

C21 Deniz / Turkey / Microeconomics

Interaction partner(s): German students

Moment of enquiry: WS 05/06

Experience of difference: Time planning when working in groups or with a partner

Deniz is studying Microeconomics at a German university. Together with two other students, he is supposed to prepare a group presentation. After the seminar, the students meet and discuss how to organise the work. When one of the German students suggests they meet this coming Saturday for a first meeting, Deniz is against it: “Why Saturday, we’ve got 4 weeks before the presentation is due. It should be enough if we meet in three weeks!” The German students are indignant. “That’s way too late, you can’t put together a good presentation in such little time!” Deniz is stunned by the strong reaction. In his opinion, you can get a lot done in one week of intense work.

1. What might explain Deniz’ s concept of time?
2. How might the German students’ planning behaviour be explained?