MBS classes I’m attending “Transformation and identities in European societies” conferences, which take place every Tuesday evening. At that place I can meet some of the most intelligent people and discuss interesting topics.

As I have understood this “Transformation and identities in European societies” project had been supposed to be valid up to the end of the calendar year only. And I’m glad to know that it has been prolonged and I have a chance to stay here longer. But actually the point is not only in fact of having a possibility to

stay here longer, but by means of this prolongation I have an occasion to take exams and therefore to end my classes in a very logic way. And this thing, I would say, is one of the crucial things. And from my point of view this program should always be at least 1 semester long as a student could end her or his classes and get results which could be also interesting, in parallel with reports like this, for people who are evaluating this “Transformation and identities in European societies” project.

So, that is a thing good to have. However these results could be valuable for me, for the program evaluation but not for my home university. I wish my results would mean something there. The problem is that being here causes some troubles for me there. When I will come there I will be supposed to pass, in a relatively short period of time, all exams, which I would have if I stayed at home. Frankly speaking, it is not that big problem for me as I’m sure in passing all exams, but for other students, which could be unattracted with the fact that they will loose a semester or have a really hard one. So, to my mind it would be a good idea to have some so-called “transfer credits” as ERASMUS program has, to avoid such kind of difficulties later on.

So, that was about what have been done and about my proposals as well. As for my plans for the rest of the time I think there won’t be big differences from things I have done. I will continue my studies, make some projects and presentations and take exams. Also, I have a plan, which is a bit far from studies – I’m eager to travel around Europe.

At the end I would like to say again that I’m happy to be here, to participate in Trilateral multidisciplinary academic exchange project “Transformation and identities in European societies” and have an opportunity to study at Bremen University.