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Invitation: Virtual Transatlantic Networking Day “Azubis USA & Canada”



Bringing the International to the Vocational: American, Canadian and German Perspectives

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

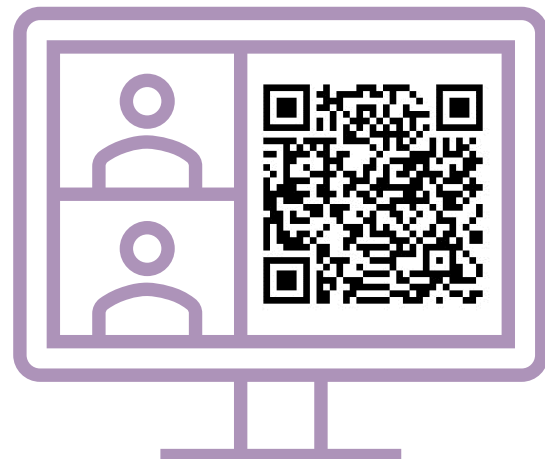
9.30AM – 12.30PM (EST) | 15:30 – 18:30 Uhr (CET)

Optional: Networking until 1 PM (EST) | 19:00 Uhr (CET)

Registration open until Nov 6th: [click here](#) or scan QR-Code below

Stays abroad offered as part of a vocational training program are personally enriching and elevate both participants' career chances and the attractiveness of the training program. However, organizing such transatlantic educational opportunities is not without its challenges. These include finding the 'right' partner for instance; something that can be complicated by the very different German, Canadian and American vocational training systems and exchange programs they offer. There is also the matter of financing such programs and finding sponsors, not to mention clarifying the legal framework for international partnerships and ensuring cultural sensitivities.

This networking event offers participants a chance to share their experiences and solutions with peers in the field of vocational training from Germany, the USA and Canada and additionally gives great insights into good examples of good practice. Our invitation reaches out to all who have interest in this topic or want to connect with our network of engaged transatlantic, vocational education professionals. Whether you are experienced in this field or new to it, if you share a passion for integrating an international dimension to vocational education, you are welcome to join us. This online event is free of charge and available only live via Zoom (it will not be recorded).





◆ Schedule

▶ Part I: Opening and Introduction

- 9:15AM | 15:15 Uhr **Arrival**
- 9:30AM | 15:30 Uhr **Opening**
Dr. Alexandra Gerstner | Director Personal Development
Joachim Herz Foundation
- 9:40AM | 15:40 Uhr **Agenda**
Franziska Kohn, Co-Founder & Deputy CEO | Unity Effect
- 9:45AM | 15:45 Uhr **Networking: Meet and Greet in Breakout Sessions**

▶ Part 2: Bringing the International to the Vocational: ...

- 9:55AM | 15:55 Uhr **Presentation I: ... an American Perspective**
Caroline Angelo | Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Atlanta Technical College
- 10:15AM | 16:15 Uhr **Presentation II: ... a Canadian Perspective**
Ilaria Pivi | Project Coordinator, Nova Scotia Community College
- 10:35AM | 16:35 Uhr **Break** ☕ 🍪 (optional: Breakout Rooms for Informal Exchange)
- 10:45AM | 16:45 Uhr **Presentation III: ... a German Perspective**
Michael Hastreiter | Coordinator International Projects
Städtische Berufsschule II Regensburg

▶ Part 3: World Cafe

- 11:05AM | 17:05 Uhr **Topic 1** (to be voted during registration)
Jannik Kaiser, Co-founder & CEO | Unity Effect
- Topic 2** (to be voted during registration)
Franziska Kohn, Co-Founder & Deputy CEO | Unity Effect
- Topic 3** (to be voted during registration)
Dr. Sabine H. Smith | Professor of German, Kennesaw State University
- 12:10AM | 18:10 Uhr **Debriefs, Take Aways and Outlook**
Franziska Kohn & Moderators from each World Cafe topic
- 12:30AM | 18:30 Uhr **Networking in Breakout Rooms (optional)**
All participants





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◆ Additional Information

About the Networking Day

The annual Networking Day of the Joachim Herz Foundation is aimed at representatives of institutions providing vocational education or skills-based training, employers which host apprentice trainees, exchange organizations, ministries of education, chambers of commerce and industry as well as program alumni (students) and those interested in deepening ties between Germany, the USA and Canada.

Our program will include presentations, a World Cafe with facilitated discussions on issues related to transatlantic exchange in vocational education and give participants a chance to network with stakeholders in Germany, the USA and Canada. This online conference is free of charge and presented in English.

Should you have questions about this event or wish to contact us, please write to:
gate@joachim-herz-stiftung.de.

About the foundation and its programs "Azubis USA & Canada", and "GATE"

The Joachim Herz Foundation (JHF) in Hamburg, Germany, promotes education, science and research in the fields of business, natural sciences and personal development. In addition, we promote innovative, application-oriented research at the interfaces between natural sciences and engineering.

One way, JHF works to achieve its goals is by promoting intercultural exchange between young professionals ("Azubis": vocational students and apprentices). Germany's dual vocational education system is an important and popular career path offering training in 325 + occupations in technical, business and other trades. This model sees participants simultaneously carry out both a paid apprenticeship with a company in addition to classroom studies at a vocational school.

Whereas around 30% of the German students in higher education gain international experience during their studies, at present only 5% of "Azubis" have this opportunity. The JHF's goal is to close this opportunity gap through its programs "[Azubis USA & Canada](#)" and "[GATE](#)" ([German Apprenticeship Training Exchange](#)), which enable trainees to complete an internship in the U.S., Canada and Germany as well as the opportunity to connect with international, vocational students from other countries.

Please feel free to share this invitation with your network! We look forward to having you join us for this engaging event!

Your team "*Azubis USA & Canada*"