

ANGABEN ZUM AUSLANDSAUFENTHALT / ABOUT YOUR STAY ABROAD

Zielland Destination country	Singapore	Ort City	Singapore
Name der Gasteinrichtung bzw. Konferenztitel Name of the host institution or conference title	The Network in Education for Sustainability Asia Conference 2018		
Fakultät / Institut Faculty / Institute	National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University		
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Zeitraum Length of stay*	von from 29/04/2018 (TT/MM/JJJJ) – dd/mm/jjjj) bis until 01/05/2018 (TT/MM/JJJJ) – dd/mm/jjjj) = Tage = Days 3		

ADMINISTRATIVE FORMALITÄTEN / ADMINISTRATIVE FORMALITIES
1. Visum / Visa

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

I am Vietnames. Therefore, I do not need Visa to enter Singapore.

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

N/A

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

N/A
2. Welche Versicherungen haben Sie abgeschlossen/abschließen müssen und von welchen Versicherungsunternehmen? / What types of insurances did you purchase and from which insurance companies?
Travel Insurance of HanseMerkur
3. Welche Impfungen waren nötig? / Which vaccines were necessary?
N/A

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.)

I exchanged money when arriving Changi airport. Besides, I use visa card sometimes.

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?

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

I received email regarding the conference from the host institution

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

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

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

The host institution gave me instructions and useful advise (how to travel between places, finding accommodation) during my stay in Singapore.

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 destination country (e.g., history, language, culture, customs) would have been helpful?

Despite being a small country, Singapore has a diversity of languages, religions, and cultures. It is acknowledged that Singapore does not fit the traditional description of a nation. Singaporeans do not all speak the same language, share the same religion, or have the same customs. Religion in Singapore is characterized by a diversity of religious beliefs and practices due to its diverse ethnic mix of peoples originating from various countries. Besides, I was impressed by the fact that Singapore has showed a strong commitment to sustainability. The government, organisations, schools promote and practice sustainability everywhere.

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?

The National Institute of Education (NIE) is an autonomous institute of Nanyang Technological University (NTU) in Singapore. It was ranked 10th in the world and 2nd in Asia by the QS World University Rankings in the subject of Education in 2015. Additionally, it is the largest education research centre in the Asia Pacific.

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

To be honest, I think IP@WWU project has been implemented very well. Consequently, I have no idea on this question.

10. Wie beurteilen Sie den Integrationsgrad mit anderen Forschenden im Zielland? / How do you consider your degree of integration with other researchers in the destination country?

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

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

I was busy all the time with the conference program. Therefore, I had very limited contact with staff in the host institution.

UNTERKUNFT & FORSCHUNGSINFRASTRUKTUR / ACCOMMODATION & RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

11. Art der Unterbringung im Ausland / Type of accommodation abroad

- ☐ 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)
I stayed in a hotel.

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)
Conference organiser helped me.

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
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

I stayed in the hotel of the university. It was very clean and convenient to travel to conference room (because it is in the university campus .and there is a shuttle bus moving around the campus).

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)

Zugang zu den Bibliotheken / Access to libraries

Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify)

There is free shuttle bus for students.

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

Actually, I have no idea on access to libraries because I did not have time to investigate this. But I think it could be good because Nanyang Technological University is consistently ranked amongst the world's best universities in all of the major college and university rankings.

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

Engagement des Betreuers/der Betreuerin / Supervisor's engagement

Beratungsgespräche mit dem/der Betreuer/in / Consultations with the supervisor

Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify)
Organised a field trip to let participants get to know Singapore's culture.

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

Actually, I did not have a supervisor. I contacted with the conference organiser via email before coming. He was extremely busy but he had some assistants and they helped me address all problems/questions I may have. The conference organiser connected participants to a publisher and then we together developed ideas to promote the conference's theme (Sustainability).

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?

des an der Gasteinrichtung zur Verfügung stehenden Forschungsmaterials? / research material that you obtained at your host institution?

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

Through the conference, I had a great chance to broaden my network with the colleagues sharing the same research interests all over the world. Many of them coming from Asia, therefore, apart from nation's approach, we were thinking about developing a region's approach to Sustainability and Education for Sustainable Development.

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

I have no idea.

18. Bitte führen Sie hier die Fördermittel auf, die Ihre Gastinstitution ausländischen Promovierenden mit Gaststatus anbietet (z.B. für Forschungsaufenthalte, Praktika, Konferenzen). / Please mention here all financial means that your host institution provides to foreign PhD students with a guest status (e.g., for research stays, internships, conferences).

I visited NIE for 3 days for a conference. Therefore, NIE did not have any financial means mentioned above for foreign PhD students.

KOSTEN / EXPENSES

19. Wie viel haben Sie für ... während Ihres Auslandsaufenthalts ausgegeben? / How much did you spend for ... during your stay abroad?

Unterkunft / accommodation

Lebensmittel / food

öffentliche Verkehrsmittel / transportation

Gesamtsumme / Total

€
330
100
33
463

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

- ☒ Ja / yes
 ☐ Nein, ich habe zusätzlich _____ € ausgegeben.
 No, I spent additionally

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

- ☐ Nein / no
 ☒ Ja / yes, ^{200-300Euro/week} _____ €.

22. Mussten Sie irgendeine Art von Gebühren an Ihrer Gastinstitution bzw. im Zielland entrichten? / Did you have to pay any kind of fees in the host institution or destination country?

- ☒ Nein / no
 ☐ Ja / yes, _____ € für / for _____
 (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben / please specify)

PERSÖNLICHE ERFAHRUNGEN / YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

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

Ziele / Aims	(1 = überhaupt nicht erreicht/not at all; 5 = voll erreicht/fully)				
	1	2	3	4	5
participate in the conference	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
have a presentation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
broaden network	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

24. Wie würden Sie Ihren Auslandsaufenthalt insgesamt einschätzen? / How would you evaluate your stay abroad in general?

Very good. It was my first time to Singapore. I participated in the conference. It can be said that it was very successful to me because I could gain and share knowledge and experience. I could learn not only from the conference but also from the very limited travel around the city I made in an afternoon. The conference theme was about sustainability and I had the chance to learn how Singaporeans deal with sustainability in practice.

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

My presentation was about Education for Sustainable Development in Vietnam. One representative from a publisher wanted to connect me to some researchers and invite us to write a book about education in Vietnam. Actually, there are some books about the country's education. But they were written by Western authors. She (the person from the publisher) would like to invite Vietnamese researchers to write a book about their country themselves. It's amazing. I cannot tell any thing specific in the future. But I do hope that we can do it.

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

I did not have bad experience :)

27. Halten Sie die Dauer Ihres Auslandsaufenthaltes für ... / Do you consider your stay abroad 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? Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / If too short or too long: which length would have been ideal? Please describe further.

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

- You should buy an EZ link ticket when you arrive Changi airport. With this ticket, you can use all types of public transport and save money a lot.
- You should know about weather in Singapore to have appropriate preparation (Should bring with you a hat and an umbrella).
- You can buy cosmetics with very surprising price at Changi airport :) I love it very much!!!