

D47 Lucia / Slovakia / Economics

Interaction partner(s): German students
Moment of enquiry: WS 09/10
Experience of difference: Structuring of living units in the dorm

Lucia from Slovakia is studying Economics at a German university. Prior to that she studied several semesters in Bratislava, where she lived in a student dorm. In Germany, she also has a room in a student dorm, but she is very disappointed by the way things are in the German dorm. While several students, usually two to three, share one room in Slovakia, every student has his or her own room in Germany. From Lucia's perspective, this limits the possibilities for contact. Lucia has the feeling that German students prefer to be by themselves and don't value doing things together. She had hoped to quickly find German friends by living in the dorm.

1. Why does the Slovakian student criticise the concept of German student dorms?
2. What social reasoning is the German concept of living arrangements in student dorms usually based on?