Summer School 2011 in Wiesbaden
International guests at the department of Social Work

From 19th until 30th of September 2011 the department of Social Work of the Hochschule RheinMain conducted an international Summer School in which students from Ecuador, Lithuania, Slovenia and Spain and as well students from the department of Social Work participated. Prof. Dr. Eleonore Ploil and Prof. Dr. Heidrun Schulze and their tutors Francine Toulcanon and Richard Luther organized and prepared this first Summer School.

The program of this two weeks offered interesting workshops in which the students got knowledge about different themes of Social Work. During the Summer School the participants learned about investigation. The integration of the method “Photo-Voice” was systematically integrated and forming part of the qualitative research. This kind of reunion was used for the first time.
As well there had been a lecture given by Dr. Gedas Malinauskas who is a Professor at the university of Kaunas. He was lecturing about the Implementation of narrative approach in Social Work Research and Practice.

During the Summer School the students got the chance to attend lectures about different themes of Social Work. Prof. Dr. Monika Simmel-Joachim gave a lecture about domestic violence, educative work in Ecuador was a topic from Luv Ivone Zabaleta, Hildegard Keul shared her methods and results of her Investigation with the students. There had been as well a workshop held by Nicole Nienaber about theatre-techniques of Augusto Boal.

Apart from this program the students got the opportunity to make field visits. They visited Schloss Freudenberg, Georg-Buch Haus and the Elsa Brandstöm-Settlement in Mainz. The tutors organized a wide range of cultural program for the evenings and the weekends. They spend the last warm days of the summer in visiting the beautiful RhineMain area which they explored by boat and hiking. At the weekends the students were free to choose their own activities. Some of them went to visit nearby cities like Frankfurt and Mainz.