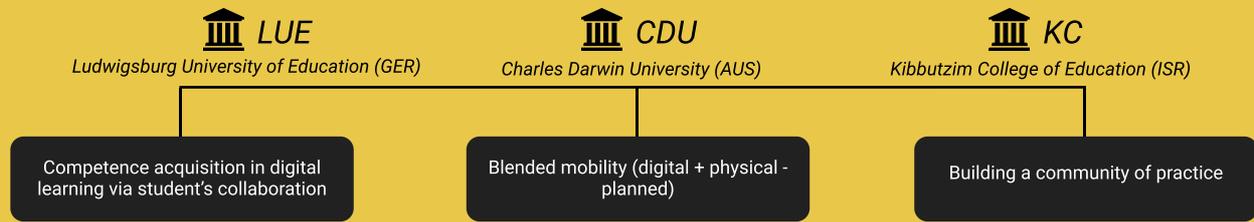


Teaching collaboration between:



What means "DIVA"?

DIVA stands for *"Digital and International Virtual Academic Cooperation"* and is a project funded by the BMBF and DAAD, which runs from 2020 to 2021. In the context of the IVAC project and led by the University of Education Ludwigsburg (Germany), the project aims at strengthening existing networks and building new ties between national and international partners in language teacher education.

Our objectives are to ...

- promote** digital teaching
- integrate** innovative didactical approaches into existing curricula
- foster** intercultural competences
- methodologically **implement** blended mobility

Establish and develop digital networks in international teaching collaborations

Experiences from the Digital and International Virtual Academic Cooperation (DIVA) Project

Student's conceptualizations of cultural differences:

"In my own words, I would describe culture as a set of rules, behaviors, habits, rituals and mindsets that many people follow and/or believe in."

Innovative use of technology:

"The cooperation with (team member) was bad due to their poor internet connection. Student 5 had set up "padlet" for group communication, for thoughts while reading and working on the tasks."

Learning and collaboration of pre-service teachers:

"The course turned out to be really interesting for me but organisation of the group and clearing up what we were supposed to do took a lot of time and energy, especially in the beginning, that we could have used to talk about the topic."

Emerging collaborations of students and educators:

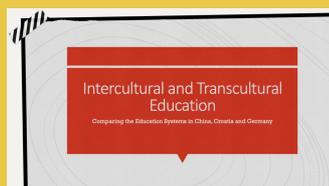
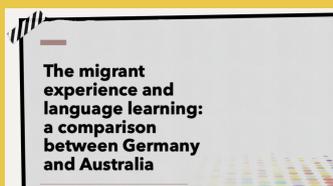
"With my quite different educational background, I never got the opportunities or enough time to develop my approaches on elective subjects or seminars from different faculty departments."

Post-grad students already bring along distinct digital competences, but also lack sometimes:

"(...) asks himself intensively how he should or can integrate the topic (epistemology in the context of inter- and transcultural educational processes) into his future work as a teacher. Specifically: What does epistemology have to do with the teaching profession?"



Some products that the students have created in cooperation ...



"I am really grateful to have been offered the opportunity to participate in this virtual exchange."

"For the future of the educational system but also the world in general it is important to start accepting and respecting everyone's culture."

"We know that Global learning is inherently cumulative and multifaceted, and therefore difficult to cover through a single experience, but despite that this one-time experience has contributed a lot."

"The digital tool "Zoom" made this collaboration possible, so we all agreed that digital tools enrich cultural learning. [...] A collaboration with another school is greatly beneficial as not only cultural understanding is improved but the students' English skills can be practiced."