

Our new semester is here!

The 17th October 2016 is known as the day of the beginning of the orientation week for the first ever semester of the *B.A. European Cultures and Society*. In 2017, however, history continues to be made: on the 11th September, the second first semester of the *B.A. European Cultures and Society* starts off in their orientation week. With a new, international semester time setting, nearly 80 students made their way to the *Europa Universität Flensburg*.

The orientation week begins, traditionally, with a welcoming event in the Flens-Arena on Monday. After listening to the words of the President of the university, the deputy mayor and Sabine Kröger from the Student Guidance and Counselling Service, the ‘Erstis’ have the opportunity to explore their study courses and programmes with the respective ‘Fachschaft’. Questions can be asked, problems can be solved, and most importantly, first encounters are shared! It was interesting to see the new students meet



each other, and additionally this time, to see the new students talk to those from the third semester who could elaborate on their experiences throughout the first year. As Tuesday followed, so did the official introduction led by the head of studies, Prof. Dr. Anne Reichold. For the first time, those students who had already arrived, sat in one room together, facing the black board, as they will be on so many days to come. Welcoming words were aimed at the students and first issues were addressed. As an introduction round was initiated, the great diversity of this course was quickly visible: countries such as Moldova, Bulgaria, Israel, Afghanistan, USA, Ireland and many more were represented along with Germany. A handful of other students will be arriving in the next couple of weeks, due to bureaucratic issues in their home countries. On Tuesday evening, a more informal get together was arranged: Students and lecturers met in the Rotunde to celebrate the start of a new semester and, in this case, the start of the second first semester. With some drinks and snacks, everyone got to know who they will spend a lot of time with over the next three years.

To the new students: The third semester gladly welcomes you to Flensburg and wishes you a great start to your first semester of the *B.A. European Cultures and Society*.

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