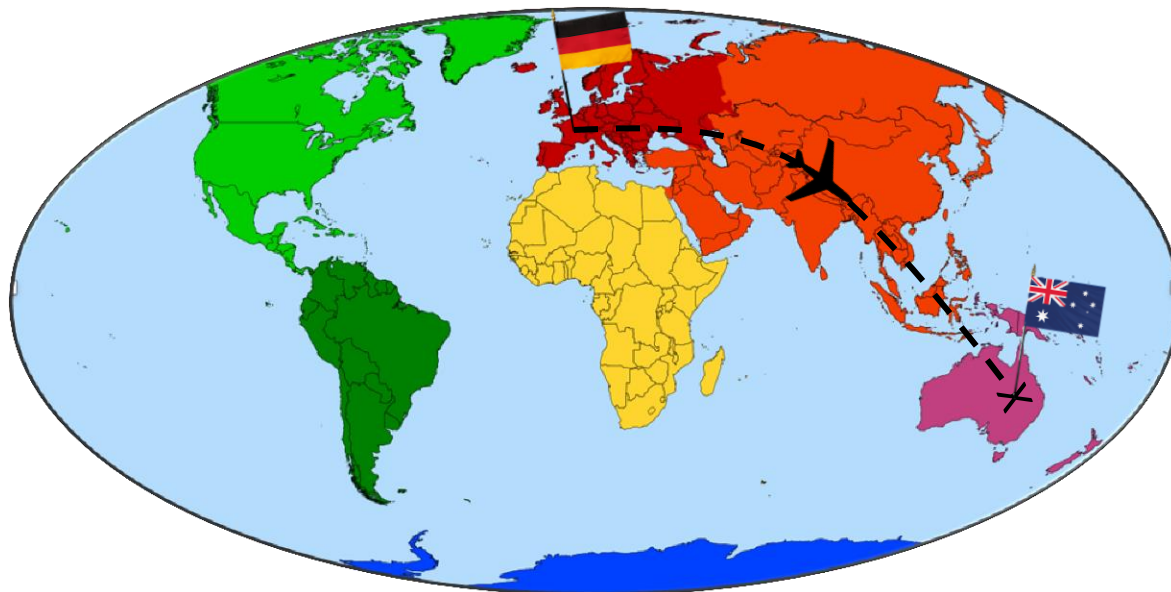


Why Australia?

- World leading research
- Scientific expertise in less well represented research areas in Germany
- High scientific standard and recognition of degrees
- Exotic destination and cultural diversity



Why GOstralia! and the GOstralia! Research Centre

- Agency with expertise and know-how
- Personalized advice and guidance
- PhD applicants are seen as more than just a number
- Visa help



Arriving in Australia



- Can be an isolating experience
- No significant cultural shock as a German
- Differences vs. similarities

STAGES of CULTURE SHOCK



Services that help

- Airport pick-up is a great service but not well known
- International induction

Ways to help

Graduate School/International Office

- Get-together for PhD cohort (school level)
- Advertisement for help services

In the lab-/working group

- Introduce PhD student to everyone in the group
- Lab guide
 - Contact people in the office/school/graduate school etc.
 - Lab meeting times
 - Lab and office specific inductions
 - Transportation
 - Phone network provider
 - Bank Accounts