



International Week 2024

INTERNATIONALISATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Location: Various venues in the university town Mittweida

The 2024 University of Applied Sciences Mittweida International Week, which will be presented in collaboration with EURECA-PRO will explore the theme 'Internationalisation for Sustainability'. In various interactive formats, which include a world café, fishbowl engagements and workshops, we will provide participants an opportunity to discover how international higher education collaboration can assist in achieving sustainable development goals. Besides, we will consider sustainable or green internationalisation, that is how the impact of internationalisation on our planet can be minimized by structuring the process to maximise outcomes while minimizing the environmental impact. We will also celebrate the 15th anniversary of our university preparatory college.

Key Objectives:

- Exploring the link between internationalisation and sustainability;
- Fostering innovation in internationalisation;
- Strengthening partnerships, and fostering new collaborations;
- Engaging on specific aspects of internationalisation, including mobility with children and double degree programmes;
- Unpacking the impact of European University Alliances on internationalisation;
- Providing a platform to exchange ideas, share experiences and network professionally;
- Connecting researchers, academics and administrators
- Celebrating 15 years of the University of Mittweida Preparatory College.

Date	Content
Monday, 13 May 2024	
All day	Arrival
14:00 – 16:00	Harvesting a Sustainable Future: Agriculture and Green Solutions Symposium (hybrid)
19:00	Food Festival: HSMW University Preparatory College Students from the HSMW University Preparatory College organise a food festival which will introduce the cuisine of the home countries.
Tuesday, 14 April 2024	
8:30 – 9:15	Registration and Coffee
9:15 – 9:45	Official Opening of the HSMW International Week
9:45 – 10:00	Break – Group Photo
10:00 – 11:00	Campus Discovery – Focus on Sustainability Facilitated by Global Business and Communication students coordinated by Prof Ramona Kusche and Kirstin Ziegner-Llewelin
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	World Café: Innovation in Internationalisation At every table, colleagues from the HSMW will present innovations in the university's internationalisation process.
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break & Networking
14:00 – 15:15	Information Sessions by Funding Agencies Funding agencies will present opportunities for research, mobility and project funding.
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 17:00	Research Speed Dating and Select Research Presentations We will offer researchers and internationalisation administrators an opportunity to explore opportunities for interdisciplinary research collaboration.
17:00 – 19:00	Welcome Reception This will be an ideal opportunity to informally get together and network with other participants.
Wednesday, 15 May 2024	
9:45 – 10:00	Welcome Coffee
10:00 – 10:45	Welcome of Rochester Institute of Technology Study Abroad

	The Rector of Mittweida University of Applied Sciences and the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Prof Jörg Matthes will welcome the Study Abroad Programme from the Rochester Institute of Technology
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break and Networking
11:30- 12:30	<p>Working through a European University Alliance towards RCP: Collaborator’s Experiences</p> <p>Stakeholders in the EURECA-PRO university alliance will share their experience.</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break and Networking
13:30 – 15:15	<p>Faculty Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internationalisation with Children This session, which will be hosted by our Faculty of Social Work, will explore how parents with children can benefit from internationalisation and international mobility. - Double Degree Programmes The Faculty of Industrial Engineering host a session which will unpack the implementation of double degree students. - Intercultural reflection enabled by Sheperd students During the International Week, a study abroad programme from the Sheperd University in the United States will visit the HSMW. Facilitated by Jill Deschner-Warner from the Media Faculty, the students will lead an intercultural reflection.
15.15 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 17:30	<p>City Tour</p> <p>Explore our historical university town Mittweida and learn about German traditions. This interactive city tour will be facilitated by Global Business and Communication Students coordinated by Prof Ramona Kusche and Kirstin Ziegner-Llewellin</p>
19:00 – 20:30	<p>Movie Night: Der Mann, der nie im All war (The man who never went to space)</p> <p>Documentary about the local space expert Tasillo Römisch, who has assembled the world’s largest space exhibition with over 100 000 exhibits in the basement of his house in Mittweida. The protagonist will be joining us after the screening of the movie to engage with the audience.</p>
Thursday, 16 May 2024	
9:45 – 10:00	Welcome Coffee
10:00 –13:00	<p>Workshop: Developing synergies between a university’s bilateral partnerships, long-standing networks and its membership in a European University Alliance</p> <p>The HSMW is part of the European University for Responsible Consumption and Production EURECA-PRO. In this session, we will explore how synergies for sustainable internationalisation can be developed by connecting the long-</p>

	standing partnerships and networks of the university with its evolving engagement in a European university alliance.
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break and Networking
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Panel Discussion, followed by Fishbowl: Internationalisation and Sustainability</p> <p>Integrating environmental sustainability principles in the internationalisation process has become a high priority. In this panel discussion, we will explore how internationalisation can be structured sustainably while maximising its impact. We will invite the audience to join the discussion.</p>
16:00 – 16:30	<p>15 Years HSMW Preparatory College</p> <p>The HSMW Preparatory College enables the smooth transition of students from national school systems which do not offer high school certificates recognised as university entry qualifications in Germany to HSMW degree programmes. In the ceremony, we will celebrate 15 years of excellence in preparing foreign high school students for university studies in Germany.</p>
19:00 – open End	<p>Farewell Function: CF Music Clash</p> <p>The CF Music Clash is a musical quiz show directly from Mittweida, which is organized by the media students of the HSMW. Participants test how well they know their favorite music, genres and artists.</p>
Day 5: Cultural Day	
9:00 – 17:00	<p>Cultural visit of Leipzig</p> <p>The team from the HSMW international office will facilitate a visit to Leipzig.</p>