

GROUP REPORT

International University Week St. Pölten 2022



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“Social Work and the Ecology of Digitalization”

Preparation for IUW 2022 on the 7th of April:

Before we travelled to St. Pölten we had a meeting on the 7th of April 2022. The meeting started at 10 p.m. and went until 2 p.m. Prof. Michael Opielka and Weseley Preßler gave us a prationen about “Social Work and the Ecology of Digitalization”. The presentation about social work and the ecology of digitalization was impressive. It’s a big, complex, and challenging topic. Afterwards we had a group discussion. All Information were new to us. The graphs at the begin about using of digitalization in different countries of Europe, new Ideas trough brainstorming with everyone else (Pros and cons of digitalization for social work), the differences between Digitization and Digitalization and at least the three perspectives biological/ecological, technical as well like social. In Addition, we get to know other participate from the Netherlands, Finland, Spain, Denmark, Belgium, Austria, and Switzerland. After the meeting we were excited to learn a lot more about this topic and were also able to exchange ideas with other students. We looked forward to this colorful program.

Evaluation, Feedback and Reflection on the 4th of Mai:

On the 4th of Mai 2022 we had an evaluation about the week. The Meeting started at 2 p.m. and went until 4 p.m. At the end of the meeting, we listen to a presentation from Johannes Pflgerl. The topic was “Take a look in the future”. Afterwards we had a big group discussion. All in All, the meeting was helpful. We got time to say thank you and goodbye the organization team.

The program of the week:

It was a colorful program. We learned a lot and had interesting group discussion with international students. We listen and take apart at presentation/ courses about “Child Pornography – a Variant of Cybercrime” by Huber Edith, Using Social Media in Child Protection Work „by Michael Herschelmann, „Digital Competences of Social Workers“ by Helene Kletzl

or „Virtual Warriors – Digital lifeworld of the Far Right“ by Eva Grigori. These are only some. We also had some field visits (youth center called “Steppenwolf”) and the chance to have an interview with Campus & City Radio 94. about digitization and social work in our country. Next to they organized fun activities. For example, a sight-seeing tour, movie nights and two organized parties (at the begin and the end of the week).

Our travel:

We decided to travel green. That’s why we looked up for a train connection between Bremen and St. Pölten. On the 24th of April 2022 our group travelled around 9 hours from Bremen to St. Pölten. We also had to change our train twice (Hannover and Passau). It had been a long journey. On the train ride we played Uno, looked out of the window, noticed beautiful landscape, watched Netflix series, bought a coffee at the board restaurant, listen to music, talked or slept. We had much time and had the possibility to get to know each other. On the last day of the International University Week (29th of April 2022) we traveled to Vienna. There we stay for two amazing days. On the 1st of Mai 2022 our group travelled back. Unfortunately, the border Police checked the identity of the passengers in Passau. This action took too long, so we missed our second train in Hannover. This was bad because the missed train were the last one back to Emden. We had luck and Deutsche Bahn organized us a taxi back. Some of our team members didn’t use it because they traveled back to Bremen or Hamburg. All in All, some of us traveled over 12 hours back. At the end we all were happy to arrived safely at home. It had been an exhausting travel. On the other hand, it was a big adventure.

Our accommodation and St. Pölten:

At our Trip we stayed in a big center. It’s called “Sportzentrum Niederösterreich”. This accommodation is famous for students studying sport. Next to this center is a gym high school. There are a lot of Possibilities to get active at this place: Gym, Fußballplatz, Laufbahn, Sauna, Boulder wall and some things more. We had very nice rooms with a big Furnishing. The looked also very new. In the morning you can go in a breakfast room for eating. There is a big choice of food and drinks. In the evening there is much place to sit in a group at the floor or in a special space having a wonderful time together. Close by our accommodation was a big see with a sweet restaurant “Seedose”. We have been there once, having a great first evening. Close by are also two supermarkets and the city center is not that far away – a nice walk with your people and you will do it in 25 minutes. You can ride with the bus or by food to the high school,

a bus station is nearly at the center. Yeah, the city center: We had the chance to get a city tour in St. Pölten. We have seen an old church which looks wonderful inside. Also, we had the chance to visit the Rathaus and the place to drink a coffee. There is also a school for girls in the past. But hey listen: 20 years ago, boys are allowed to join the school as well. The city has a lovely building abstraction in nice colors. In the city you have the chance to go shopping, have a nice dinner at the Rathausplatz or find a cute café to relax. By the way: Vienna isn't far away. so, take the train and go on sightseeing. Down below you can see some pictures of our accommodation and the city.

Some pictures from our accommodation and city:



Picture 1: Sportzentrum Niederösterreich



Picture 2: Downtown St. Pölten

Food:

Every day we ate breakfast at our accommodation from 7 until 10 am. The offer of the buffet was huge. They had buns, cheese, eggs, bacon, yoghurt, cornflakes, orange juice and Coffee. At the University St. Pölten we had a second breakfast. This was delicious but unnecessary because we already had breakfast. But the coffee was better at the university as in our accommodation. Our lunch started 12:30 p.m. Almost every day we had a buffet. Apart from monday. For lunch we had only one potato with butter. This was disappointing and not satisfying. But instead of this we had a fantastic buffet dinner in a little restaurant near to a lake which called "Seedose" on monday evening. At our goodbye party on Thursday evening, we had also a huge buffet. For lunch and dinner, we had Käsespätzle, Miniburger, Curry, Rice, Pasta, Desserts, Salads, soups, and a lot more. The organization team takes care of persons who needed to eat gluten-free, vegan, vegetarian, or lactose free. We all had enough and colorful options. Regrettably the organization team said that we had only two meals per day. That means that they didn't organized dinner on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. This wasn't a big deal, but it had been confusing for everyone. That's why we also got the chance to go out and try different restaurants or order food to our accommodation. Down below you can see some pictures of the food and Seedose.

Some pictures from our food:



Miniburger at our last evening



Dinner at Seedose