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COOPERATION MACROMEDIA UNIVERSITY WITH KIRON UNIVERSITY

Through the “Empowerment and Participation” (EMP)-Model refugees will be enabled to create learning groups within their communities and to prepare themselves to be a student in a new country.

THE EMP-MODEL

The academic cooperation between Macromedia University Berlin and Kiron University focuses on the empowerment of refugees to work as multipliers within their own communities. The aim is to enable refugees to start their educational careers beyond their home countries. What does this mean precisely?

Scientific research in the fields of Cultural Studies and Agency Research show how important experiences such as appreciation, self-confidence and network competencies are for refugees being visible individuals within the society they live in. Refugees do not want to experience being seen as suppliants. They are in fact acting human beings who very often want to take responsibility for their communities, families, friends and colleagues. Due to their cultural competencies and their special knowledge they most often are much more competent to have an impact on their communities than e.g. people from the countries they arrive in.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODEL

The Macromedia University and the Kiron University are currently planning a project week under supervision of the cultural scientist Prof. Dr. Gernot Wolfram. The topic of the week is „Empowerment and Participation“.

Perspectives of refugees about their hopes, wishes and expectations shall be confronted with positions of artists, scientists and experts from different scientific and artistic fields. As a result a so-called “Book of Ideas” will be published in 2016. A central point will be the aspects of being a student and being at the same time a facilitator of knowledge to special communities.



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Furthermore Kiron University and Macromedia University will be publishing a research paper about their scientific parameters and positions concerning empowerment and participation with the support of international cultural experts in February 2016.

CONCRETE GOAL

The EMP-Model is a common scientific model of Macromedia University and Kiron University. It will be implemented through a common academic project week about sustainable parameters of empowerment and participation for refugees in January 2016.

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