

Erasmus+ -Activities

January, 7 2020 – visiting the exhibition “Fake Truth” & workshop in Vienna

- In the morning the students did a workshop with Christa Bauer, who is the chief executive of the Austrian Mauthausen committee (MKÖ). The students were informed about the MKÖ, which advocates a free and democratic society and guaranteed human rights no matter what nationality, political conviction or religion. Additionally, the committee supports a special protection of minorities.
- In the afternoon the students visited the exhibition “Fake Truth” in the photo gallery Westlicht. In times of never-ending discussions regarding fake news, Alison Jackson’s staged photographs plays with the visitors’ expectations and desires for revelation. The photographs deal with the voyeurism of the public.



Discussing the media with ORF journalist Dieter Bornemann

ORF (Austrian broadcast) journalist and stock market expert Dieter Bornemann exchanged the studio for the class room and inspired the students at the B(R)G Leibnitz with a different kind of media studies.

Dieter Bornemann spent some of his school years at the B(R)G Leibnitz and recently he returned in order to share his experience with the students of four different classes. Together they discussed important sections of media history and analyzed the role and the remit of the ORF. The ORF economic expert emphasized that “quality journalism is the fuel for democracy”. He added: “Broadcasters who are governed by public law need money for their programs but they have a crucial role in society. This is the reason for TV fees.” This is even more important in times of digitalization, new ways of using the media and popular streaming platforms, such as *Netflix*. Bornemann delighted with a passionate plea for journalism with social responsibility and his final tip for the students – based on his own experience – was that being a bad student is not a good idea.

