

PROPOSAL FOR THE READING WEEK
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Title: Approaching to a New Academic Life: Fears and Challenges in Students from the Global South

Date: 25 of November 2020

Hour: 10-12pm

For: Any student from undergraduate of postgraduate studies from the global south (it means students who come from the so called “developing countries”)

Language: English

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Students coming from the global south to Germany and to other westernised countries face different challenges that goes from cultural matters to new social and academic environments. Usually, a fear appears at comparing themselves with a reality that is not familiar with their former experience. In this workshop, we will discuss three main aspects: 1. Decolonising thinking and keep forward 2. give-to-give relations between global south and global north students 3. The advantages of global south students.

By doing so, I provide some personal example and cases in order to deconstruct stereotypes, fears and superiority produced mainly from colonised and westernised ideas. Additionally, I open for a discussion about the personal challenges and barriers students from the global south have encountered so far in their process of adapting to this new academic life and possible alternatives to sort out these challenges.