

Goals & Target group

When the **Berlin Wall** came down in 1989, nobody could imagine that – not even a year later – Germany would be a unified country. Too long was the separation; too big seemed the political, economic and personal differences that resulted from that division. Things have changed quite a bit since then, not only in terms of city landscapes, but also in terms of cultural and political landscapes. The process of unification was also an enormous economical undertaking. Nobody could be certain if it would/could work. But once the decision was made, there was no going back.

This is a highly interesting topic, not only for Germany, but also other nations like Korea, which goes through very similar experience.

The **Summer Academy (Re-)Unification (SARU)** will shed some light on the historical perspective of this experience, but will not stop short here. Following an interdisciplinary approach, it is aimed both at those interested in history, political, social and cultural studies, as well as at law students and students of economics.

This Summer Academy will take a look at the internal, but also external challenges that this new republic faced – especially against the backdrop of European integration after 1990 and the role of an extended Germany on the international stage.

The **target group** includes international students from the field of Historical Sciences, Political Sciences, Economics, Humanities, Sociology, Demography, Philosophy, Law, Journalism and Cultural Studies with good to very good marks in Bachelor's or Master's programmes as well as postgraduate students.

Duration & Schedule

The Summer School lasts **12 days** and contains the following modules:

Module A	Opening and introduction	(6 hours)
Module B	Contemporary history	(18 hours)
Module C	Political and diplomatic aspects	(6 hours)
Module D	Regional and global aspects	(6 hours)
Module E	Legal and economic aspects	(4 hours)
Module F	Cultural, social and demographic aspects	(8 hours)
Module G	Sites of the Cold War	(12 hours)

Events & Activities

- Opening and farewell events
- Guided tours at Rostock
- Literature talk and movie evenings
- Boat trip on the Baltic Sea
- Traditional songs and dances
- Guided tour at the former Stasi prison in Rostock
- Excursion to a former border tower
- Excursion to Schwerin and Berlin

