



Referat für internationale Studierende

Dear students and a warm welcome!

Hamburg is a harbor city, in which people from almost every country in the world live and study. 13% of the students at our university were born abroad. The cosmopolitanism is great but not without its contradictions and conflicts. There are great disparities and discrimination, as there are in every capitalist country, which bases its prosperity on exploitation. The social discrepancy is heightened due to unsocial politics during the pandemic and the economic crisis in the interest of the global elites. On the other hand: cultural open-mindedness, solidaric initiative and social engagement are widespread. Many hamburgers (from all around the world) are active in the fight for human rights and peace – students have an important role within those fights. Hence why our university has the sustainable development goals (SDGs) of the United Nations as an orientation for academic research and education. The interpretation of which are controversial. Apart from that there is a lack of public funding in academia and education; the social bases and working conditions for students and educators are inadequate. We are organized to contribute to a positive change in the world, to further cultural exchange and a solidaric personal development.

The Referat für internationale Studierende (RiS) as a part of the AStA is fighting for:

- Critical academic research and education: to overcome wars and concurrence, racism, (post-) colonial structures and prejudices – a world without desperation, fear and brutality is necessary!
- Academic research and education only for civil purposes! – Stop research for and export of weapons and military equipment from Hamburg!
- For need-based public funding of the university and studies – stop austerity!
- For more democracy in the universities and in society!
- For face-to-face education, to further those goals – education is a human right!

We stand for international solidarity at the university; some things that we want to further:

- BaföG for everybody! More and better dormitories
- For better consultation for international students and applicants
- For the Preservation and expansion of international cooperation in academia and international understanding
- For the abolition of the "proof of financing" (11,208 €) for the issuance of visas!
- For the abolition of the limitation of the length of stay for studies to 10 years!
- For the abolition of regulations that discriminate against international students/graduates in the labor market!

Discuss with each other! Learn from another! Solidaric activities – from demonstrations to parties!



Referat für internationale Studierende (RiS) – Consultation

(Place: WiWi-Gebäude / "Asta-Trakt" (Von_Melle-Park 5) – Room 0042

We offer face-to-face our telephone/video-consultation. Please write us per mail: ris@asta.uni-hamburg.de

- The face-to-face consultation takes place on Tuesdays from 12 am to 4 pm, Wednesdays from 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm and Fridays from 10 am – 12 am you can also reach us via phone: +49 (0) 40 450204-36
- The consultation via telephone/videocall takes place on Tuesday from 10 am to 12 am please send us an email, you will get the invitation to a Jitsi or zoom call per reply

The RiS meeting takes place every other Wednesdays, starting 7 pm in the AStA (room 0042). Join us if you're interested.

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