

Report about stay at Leibniz Universität Hannover

Project Videoblog “Russia-Germany Today”

(November - December)

I, Daniil Ivanin have been in Hannover via strategic partnership program between SPbPU and Leibniz University in November and December 2014. At the beginning of my stay I had a meeting with the curators in Hannover of the project Russia Today / Germany Today. We've been discussing my plan on staying in Hannover and work on the project. It was so decided that I will be filming on mobile phone camera the city and university sights and comment in Russian everything I see.

Soon after my arrival I went filming in Hannover and its neighborhood, commenting at the same time. Conveniently enough I was given a pocket book in Russian. Basically it was a tourist's guide to Hannover, where all the main places of interest from red line were listed. Red line is painted on the road which gets through all parts of central Hannover, and tourist's guide lists everything one can find interesting. The Guide also covers green and blue lines, but I had no opportunity to see them. Visiting interesting places I tried to capture as much as I could with my camera and write down some useful comments. Also, during the first week of my visit I've met some SPbPU exchange students studying in Hannover to gather their impressions on student life in Germany.

Upon first week's end I became more productive as first year students from PR IMOP came. We had plans for every day in upcoming week.

Cultural training on day eight was very exciting and insightful. The lecturer Gertrud Goudswaard, told us many interesting things about multicultural differences. We were speaking English, discussing how and where do people greet each other, what do we know about culture shock, what is on the surface of culture and what is beneath and other interesting things. That was insightful. After that we were to move on, exploring streets, participating in fair race and other associated activities.

Besides, I was looking through and commenting on various PR projects. After that student Patrick Varandas has been showing us campuses, library and so on. After that we had some time to talk to German students attending Russian language course. Another student Emir, also assisted me and also told about history of various buildings and architectural features in Hannover and the university.

I have spent the last day visiting museums as in Hannover they are all free (with few exceptions made for temporal exhibitions) on Friday.

Conclusion: we have video clips recorded for videoblog for Russia Today / Germany Today project, which will be used by German students in studying process. Interview with Hannover student from Russia has been filmed and is now being processed. Besides, a video conference is planned for May 2015 and I will be also preparing it.