



Arlind from Macedonia

Arlind is 23 years old and comes from Tetovo, a city located in the northwest of Macedonia, which is known for its decorated Mosque. Besides his mother tongue Albanian he speaks Macedonian and English fluently. In addition he started learning the German language as well as Spanish, Serbian and Croatian.

In June 2012 Arlind completed his Bachelor degree in Legal Studies at the South East European University in Tetovo. Since winter semester 2013/14 he is studying the Master programme Ethics – Economics, Law and Politics at Ruhr-Universität.

In his home country Arlind got involved with the non-governmental organisation LOJA – Centre for Balkan Cooperation as a voluntary member. The organisation supports the cultural development of Macedonia as well as the educational sector and is committed to enlightenment and tolerance. The experiences Arlind obtained by LOJA can be useful to his major fields of study.

Arlind plans to get involved with AIESEC to represent RUB in this framework. He also plans to set up a round table that allows international and German students to exchange ideas and get to know each other in a better way. In addition he would like to start an initiative for a more comprehensive range of courses taught in English at RUB. And Arlind has many more ideas!

“I chose Ruhr-Universität because it has a very good academic reputation and for its hospitality to the international students. Germany is organized and strictly functional, very rich in culture and with the most polite, friendly and helpful people. I love it here.”

“Alongside my studies, I commit myself in social activities because I am also highly interested in the society I live in and the people who comprise that society. I consider this to be very important, because a person can gain a lot of cognition just by interacting with different people.”

Prof. Dr. Steigleder (Faculty of Philosophy and Educational Science) about Arlind:

“Despite the very challenging study programme Arlind has continued his commitment with LOJA and developed ideas for a stronger involvement at RUB and in the context of AIESEC.”

We wish Arlind a lot of success in his further studies and in implementing his ideas!