I first decided to join STUBE out of curiosity, after a workshop I joined at the International Center. What most impressed me was the people I met there: students who had beautiful projects or strong desires to go back to their homes and make great environmental and social impacts. Some were even already trying to build partnership between governments or just doing somethings by themselves. It inspired me because deep down I know that it is my long-term goal. The seminars offered by STUBE are usually a weekend long where students from all over Baden-Württemberg get together in a city for a full immersion in a specific topic, paying a student-friendly fee with hotel, transportation, and meals included. 

Besides the seminars, there is also a special scholarship for internships and the "Multiplikator*innenprogramm", which is a yearlong program where one can learn methods and training to lead such seminars. Taking into account that the whole program is in German, this is a great opportunity to step up our German level. Agonza and I decided to take part of this program and will be sharing more details after we are done, maybe in the next issue of the Newsletter!

In any case, all the information you may need can be found on their website. The whole team is super friendly and welcoming, so do not be afraid to ask questions and join!

https://www.stubebw.de/

Igor Ramos
M.Sc. WASTE Student, Gen. 2018

Last weekend STUBE organized a seminar, Ausbeutung und Verschmutzung der Meere (Exploitation and Pollution in the Sea). I registered to the seminar as the topic is something I care about and I wanted to do something productive during the weekend. Even though the whole seminar was in German and there were parts I found hard to follow, I really learned a lot about sea politics and pollution. The fact that everyone who was participating in the seminar only spoke German to each other really encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone. I think that STUBE is a great platform to learn new thing and ideas and a place you can improve your German. They create a comfortable and engaging environment for students and I felt very welcomed.

- Rinusha Maharraj, Gen. 2018

Taking part in the conference STUBE organized was a great experience for me. I had not expected it to be informative and so much fun. The topic itself, pollution of water, was the reason I was attracted to the idea in the first place. This topic was new to me, as I have never appreciated nor acknowledged the depth of our oceans and seas both literally and figuratively, and I never realized the richness that lies within it. I learned about some detrimental water politics at play among different countries and some of the history that comes with it. Besides the load of information that I was able to collect from this experience, my favorite part was being able to discuss such topics with the participants themselves. They came from different continents, bringing with them very new perspectives to my personal views. I truly found STUBE to be a great tool in bringing people together from all around the world. It was able to teach us important information about current topics and also allowed us to discuss this in a comfortable environment. It is inspiring to know that with this knowledge, we can each return to our respective countries and contribute to making the world a better place for everyone.

- Sakia Moussawel, Gen. 2018

STUBE has given me an opportunity to learn, exchange ideas, and acquire skills and methods in addressing important topics with a global view. The STUBE seminars provide insight of how one person can make a difference in improving the quality of life. I recommend that other students participate.

-Agonza Lwakatare, Gen. 2018