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TUESDAY, MAY 6 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
HEL 066 IN GERMAN AND ENGLISH

Rather than borrowing and reading a book, you can borrow a student's time and listen to their stories of international experiences, diversity and hope.



Everyone is welcome!
Europe Week 2025



Welcome to the emerge Human Library

The emerge Human Library is a space of mutual respect, safety, and open dialogue. It's about breaking down stereotypes and prejudice—one story at a time.

There is no judging here. Human Books share their personal stories, lived experiences, and unique perspectives. Your role as a reader is to listen with an open mind and engage in respectful conversation. Conversations are meant to be dialogues—not monologues.

How it works:

This catalog lists all the Human Books available for you to listen to. All Books are available in parallel sessions, and you can register to listen to one Book per time slot.

Each session lasts 30 minutes:

5–10 minutes for the story

10 minutes for conversation and questions

10 minutes for a short break

Time Slots:

- Slot #1: 11:30
- Slot #2: 12:00
- Slot #3: 12:30
- Slot #4: 13:00

You can reserve your spot for each slot in advance using your Library Card.

The library Card registration starts on Tuesday, May 6th at 11:00 in HEL 066

Each session is limited to a small group, allowing for intimate and meaningful dialogue.

Get ready to "read" up to 4 Human Books—and experience stories that challenge, inspire, and connect.



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Skiing with new friends in Tyrol

Leif Schaus

Innsbruck, Austria

Innsbruck was a very good decision for me, I had such a great time and met a lot of new friends from Europe! I like skiing, so I did that a lot, but also because I found friends, who like to do it too. It is hard to be away from all the people I love in Germany, but Innsbruck is not that far, and the trains are not that expensive to go back to northern Germany some time. In total this semester was very expensive, because it felt like a long holiday trip. I have a new favourite City; I want to visit again and again. Although the language is German, I spoke a lot of English and learned a lot.



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One Semester between Mozart and Mountains

Bente Brandwijk

Salzburg, Austria

During my semester abroad in Salzburg I had an unforgettable time. I met amazing people from all over Europe, explored the beauty of Austria, and fell in love with the charm of Salzburg. It was a time full of discovery, connections, and unforgettable memories. I would definitely choose to do my semester abroad in Salzburg again.



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A Temporary Local

Maryna Karpovich

Chemnitz, Berlin Pozna, Zagreb -
Germany , Poland , Croatia

This is a story about the unexpected opportunities that came through the European Solidarity Corps – international volunteering focused on supporting local communities – and short-term mobility experiences within the Erasmus+ programme. It's a journey of living, learning, and growing across Poland, Croatia and Germany through non-formal education, cultural exchange and contributing to meaningful projects across Europe.



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Dancing Through Exchange Student Life – Small steps and big jumps

Katharina Berndt

Dublin & Seoul, Ireland (2021) South Korea (2024)

During my semesters in Dublin and Seoul, I quickly realized that getting to know the locals is one of the hardest, but also most rewarding things you can do when going abroad. Dancing, however, helped me a lot to connect, stay busy, experience different work ethics and group dynamics. Substitute that with any hobby and you found yourself a challenge that will require you to step out of your comfort zone, but will ultimately give you much more in return. I learned how to dance an Irish jig, joined my club for a musical theatre workshop in London, practiced for performances until 4 a.m. while trying to understand what in the world my Korean teammates were talking about, and danced on the same stage as some of the most popular K-Pop groups. I made amazing friends, experienced different academic settings, and learned a lot about myself through trial and error – I wouldn't trade it for anything.



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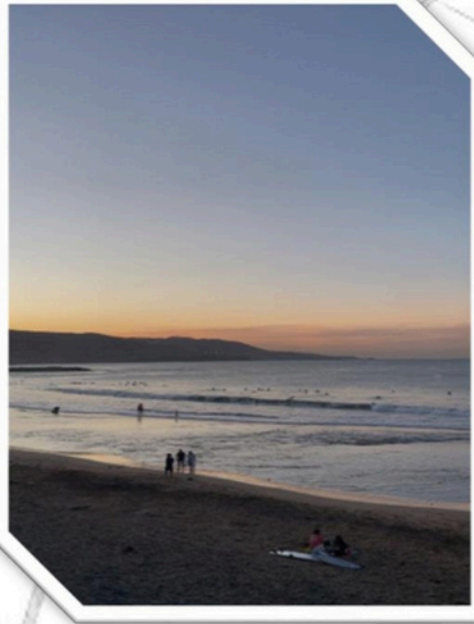


Out to Sea: The Edge of Europe

Khulsen Tulga

Lisbon, Portugal

In Portugal, you will discover why the first explorers wanted to set out to sea. With breathtaking views and an eventful history, you would want to discover the beyond that eventually reshaped Portugal. In the capital city – Lisbon, you can experience the melting pot of modernity and colonial antiquity all while enjoying the beautiful landscape and the layout of the city. The atmosphere of the experience will be warm, loud and very musical.



Mehr als nur ein Semester – Mein Leben in Las Palmas

Marja Hansen

Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spanien

Mein Auslandssemester in Las Palmas auf Gran Canaria war eine prägende Zeit voller neuer Erfahrungen. Ich wohnte direkt am Atlantik, nur wenige Minuten vom Strand entfernt. Die Nähe zum Meer beeinflusste meinen Alltag – besonders, weil ich dort surfen lernte. Die spanische Sprache stellte zunächst eine Herausforderung dar. Anfangs fiel es mir schwer, mich im Alltag zurechtzufinden. Besonders wichtig waren die Menschen, die ich dort kennengelernt habe. Mit anderen Studierenden entstanden schnell enge Freundschaften. Gemeinsam erkundeten wir die Insel und unterstützten uns im Studium und Alltag. Einige dieser Freundschaften bestehen bis heute. Während des Semesters habe ich nicht nur fachlich, sondern auch persönlich viel dazugelernt. Ich bin selbstständiger, offener und sicherer geworden. Insgesamt war das Semester in Las Palmas eine wertvolle Lebenserfahrung, die mich auf vielen Ebenen weitergebracht hat.



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Dreaming in Cedis, paying in Euros

Peter Opoku

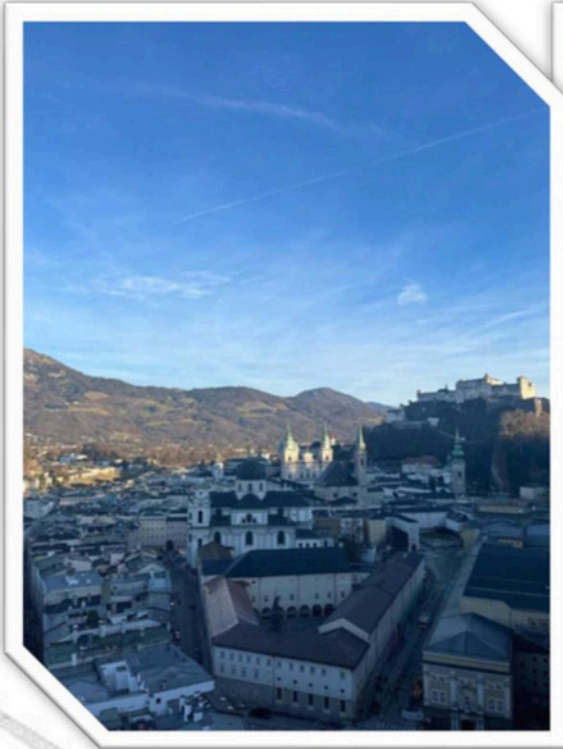
Kumasi (Ghana)- Flensburg (German)

What began as a dream fueled by favorable currency conversation quickly became a lesson in the true value of money abroad. Discover how my perspective dramatically shifted as the initial excitement collided with unexpected expenses.



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Across the East Wind: From Skylines and Shrines

Niclas Küchemann

Seoul, South Korea

“Across the East Wind: From Skylines and Shrines” takes you on a journey through my study abroad experience in Seoul, with travels across South Korea, China, and Japan. Filled with unforgettable memories, new friendships, and vibrant urban adventures, this story captures the personal experiences that defined my time abroad – moving from the neon-lit streets of bustling cities to quiet, candlelit moments in ancient shrines, while reflecting on the emotions that arise when navigating life in a foreign country.



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Not just partying – my ERASMUS experience at the ELTE University in Budapest

YANA Zoryna

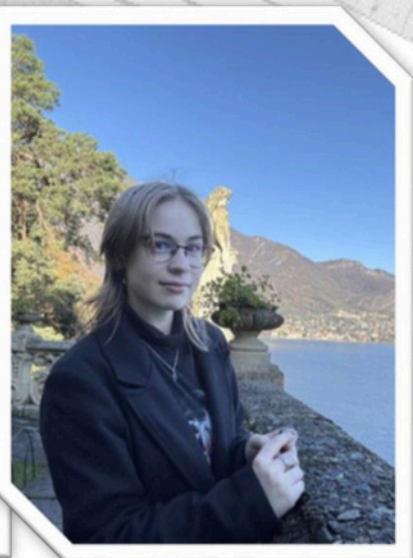
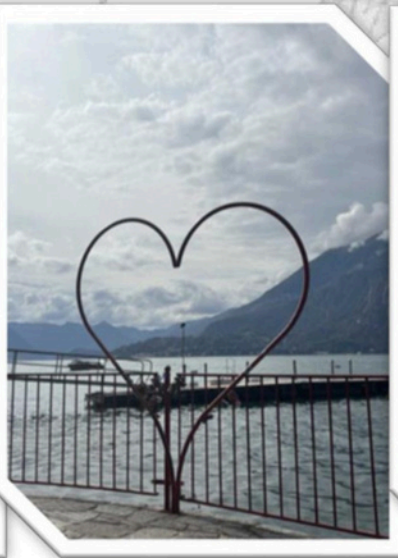
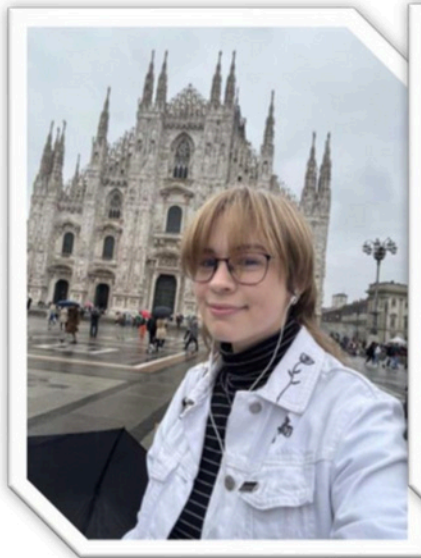
Budapest, Hungary

From research at the cemetery to dinner at the Krishna temple – this was my experience studying anthropology at the ELTE University in Budapest. I would love to talk both about my experience at the university and in the vibrant city often called “The Paris of the East.” I’ll also talk about what it was like to handle bureaucracy as a non-EU student and share some practical and financial tips on how to adapt and settle into life in Hungary.



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Blunder at the Milan Fashion Week

Natália Zsoldos

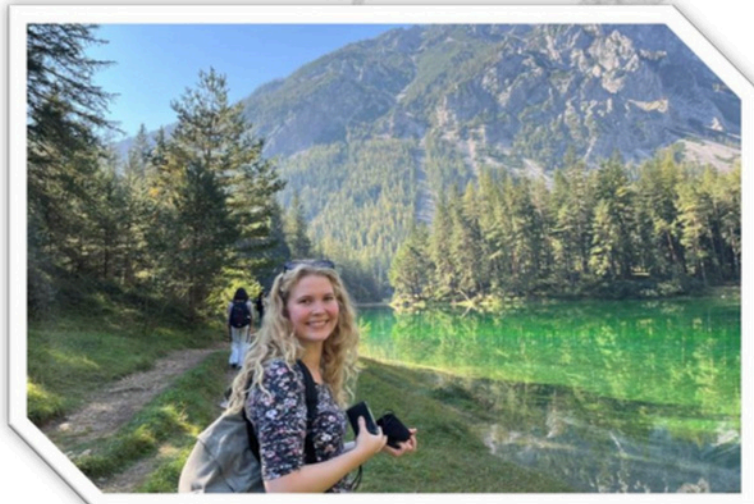
Milan, Italy

A girl got into fashion, so having Milan as her home for a few months seemed like a dream come true. But not everything is glitter and rainbow in the life of an exchange student from a small town, thrown into the big, pulsating city life. Challenges, friends, disasters, travels, new experiences. The two side of the same coin in Milan.



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Sturm Graz – How to get lost in the mountains

Alena Steinpreis

Graz, Austria

This is the story about amazing 5 months in Graz, Austria! This book is full of sweet moments, laughter, wonderful people from all over the world, inspiring experiences, many city trips (6+) and OF COURSE beautiful nature (especially mountains and lakes).

The place where the story itself is told – Graz – is a cute little town in Austria with a beautiful old city centre, many cafés and bars and a lot of sunshine (and no wind!).



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Moving to another country...Again

Valentina Cano

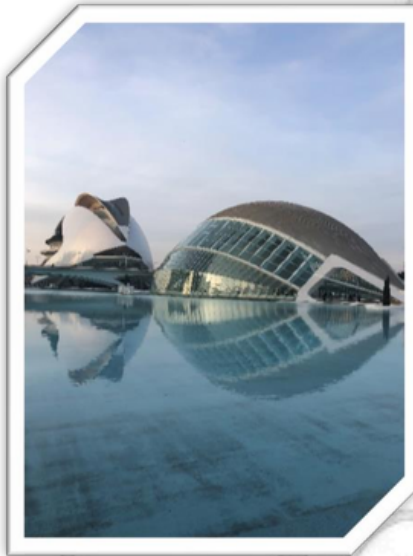
Brno - Czech Republic

): I came from Chile in 2022 to study European Cultures and Society. I came here without any knowledge of German, so I had to adapt to a new language and culture. And when I was getting a bit used to it, I had a mandatory semester abroad. I didn't want to move from a place I was finally getting used to. But I'm so happy I got the chance to do it.



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The Distance That Brought Me Closer: A Journey Through Spain and Colombia

Ayana Eva Abu-Toboul

Valencia and Medellin, Spain And Colombia

Travel not only changes the place you're in – it also changes the way you see yourself." My semester abroad was much more than an academic experience – it was an attempt to discover how life can be, who I am, and who I want to be. During this time, I felt truly alive for the first time in a long while. I faced big challenges: studying in a foreign language, reorganizing daily life, dealing with uncertainties – and yes, much didn't go as planned. It was often difficult. But it was precisely these moments that made me grow. Especially when you've never lived outside of Europe before, such an experience opens your eyes – to different realities, social inequalities, your own adaptability, and personal potential. I've learned to be more grateful, braver, and more open. I would do it again in a heartbeat and can only recommend it to everyone – it's a journey for

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Take a Moment to Reflect

- What surprised you today? What shifted in your thinking?
- What will you carry forward from these conversations?
- Share your thoughts with #EmergeHumanLibrary and tag us @EUF_International & @EmergeAlliance Visit us:

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listen help build a more inclusive,
understanding world.**

**Every question asked, every story heard, is a
step toward change.**