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# Justus Liebig University Giessen

International Cooperation and Exchange Management

# Background Information JLU Giessen: Facts and Figures

Foundation:	1607
Staff, approx.:	5,400
Professors, approx.:	380
Students (WS 2016/17), approx.:	28,500
International students, approx.:	10%
Doctoral candidates, approx.:	1,100
Int. doctoral candidates, approx.:	25 %
Funding (2015):	
- Basic funding from State of Hesse:	€ 255 million
- Project based external funding:	€ 105 million



# Background Information JLU Giessen: Leading Scholars



Justus Liebig (1803 – 1873)



Wilhelm C. Röntgen (1845 – 1923)  
Nobel Prize in physics 1901

## Nobel Prize Laureates

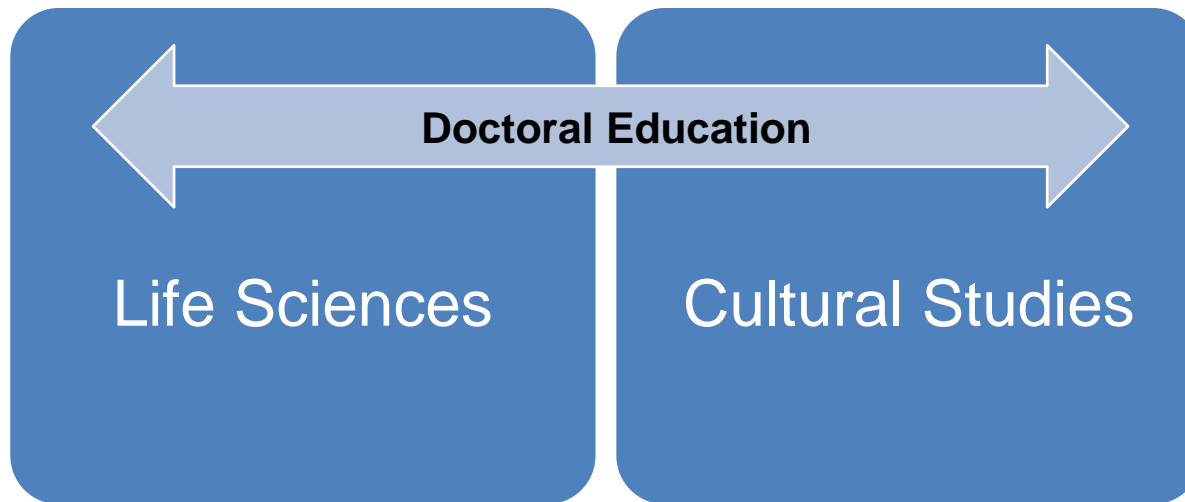
- Ilja Illjitsch Metschnikow (1845 – 1916);
- Wilhelm Wien (1864 – 1928);
- Walther Bothe (1891 – 1957);
- Horst-Eberhard Richter (1923 – 2011) (founding member of “International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War“ who were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985)
- Wangari Maathai (1940 – 2011)

## Others (selection)

- Robert Sommer (1864 – 1937);
- Otto Behaghel (1854 – 1936)
- Margarete Bieber (1879 – 1978)
- Helge Pross (1927 – 1984)

# Background Information JLU Giessen: Institutional Profile

JLU: A **comprehensive university** with a distinct profile in the study of culture and the life sciences and an established expertise in doctoral education.



Additional profile feature: teacher training

- approx. 20% of students are enrolled in teacher training at JLU
- nine out of eleven faculties participate in teacher training

# Background Information JLU Giessen: Institutional Profile

## 11 Faculties – Unique range of subjects

- Law
- Business Administration and Economics
- Social Sciences and Cultural Studies
- History and Cultural Studies
- Language, Literature, Culture
- Psychology and Sports Science
- Mathematics and Computer Science, Physics, Geography
- Biology, Chemistry
- Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences and Environmental Management
- Veterinary Medicine
- Medicine



# International Cooperation and Exchange Management

### JLU Internationalisation Strategy:

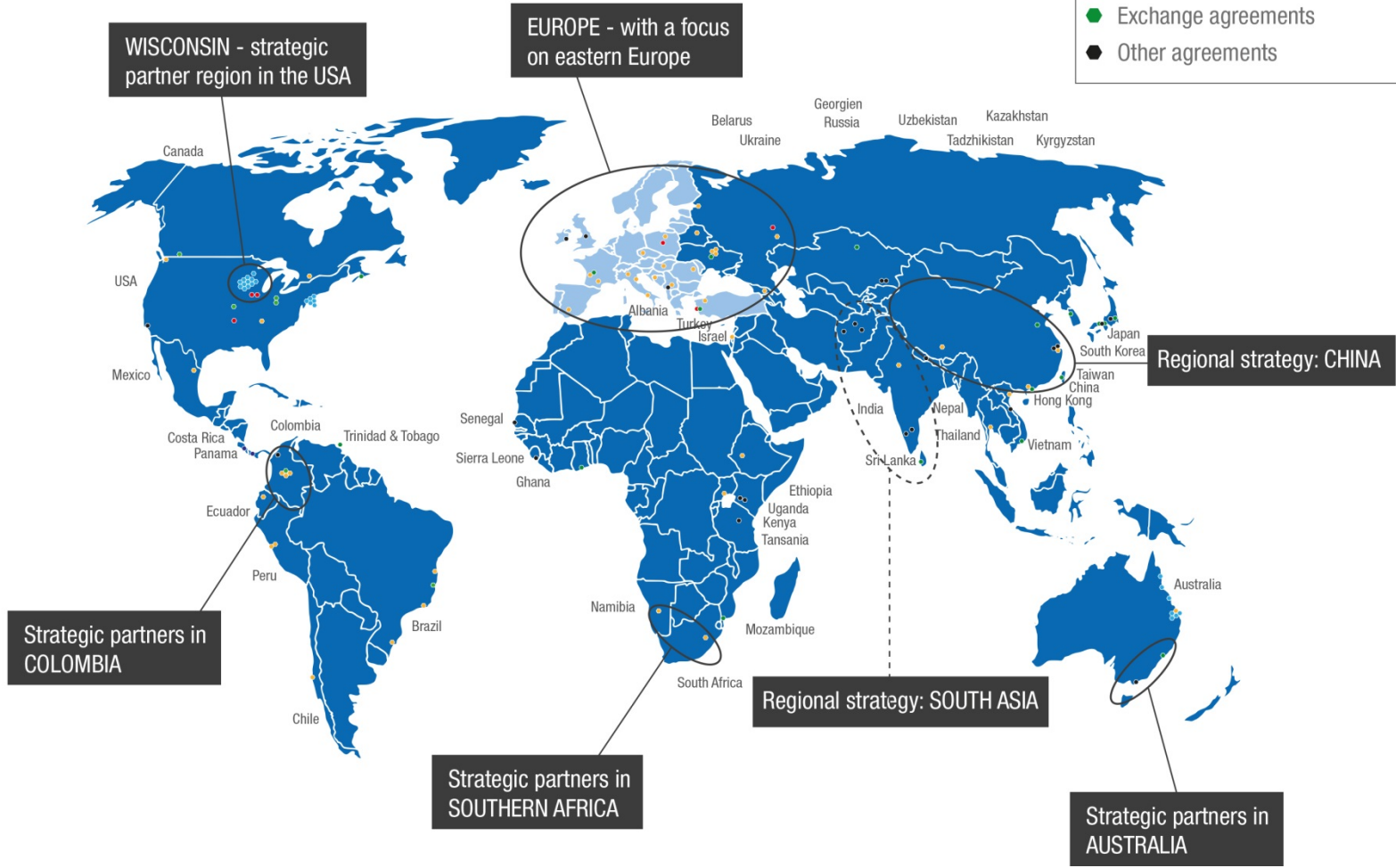
- **Background**
  - JLU's first internationalisation strategy was developed in 2006
  - HRK Audit and Re-Audit recommendations 2009/10 and 2012/13
- **Overarching objectices**
  - Excellent achievements in research and teaching
  - Promotion of intercultural exchange and understanding
- **Two dimensions**
  - Internationalisation on a broad level across the university
  - Internationalisation at top level in areas of excellence



# International Network with Strategic Partners

International Network with Institutional Partners in Strategic Partner Regions of Justus Liebig University Giessen

- Hessian state-to-state cooperations
- Partnership agreements
- Cooperation agreements
- Exchange agreements
- Other agreements



## Network of partnership, cooperation and exchange agreements:

- Around 100 bilateral agreements as basis for institutional cooperation and exchange at all levels
- Distinction between partnership, cooperation and exchange agreements – according to the intensity and scope of the university linkage;

Letters of Intent or Memorandums of Understanding as a preliminary step

- Regulatory framework: „*JLU guidelines for the conclusion of partnership, cooperation and exchange agreements with international institutions*“, adopted by JLU's Executive Board (President, Vice Presidents, Head of Finance and Administration), executed by JLU's International Office in cooperation with legal department

## Regulatory framework – Basic content and procedures:

- Preconditions for the conclusion of a cooperation or exchange agreement
  - already existing contacts and successful cooperation
  - broad level of involvement (not only individual contacts)
  - future development prospects
- Faculty involvement:
  - Faculty council: Consultation
  - Deanery: Formal decision
- Final decision: Executive Board on recommendation of the International Office
- Signature: President – according to the Hessen Higher Education Law

# Cooperation and Exchange Management

## Procedural Aspects:

- Strong involvement of International Office: Counseling, process support and quality assurance
- Initiative needs to be taken on academic level by a JLU professor
- Partnership, cooperation and exchange coordinators on academic level: only full Professors;  
appointed for a two-year activity, often prolonged,  
annual report of activities to the President
- Implementation of student and researcher mobility in coordination with the International Office

# Cooperation and Exchange Management

## **Evaluation:**

- Well established and effective procedures
- Trustful cooperation between Faculties and International Office as well as International Office and Executive Board
- Fruitful co-existence of strategic partner institutions and other cooperation and exchange partners

## **Further Development:**

- Trilateral and multilateral networks, e.g. in Australia/China, Colombia, Namibia/South Africa

# Potential for future cooperation of JLU and partners in Iran (1)

## Multiple academic contacts to partners in Iran, such as:

- **Allameh Tabataba'i University:** → Tourism Management Department
- **University of Tehran:**
  - Faculty of Geography
  - Veterinary Medicine
- **Shahid-Beheshti University:**
  - Department of Geography
  - Phytochemistry Research Centre
  - Environmental Science Research Institute
  - Medicinal Plants and Drugs Research Institute
- **University of Mazandaran:**
  - Department of Geography
  - Several PhD candidates from JLU are now professors at the University of Mazandaran
  - Student exchange

# Potential for future cooperation of JLU and partners in Iran (2)

**Various researchers and departments of JLU have well established academic contacts to partners in Iran that show potential for further development**

Example:

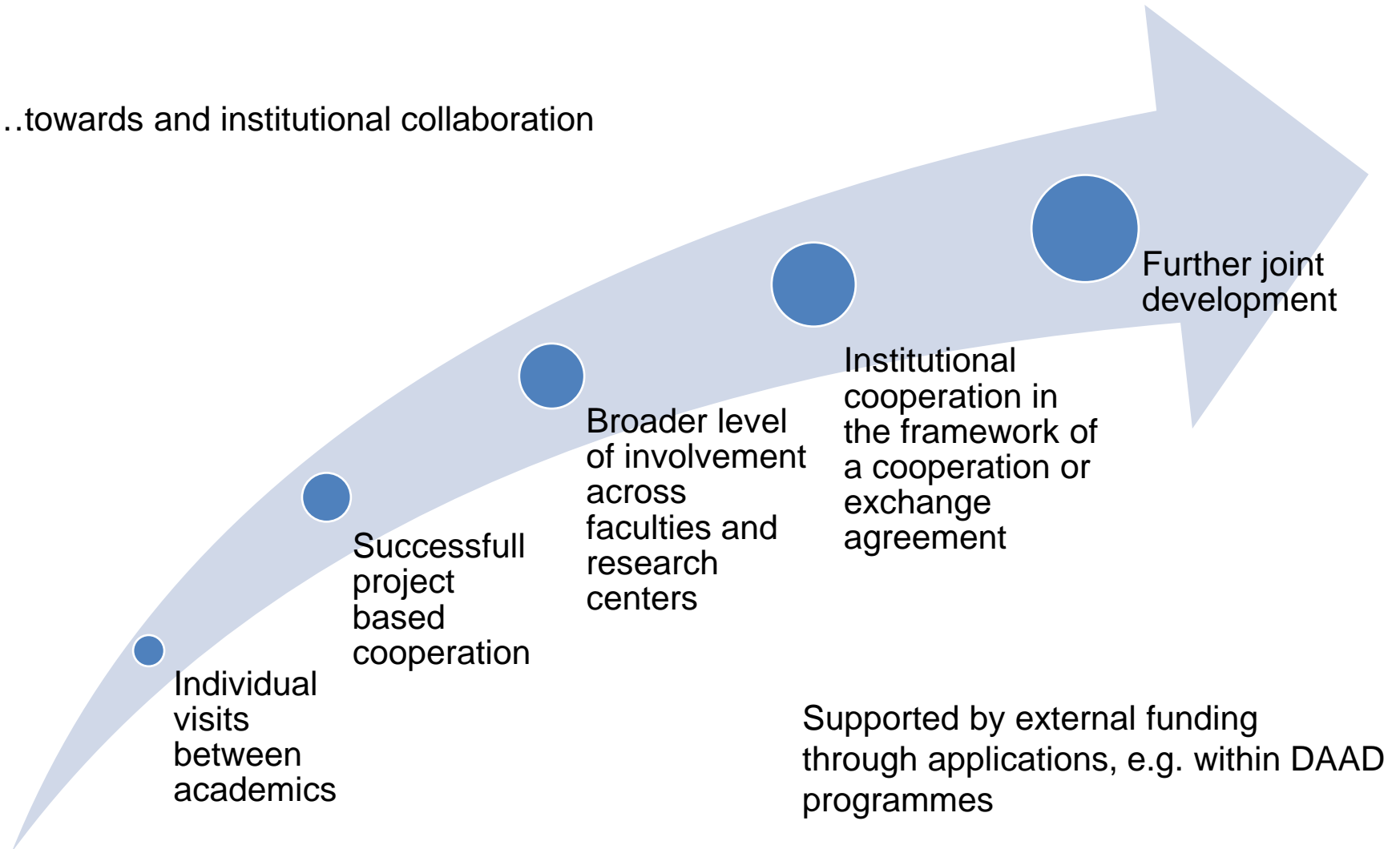
JLU's Department of **Islamic Theology** has build up academic ties to various Iranian Universities such as:

- University of Kashan
- Imam Sadiq University, Tehran
- Imam Khomeini International University, Qazvin

Planned activity: Reciprocal study visits, workshops, joint research

# Next steps...

...towards and institutional collaboration







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