



## Bavarian Cultural Studies

October 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009



Bavaria is a part of Europe – but how much does Europe know about Bavaria? Most Europeans have a clear idea about this: Bavarians wear leather trousers. Bavarians drink beer. A Bavarian's full-time job is to sit around in beer tents.

For others, a definition of Bavaria might be more difficult. If one has a closer look, the question comes up what Bavaria actually is. There are Swabians, Upper Palatinates and Upper Bavarians. So-called "Old Bavarians" seek to separate from the rest of

Bavaria. And the Franks are beyond the "White Sausage Equator" anyway. Considering all these discrepancies, does Bavaria in itself exist at all?

These are exactly the questions that are in the main focus of our European event "Bavarian Cultural Studies". During five days, around 20 participants are about to get to know Bavaria in all its variety. All participants are enthusiastic students from all over Europe – also from beyond the borders of the EU. The program offers excursions to several regions of Bavaria as well as presentations about history, civilization and culture of the largest federal state in Germany. We want to figure out why Bavaria still takes on a special position in politics and society. However, Bavarian peculiarities are not only visible on this theoretical level, but also in daily life. For this reason, Bavarian customs, dialect and food are part of our event as well. In this way we want to convey to the participants a broad impression about Bavaria.

Thus, it is our goal to present Bavaria as „the variety within the unity. The participants from all over Europe

will get insight into Bavarian culture, and that is why their previous ideas about Bavaria will change inevitably. In the long run, the event will mark a contribution to dismantle stereotypes about Bavaria in the rest of Europe.

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## Program:

### Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

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| 09-12 h    | Arrival of the participants, reception                           |
| 12-13.30 h | Lunch  |
| 13.30-16 h | Guided tour / rally through Augsburg, reception in the city hall |
| 16-18 h    | Bavarian lunch with Bavarian language course                     |
| from 18 h  | Visit of Gersthofen country fair (close to Augsburg)             |

### Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

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| 08-09 h   | Bavarian veal sausage breakfast with tutorial<br>Presentation about King Ludwig of Bavaria |
| from 09 h | Excursion to Castle Neuschwanstein   |
| from 18 h | Lunch, Bavarian film, karaoke  |

### Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

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| 08-09 h    | Breakfast   |
| 09-12 h    | Presentations about Bavarian culture, politics and history  |
| 12-13.30 h | Lunch (university cafeteria)  |
| 13.30-16h  | Leisure time  |
| 16-18 h    | Bavarian cookery course   |
| from 18 h  | Presentation about round table culture, Watt tournament, Gschtanzt (traditional Bavarian singing) |

### Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

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| 08-09 h   | Breakfast  |
| 09-18 h   | Excursion to Munich, guided tour by AEGEE Munich, visit of a brewery |
| from 18 h | Dinner,<br><b>European Night</b>                                     |

### Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

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| 08-09 h | Breakfast                               |
| 09-12 h | Good-bye, departure of the participants |

## What is AEGEE Augsburg?

Since 1993, AEGEE-Augsburg has been a recognized antenna of AEGEE-Europe and has about 70 members by now. We help interested, engaged and motivated students of our university to gain ever new experience with respect to Europe, getting to know other cultures, personal further education and teamwork. Through this, students receive the opportunity to live European integration in various manners. Our main activities are:

- To bring students in touch with the various European languages and cultures (for example via the language partner project)
- To open horizons and dismantle prejudices (for example via summer universities)
- To integrate foreign students into university and daily life (for example via our special Erasmus program)