DAAD-Programm „Hochschuldialog mit der islamischen Welt"

Projektprofil

Titel des Projekts:
Discovering cities

Name der deutschen Hochschule(n):
Bauhaus Universität Weimar

Projektverantwortliche(r):
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Partnerland/-länder:
Jordanien

Partnerhochschule(n)
German Jordanian University in Amman, Jordanien

Kurzbeschreibung / Projektziele (max. 300 Wörter):
„Discovering cities" is an exchange between the German Jordanian University and the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar. It aims at enabling an exploration of common features and problems living in a city. The project will enable students and researchers to learn more about life in an Arabic and German city. It will thereby give an intensive insight view on the differences and communalities of urban life in both culture. „Discovering cities" will work with a threefold research strategy: It will bring together competences in urban sociology, computer assisted simulation techniques, and advanced design projection. The project will be realized by three case studies related to a city in Jordan, Germany, and Syria. The German and Syrian cases will be realized by one workshop in each country, the Syrian case will be pursued by a „Syrian lab of virtual urban planning (SYLAVUPI). The workshops will be organized in a similar way. It will start with an explorative research using different kind of qualitative research methods. After evaluation of the results, computer assisted programming will be taught and organized to deliver a comprehensive vision on a future development of each city. In a third part, design proposals will be developed to cope with the challenges identified in the exploration. The project is a result of an earlier cooperation between both partners in the DAAD supported project „Post war cities" which resulted in the creation of a network of Jordanian and German architects in addition to Syrian architects living in Germany. The project will enhance the mutual understanding of life in the different cultures by taking the city as a common starting point which at the same time enables to identify and discuss cultural differences. It furthermore creates a sense of shared understanding of a common challenge to cities in all three countries. This can be elaborated by an in-depth exploration of urban life.