



Handbook - Long Version

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1 General Information

Welcome to Gothenburg!

It has been quite some time, since the last conference took place in Gothenburg. It is a great pleasure to finally make this possible again. We are welcoming you all to the second conference in 2019. In Aachen we enjoyed a lot of interesting discussions about **"IDEALiStiC's position within Europe"** and got to publish two papers. For this conference the main topic will be **"Internationalisation"**. Several times this topic has been included in different discussions, but there was never a whole conference about it. We will discuss the integration of international students in the framework of the university, but also within the student councils. Furthermore we will also address the importance of diversity. These and many more important and interesting aspects await you at the conference in Gothenburg.

This long version of the conference handbook shall give you the opportunity to get ready for the conference and to discuss topics within your delegation / boards beforehand. Further more it provides all the necessary information for you to prepare for the conference, such what to bring for the stay. We are looking forward to seeing you all in Gothenburg!

Kind regards,

Aline Nüttgens & Bibiana Prinoth
your Co-Secretary-Generals



Conference in Aachen - May 2019

1.1 Conference Schedule

In the following, you can find the time table for the conference. Please be aware that some things might change slightly, if required. There will be no bigger changes though.

Time	Thu (Nov 21)	Fri (Nov 22)	Sat (Nov 23)	Sun (Nov 24)
08:00				
08:30		Breakfast	Breakfast @ Hostel	Breakfast @ Hostel
09:00				
09:30		Workshop Slot 1	Workshop Slot 4	General Assembly
10:00				
10:30				
11:00				
11:30				
12:00		Transportation Slot		
12:30		Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
13:00				
13:30		Workshop Slot 2	Workshop Slot 5	Some activity, to be planned (for the people leaving later etc)
14:00				
14:30				
15:00				
15:30				
16:00				
16:30		Workshop Slot 3	Sight Seeing	
17:00	Transportation Slot			
17:30	Welcoming Ceremony			
18:00				
18:30				
19:00	Dinner		Dinner	
19:30				
20:00		Group Activity / Dinner		
20:30				
21:00				
21:30				
22:00				

1.2 Accommodation

Since you won't be staying at a hostel throughout the whole conference, we will provide any further information concerning accommodation during the welcoming ceremony.

1.3 Packing List

Please make sure to pack the following things:

- Swimwear
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Bed linens (sheet, duvet cover and pillow case) or sleeping bag
- Business casual for the gala dinner
- Warm outerwear (it will be cold!)
- Photo identification/passport
- Credit Card is preferred over cash since it's common for places in Sweden (including the Student Union) to not take cash as payment.

2 Participants

2.1 Co-Secretary Generals



Aline Nüttgens



Bibiana Prinoth

2.2 AStA der RWTH Aachen University



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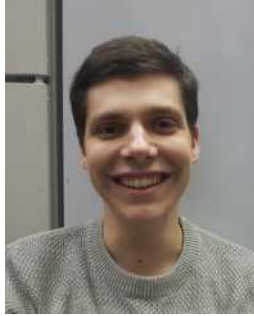
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3 Workshops

In this section, you can find the information about the workshops for the conference. The following shall give you an overview of the key questions and the material discussed. Please use it in order to prepare yourselves for the conference. This will help having workshops on a efficient level for all of us. Furthermore we ask you to bring laptops / tablets / etc. to the workshops.

In every section, you will find a few "**Key questions**". They can and should be used while preparing for the conference. If you have additional questions you want to add, communicate this as soon as possible to the Co-Secretary Generals.

There will be a preparation section, where you can find the required information, you should - at least - know before coming to the conference. The more you know and the better everyone is prepared, the more effective and efficient the conference will be.

As discussed, we kept a workshop slot open for wishes of the IDEA League board. S. Ronchi indeed had a topic wish for us, which is now added to the list down below (see workshop slot 3).

3.1 Workshop Slot 1: Integration of international students

Being an international student at a university comes hand in hand with a lot of questions and troubles: Where do I have to call in order to get myself registered in the city? How can I overcome the language barrier? Whom do I have to ask if ...? How can I become a member of a student council? Am I even allowed to do that?

Several times in the past, international students and their integration within the university and the student council had been discussed. Since this topic should have more attention than just talking casually about it over a coffee or tea, we want to bring this up this time.

Different universities and also their student councils have different methods and mechanisms how they want to integrate their international students. Nevertheless, there are still a lot of issues, which have to be resolved. The focus of this workshop shall be on figuring out these issues and coming up with solutions

3.1.1 Key Questions:

- What are the issues and problems international students face at the university?
- What are the issues and problems international students face within the student councils?
- How can we as student councils improve the situation? Can we come up with best practises / solutions?

3.1.2 Preparation

- Find out about the situation at your university / within your student council. Do you have special mechanisms / procedures?

3.1.3 Bonus Material

During the conference in Zurich (2018), we talked about student participation. You can read through the output of this workshop here: <https://idealistic.eu/conferences/2018-1-zurich/>. Within the scope of the workshop, we will give a short summary / presentation about the output in Zurich.

3.2 Workshop Slot 2: Exchange on study programme level

Several years back, there existed some exchanges on study programme association levels (electrical engineering, physics,..). Coming hand in hand with internationalisation, we take the opportunity to talk about this kind of exchanges now.

We want to focus on possible frameworks IDEALiStiC can provide. As a board consisting of different student council representatives, we have the power to promote these kind of exchanges and to benefit from it.

3.2.1 Key Questions

- Can IDEALiStiC provide a certain framework to promote exchanges within study programme associations?
- What can the different study programme associations learn from each other?
- How can IDEALiStiC benefit from these exchanges? (Joint Degrees?)
- On a university politics level: What can be the output of these exchanges?

3.2.2 Preparation

- Figure out, whether there existed such an exchange within your student council / university.
- If yes, why did it stop? Did it stop?
- If no, why is there no such exchange?

3.3 Workshop Slot 3: Selection processes for admission of foreign students

Different universities have different selection processes for their incoming students on master's level. No matter whether they stay abroad for a semester or year or whether they are doing their whole master's at another university, there are selection criteria handled differently depending on your destination.

During several past conferences, one of the most popular side-discussion has been the interchangeability of courses within the IDEA League universities. One of the major issues there was always the inconsistency among the different universities. Such a catalogue of equivalent course achievements is currently in the pipeline. On the other hand, the same issue also exists for selection processes of foreign master students. This is why we want to discuss, what role we can play in this process and whether it would be useful to become active and enforce a general regulation for selection processes and criteria.

3.3.1 Key Questions

- Which are the current selection criteria? Where do they introduce problems?
- What might be the optimal case?
- Is it useful to introduce / enforce general regulations for selection processes?
- What are the necessary conditions / requirements for an admission to an IDEA League university?

3.3.2 Preparation

- Inform yourselves about the selection criteria at your university: Is it different for each department / study programme? Is there a general regulation on how to select candidates?
- Come up with a short summary of the selection criteria at your university and add it to the corresponding workshop folder. We will use this as a basis for discussion.

3.4 Workshop Slot 4: Diversity

No matter whether we are talking about gender, origin, sexuality, etc., we can summarise it under the term diversity. Diversity has become an important aspect in our society and in our universities: Research groups, student councils, etc. But what is really meant by obtaining a diverse environment?

Even though everyone is trying, there are still a lot of issues around. In this workshop we first want to raise awareness for these problems, name them and find solutions.

3.4.1 Key Questions

- What are the current problems?
- How can these problems be solved? Who needs to solve them?

3.4.2 Preparation

Figure out what your universities are doing in order to have a diverse environment.

3.5 Workshops Slot 5: Housing Situation

When it comes to finding a new flatmate, one prefers taking in someone who will stay as long as possible. Furthermore it is easier to find a place to stay, if you can attend a casting and meet the people in person.

As international or exchange students these conditions often do not apply to your situation. It is extremely hard to find a place to stay. In addition, the different cities and countries have non-identical procedures on how to apply for a flat.

This workshop shall focus on the problems and should suggest a general solution.

3.5.1 Key Questions

- What are the problems for international / exchange students?
- What can we as IDEALiStiC provide as a framework to solve these problems?

3.5.2 Preparation

Inform yourselves about ongoing projects and initiatives at your universities and within your student councils. Update your knowledge about the housing situation in your city.

4 Contacts

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