

ANGABEN ZUM FORSCHUNGSaufenthalt IM AUSLAND / ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH STAY ABROAD

Zielland / Destination country: Pakistan	Ort / City: FATA & Peshawar
Name der Gasteinrichtung / Name of the host institution: COMSATS Institute of Information Technology	Fakultät / Institut / Faculty / Institute: Development Studies Department
Anschrift / Address: COMSATS, Toba Camp, University Road Abbottabad, Pakistan	
Zeitraum / Length of stay: = Tage / Days von / from : <u>14.09.2015</u> bis / until: <u>10.11.2015</u> <u>58</u> (TT/MM/JJJJ – dd/mm/yyyy) (TT/MM/JJJJ – dd/mm/yyyy)	

Administrative Formalitäten / Administrative formalities

1. Visum / Visa:

a) Welche Art musste beantragt werden? / Which type of visa did you have to apply for?

None, as it was my home country

b) Wo haben Sie das Visum beantragt? / Where did you apply for the visa?

nil

c) Wann haben Sie das Visum beantragt? / When did you apply for the visa?

nil

2. Welche Versicherungen haben Sie abgeschlossen/abschließen müssen und von welchen Versicherungsunternehmen? / What types of insurances did you purchase and from which insurance companies?

nil

3. Welche Impfungen waren nötig? / Which vaccines were necessary?

nil

4. Wie haben Sie Geldangelegenheiten vor Ort abgewickelt? (z.B. über Konto vor Ort, Online-Konto, Kreditkarte usw.?) / How did you manage your finances? (e.g., opened a local bank account, online banking, credit card, etc.)

Through local bank account

Information & Unterstützung / Information & Support

5. Wie erhielten Sie Informationen über Ihr Gastland, die Gasteinrichtung und die Kontaktperson? Waren die Informationen nützlich? / How did you get information about your host country, host institution and contact person? Was the information useful?

<i>Informationsquelle / Information source</i>	<i>persönlicher Nutzen / useful</i>	
	<i>ja / yes</i>	<i>nein / no</i>
WWU Münster		
Gasteinrichtung / Host institution	yes	
Andere StudentInnen / Other students		
Internet	yes	
Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify)		

6. Erhielten Sie vor und während Ihres Aufenthaltes angemessene Unterstützung durch Ihre Heimat- und Gast-Institution? / Did you receive adequate support from your host and home institution before and during your research stay?

	<i>(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)</i>				
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
WWU Münster					5
Gasteinrichtung / Host institution					5

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

Graduate Center at WWU Münster helped me intensively to equip with all the necessary cultural and technical information that was required before departing for field study. Similarly, the host university (my ex-university) and COMSATS Community Development Uni-CCDU through an preparatory workshop helped me to be able to perform all the necessary tasks to collect field data and, provided me the information about security and administrative issues besides the pre- established coordination strategies. Nevertheless, host institution's SPSS I & II courses further helped me to acquire all the required skills for data entry and analysis without error.

7. Welche Vorbereitung auf das Zielland (bspw. Information zu Geschichte, Staatsform, Kultur, Verhalten, Religion etc.) wären hilfreich gewesen? / Which information or preparations in terms of the host country (e.g., history, language, culture, customs) would have been helpful?

Preparatory workshop arranged at Graduate Center WWU Münster remained highly helpful in understanding the cultural differences across societies, particularly the importance of giving due intentions to local culture and overall social system before coming in contact with local population for information gathering/data collection. Meanwhile, a reminder was given at the workshop to understand fully the history and traditions of local people that has helped me not only to move easily in the field area and collect data but interestingly developing future terms with locals, based on their admiration that I bear knowledge of their history and social customs. It was proved as a basis of initial trust and friendship. It has further helped to collect all the information, which was difficult to cover through questionnaires alone.

8. Welche Vorbereitungen hinsichtlich der Gastinstitution (bspw. Hochschulstrukturen, akademische Gepflogenheiten etc.) wären hilfreich gewesen? / Which information or preparations in terms of the host institution (e.g., university structure, academic customs) would have been helpful?

Pre-field-trip workshop at the host institution helped me to understand all the administrative procedures before leaving for FATA. A detailed session at the host university further helped me understand, and to be cautioned about the security issues in the field and to be careful while moving in the sensitive environment of FATA. The administrative structure of DS Department and CCDU at the host institution was great, w.r.t planning of traveling in the field area, coordination facilities to be in-contact with other researchers and COMSATS, security provision from the security agencies, accommodation in FATA and Peshawar and help in collecting all the required secondary data from the govt. ministries and departments with the help of corresponding persons.

9. Wie könnte das Projekt IP@WWU Ihrer Meinung nach verbessert werden (Information, Bewerbungsverfahren)? / How could the IP@WWU project be improved (e.g., information, application procedures)?

Information dissemination should be double-ended, i.e., posting of relevant information at the university website and info. sharing through respective departments, as mostly people don't check uni website and/or ignore the usual uni emails. The announcement of selection results should be on the exact dates that will help researchers timely book their flights and make all other necessary arrangements without problems and over budgeting.

10. Wie beurteilen Sie den Integrationsgrad mit den Studierenden und Mitarbeitern der Gastinstitution? / How do you consider your degree of integration with students and staff in the host institution?

(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)				
1	2	3	4	5
				5

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

Being ex-student, I was already indirect part of my host university/department. However, this field trip helped me again come close to my ex-teachers and build new connections, friendship, ways for further joint research in Pakistan and Germany. It has further helped me to make arrangements of future research trips to Pakistan and Germany through coordination of professors in both countries. This field trip, other than successful collection of my field data, expanded my horizon and opened new ways for future collaboration between Germany and Pakistan.

Unterkunft & Forschungsinfrastruktur / Accommodation & research infrastructure

11. Art der Unterbringung in Münster / Type of accommodation in Münster

- ☐ durch die Universität (Studentenwohnheim o. Ä.) / university accommodation (e. g., student halls of residence)
☐ private Unterkunft (z.B. mit einer Familie)/ private housing (e. g. family)
☒ WG / shared apartment
☐ Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / other (please specify)
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12. Wie haben Sie die Unterkunft gefunden? / How did you find the accommodation?

- ☐ WWU Münster
☐ Freunde, Familie / Friends, family
☐ Privatmarkt / Private market
☒ Internet
☐ Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / other (please specify)
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13. Wie zufrieden waren Sie mit Ihrer Unterkunft? How satisfied were you with your accommodation?

(1 = sehr unzufrieden/very dissatisfied; 5 = sehr zufrieden/very satisfied)				
1	2	3	4	5
			4	

14. Wie zufrieden waren Sie mit der Infrastruktur Ihrer Gasteinrichtung / How satisfied were you with your host institution's infrastructure:

	(1 = sehr unzufrieden/very dissatisfied; 5 = sehr zufrieden/very satisfied)				
	1	2	3	4	5
Zugang zum Arbeitsplatz (PC, Internet)/ Access to working space (PC, Internet)					5
Zugang zu den Bibliotheken / Access to libraries				4	
Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify)					5
Timely support from the professors w.r.t data collection strategies					

Akademische Qualität / Academic quality

15. Wie beurteilen Sie die Qualität der Betreuung durch Ihren Gastgeber-Dozenten? How do you rate the quality of your host supervisor's support?

	(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)				
	1	2	3	4	5
Verfügbarkeit des Betreuers/der Betreuerin / Supervisor's accessibility					5
Engagement des Betreuers/der Betreuerin / Supervisor's engagement					5
Beratungsgespräche mit dem/der Betreuer/in / Consultations with the supervisor					5
Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify)					
Face-to-Face discussion sessions the end of field trip.					

16. Wie beurteilen Sie die Qualität ... / How do you rate the quality of...

	(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)				
	1	2	3	4	5
Ihrer Forschungsaufgaben?/research activities you took?					5
des an der Gasteinrichtung zur Verfügung stehenden Forschungsmaterials?/study material you obtained at your host institution?	4				

17. Wie unterscheiden sich Forschungsstruktur und -kultur an der Gastinstitution von denen an der WWU Münster? / How do research structure and research culture in host institution differ from those at WWU Münster?

At COMSATS the research activities are more professionally coordinated while engaging other researchers of the same field and topic. Monthly close group sessions and more attractively supervisor's accessibility and easy availability for direct recommendations was awesome.

Kosten / Expenses

18. Wie hoch waren die wöchentlichen Lebenshaltungskosten während Ihres Auslandsaufenthalts? / What were average weekly costs during your stay abroad?

	€
Unterkunft / accommodation	60
Lebensmittel / food	150
öffentliche Verkehrsmittel / Transportation	120
Telefone	30
Laundry	10
<i>Gesamtsumme per Woche / Total per week</i>	370

19. Wurden Ihre Kosten durch das Forschungsstipendium gedeckt? / Did the research stipend cover your costs?

☐ Ja / yes ☒ Nein, per Woche habe ich zusätzlich _____ € ausgegeben.
No, I spent additionally 50 € per week.

20. Lagen Ihre wöchentlichen Ausgaben im Ausland höher als in Münster? / Did you spend more abroad compared to what you normally spend in Münster per week?

☐ Nein / no ☒ Ja / yes, 80 €.

21. Mussten Sie irgendeine Art von Gebühren an ihrer Gastinstitution entrichten? / Did you have to pay any kind of fees in the host institution?

☒ Nein / no ☒ Ja / yes, 100 € für / for the registration for joint field trip and enjoying the accommodation, administrative and security facilities provided by the host university.
(bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben / please specify)

Persönliche Erfahrungen / Your personal experience

22. Welche spezifischen Ziele hatte Ihr Forschungsaufenthalt? Haben Sie sie erreicht? / Which specific objectives did you have for your research stay? Did you achieve them?

Ziele / Aims:	(1 = überhaupt nicht erreicht/not at all; 5 = voll erreicht/fully)				
	1	2	3	4	5
Primary Data collection					5
Secondary Data collection					5
Indirect information through open discussion and mind mapping					5
Collaboration with other researchers				4	
Collaboration for with uni professors for future joint research and publication					5

23. Wie würden Sie Ihren Forschungsaufenthalt insgesamt einschätzen? / How would you evaluate your research stay in general?

It was a nice experience and a successful field trip regarding data collection with other field related PhD researchers and future joint cooperation.

24. Bitte beschreiben Sie Ihre beste Erfahrung / Please describe your best experience.

It was awesome to get instant academic recommendation from my ex-supervisor to fill-out the required questionnaires from the local community when the locality was dispersed widely than I thought. With 'Snow ball sampling technique' I was successful to get the required samples without effecting the overall selected sampling techniques for my research. On my return, he than theoretically clarified the way to cope with the change of sampling technique and the way to quote/mention it skillfully in the thesis.

25. Bitte beschreiben Sie Ihre schlechteste Erfahrung / Please describe your worst experience.

The time when my group members suddenly disappeared in the streets and I was left alone and was lost in the area (North Waziristan). It happened due to clashes and cross fire between two local tribes. It took about 2 hours to get back to my group while running over the rocky mountains having mobile consistently with my ear. It was horrible. I still can't believe how I had coped with the situation to live my life.

26. Halten Sie die Dauer Ihres Forschungsaufenthaltes für / Do you consider your research stay to have been ...

- ☐ zu kurz / too short
☐ zu lang / too long
☒ genau richtig / just right

Falls zu kurz oder zu lang, welche Dauer hätten Sie sich gewünscht? / If too short or too long: which length would have been ideal?

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

27. Welche Tipps können Sie den nachfolgenden Promovierenden zu dieser Gasteinrichtung, dieser Stadt, diesem Land etc. geben (Geheimtipps, lohnenswerte Aktivitäten, wichtige Ratschläge)? / Could you please give other PhD students some tips about your host institution, city or country (insider info, useful activities, valuable advice)?

Invest time to study the local community's history, cultural ingredients, social system and power hierarchy in the political structure - when it comes to get primary data from populace in the social science research. Pakistani are usually friendly people but still be careful from negative segments of the society, so better to arrange any local mentor/friend to assist in day-to-day matters. But when it comes to COMSATS, my experience at COMSATS will remain as one of the best field experience. I totally appreciate their efforts to make this field trip successful through detailed administrative work, security point of view and instant help in emergency situations. The foreign culture that the professors had acquired in West is definitely molding the old boss-servant psyche of professors-students to more friendly environment of knowledge sharing and collective learning.