Student Exchange Program

Outline for Today

- What is this all about?
- What happened so far?
- Schedule – 2 Phases
- Application
- Preview of Preparations & Next Steps

Partners

- University of Siegen (Germany)

Chair for Information Science and New Media (Prof. Dr. Volker Wulf) & Chair for Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Media (Prof. Dr. Volkmar Pipek)

- Birzeit University (Palestine)

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (Dr. Iyad Tumar)

What is this all about?

- 2 x 4-week exchange + preparation and follow-up
- 10 students of USi & 10 students from BZU, some supervisors
- Language: English
- Small group projects
- Main theme: Social Innovation

Social Innovation

What happened so far

- Examples of past Projects

Amal – Video Game

Al-Amari Computer Club

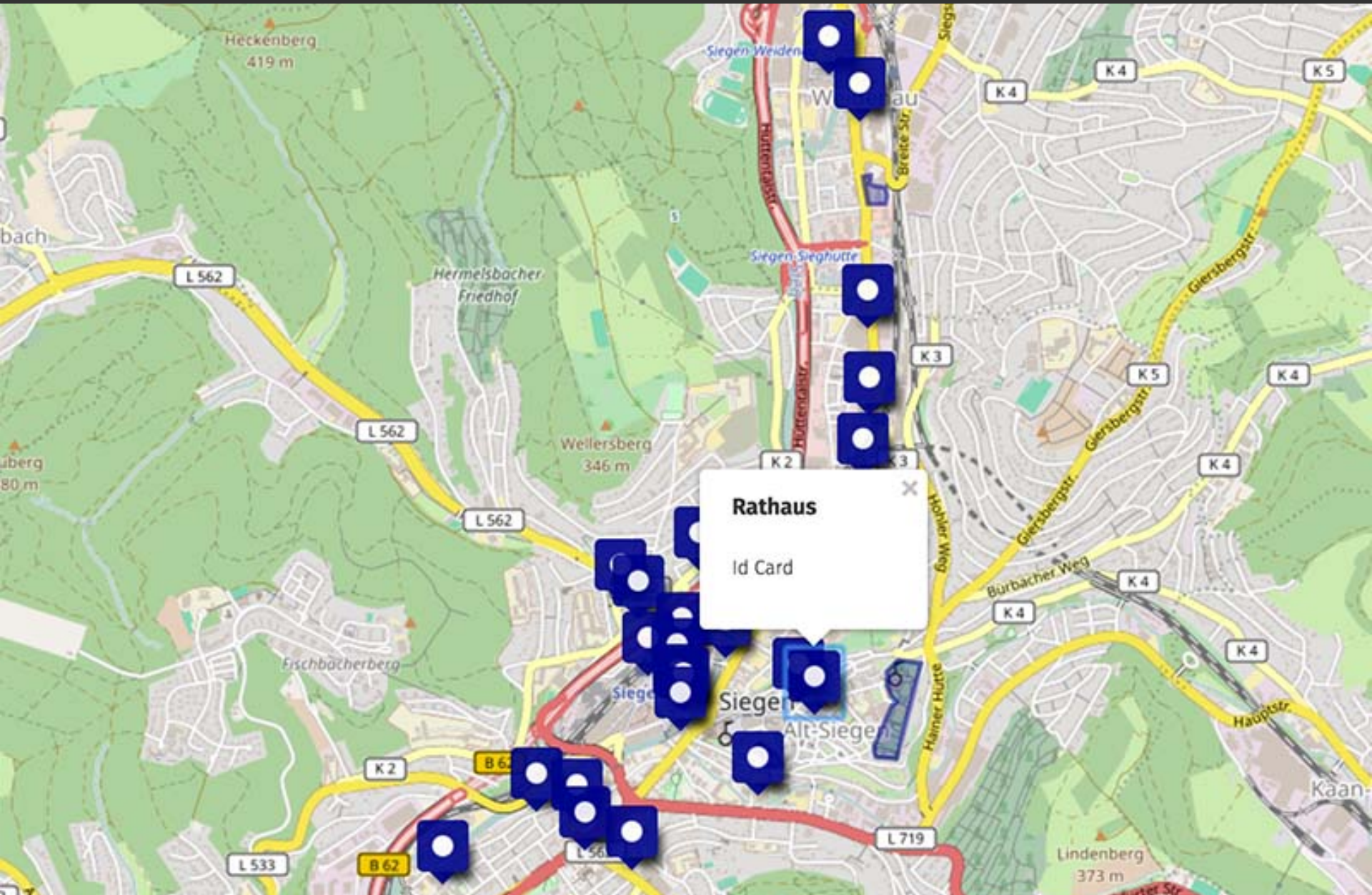
Team Garbage: Edible Cutlery

Awareness for Special Needs

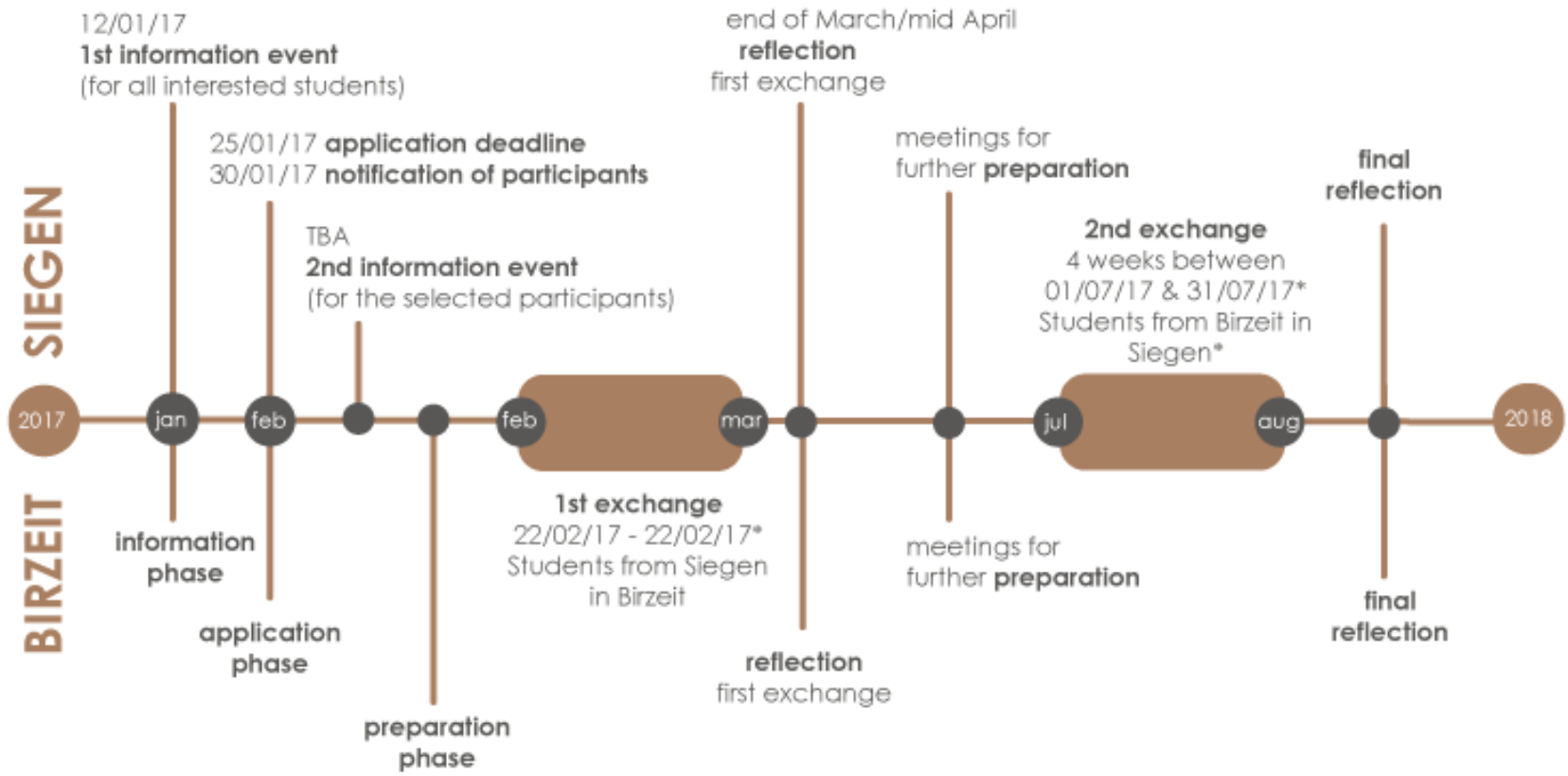
Urban Gardening: Amari Refugee Camp

Urban Gardening: Siegen Refugee Camp

Interactive Map: POIs for Refugees



Overview of Schedule



* Exact dates to be discussed: +/- a few d

Schedule

- Application Deadline: January 25th 23:59
- Notification of Participants **and** kick-off: January 30th (notification in the morning, kick-off meeting at **6 pm)**
- Preparing Sessions (sometime between February 1st and February 15th) – we will send a poll
- First period in Palestine: around **February 22nd** and **March 22nd**
- Reflection and first wrap up: around end of March, Beginning of April

Schedule

- Meetings for further preparation: some time between May and June (we will send a poll)
- Second period in Germany: around **July 1st** and **July 31st**
- Reflection and wrap up: some time between end of August and September (we will send a poll)
- (Preparation of an exhibition: October – December)

Phase 1: Palestine

- We will work in the West Bank
- Birzeit is close to Ramallah
- Accomodation: 3 apartments
  - directly at Manara Square
- Arrival via Tel Aviv,
  Ben Gurion Airport

(Source:
http://www.helles-koepfchen.de/bilder/originale/wissen/welt_entdecken/palaestina-karte.gif)

What will you do?

- Work on small projects
- Do some ethnographic research
- Hang out
- Have fun

Phase 2: Germany

- We will work in Siegen
- Accomodation: (student) appartments/dorms
- Continue projects or do something new

Applications

- Certificate of enrollment
- Curriculum Vitae (max. 1 page)
- Motivational letter, introduction of yourself (max. 1 page; will be distributed among the participants)

- Contact: sarah.rueller@uni-siegen.de

Application deadline: January 25th 2017, 23:59

Who can apply?

- All students currently enrolled at University of Siegen
- People who are up for:
  - Meeting new people, cultures
  - Hacking, tinkering, exploring, being creative, rethinking, building, designing, disrupting...
  - No focus on technology! Just make something better!
- Mixed team, different backgrounds, skills, capabilities
- HCI/WI students: get credit as internship
- Other Students: speak to your academic advisors, academic might be earned

Preparation?

- Get a Passport (EU Reisepass)
  - Make sure it‘s valid for at least 6 months
  - If you‘re a non-EU citizen, please see about visa!
- Insurance (health insurance: travel update)
- Vaccinations
- More information: e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Pack your bags ;-)

Next steps

- Letter of acceptance by **January 30th**
- Kick-off meeting **also January 30th (so please: clear your schedule in case you will be one of the lucky 10)**
- Further preparation meetings tba.
- Take off!

- http://yallah.exchange

Impressions

مخيم
قلعة الشهيد
ياسر عرفات
AL-AMARI CAMP
الأمعري

Old Mark

Questions?

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