ADVANCED STUDIES PROGRAMME
“PERFORMING ARTS IN CONFLICT ZONES”
(CAS)

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Jiyan Igit
Participant CAS PAC 2020
Refugee Camp Makhmur

Requirements for participation
✔ completed training and practice in the performing arts field
✔ stable personality and reflected behavior and sensibility towards a crisis region
✔ willingness to respect one’s own safety, that of the troop and the local population
✔ valid passport

Languages
English, German, Kurdish

Participants from Europe
1° MODULE 9-10 and 13-14 JUNE 2022 online
2° MODULE 19-21 AUGUST 2022 at Accademia Dimitri, Verscio, Switzerland

Participants from the Middle East
1°/2° MODULE 29.9-1 OCTOBER 2022 in Sulaimani, North Iraq

All together
3° MODULE 2-9 OCTOBER 2022 in Sulaimani, North Iraq
4° MODULE 10-21 OCTOBER 2022 working on specific projects.
5° MODULE UNTIL 16 DECEMBER 2022 Deadline submission final thesis.

Languages
English, German, Kurdish

Scholarships:
Are in rare cases available upon request

Costs
2500,- CHF

Included:
Teaching courses at ATD and in Sulaimani and accommodation in Sulaimani

Not included:
Flights and accommodation at ATD

Lecturers
Anina Jendreyko
Theatre director, Ressourcenorientierte Traumapädagogik, Traumazentrierte Fachberatung, Train the trainers