

Joint Degrees at the University of Graz



Diversifying
university studies
by creating a joint vision

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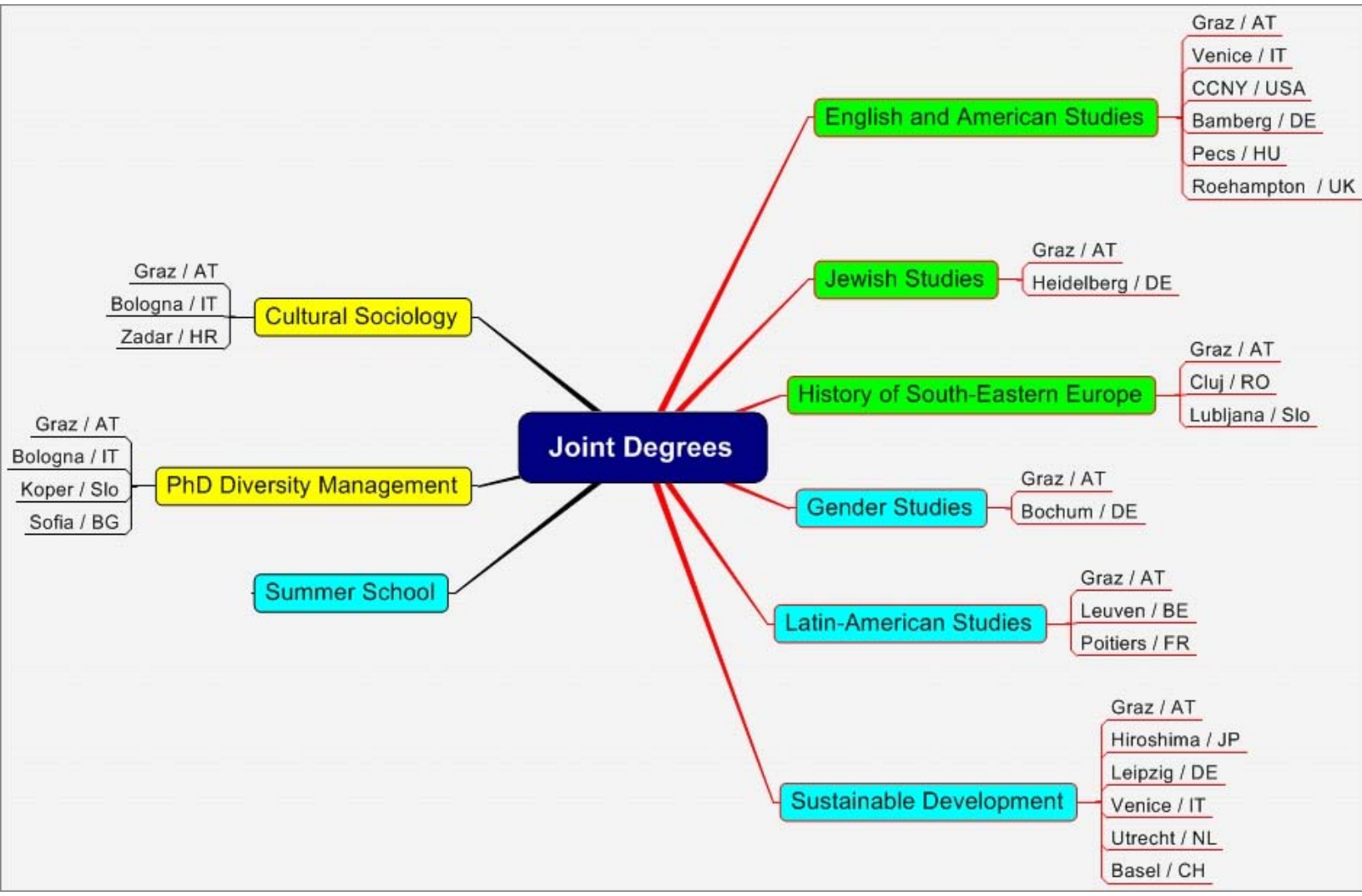
- ➔ School of Law
- ➔ School of Arts & Humanities
- ➔ School of Social & Economic Sciences
- ➔ School of Catholic Theology
- ➔ School of Natural Sciences
- ➔ School of Environmental and Regional Sciences and Education



Background

- **Objectives:** Development & Implementation of 6 Joint Degrees
- **Graz** = co-ordinating university
- MA level
- **Project Start:** October 2004
- **Admission of first students:** September 2007
- **Funding:** Local government
- **Project Team Graz:** 3 persons from IRO + student support

JD programs co-ordinated by the University of Graz



Principles



- The study programs are jointly developed and recognized by all partner institutions
- Students have to take at least 30 ECTS credits at a partner institution
- Upon completion of the study program, students receive a degree which is jointly conferred and recognized by all partner institutions

Why are we doing it?



- Interdisciplinary course offerings
- Internationalization of existing course offerings (visiting professors)
- Joint Quality Assurance
- Strengthening the strategic areas *South Eastern Europe* and *Joint Degrees*
- Positioning the University in the region
- Enhanced international employability of students

Good Practice

- ✓ Sufficient funding for planning phase (€ 400.000 for first 3 years, another € 400.000 for next 2 years)
- ✓ Careful analysis of project environment
- ✓ Well researched choice of partners
- ✓ Well-defined and learner-oriented course programmes

Lessons learned

- „10 Golden Rules“ (EUA)
- Sufficient academic and staff resources
- Clear understanding and communication policy
- Accreditation and Quality Assurance
- Top down AND bottom up

Thank you for your attention!



Further information:

www.jointdegree.eu