

Teaching German language and culture to refugees and migrants in Germany

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Abstract:

2005 marked the beginning of "Integrationskurse" or integration courses in Germany. These courses have been set up to provide German language skills as well as information and knowledge about sociopolitical and cultural life to migrants and refugees in Germany. The courses are organized by the "Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge" (BAMF) (Federal Office for Migration and Refugees) and realized by local providers, e.g. language schools.

This presentation will give information about how the integration courses are organized and carried out, which governmental and educational institutions are involved, how they cooperate and what major objectives are pursued along with the challenges faced.

After a rather theoretical approach in providing the listeners with the facts of integration courses in Germany, we will try to highlight the day-to-day experiences and reality of teaching in integration courses.