

**Interview with Prof. Rausch in Austria TV station OKTO within the Tandem Series**  
Eurasia-Pacific Uninet as an opportunity for university students



Tengger Desert, Ningxia (Tandem 2018, 19:27), Prof. Rausch (Tandem 2018, 35:10)

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„Following the traces of the silk route the Tandem Team sheds light upon the fascinating East-West trading relations, which in parts date back 2.000 years, but also reports about China's current silk road initiative.“ — Tandem 2018

In his interview, Prof. Rausch talks about the opportunity for students to take part in Summer Schools, organized by Eurasia-Pacific Uninet (EPU), which allows the participants to make contact with the culture of the respective country. But the works of EPU are not limited to collegiate activities. Through EPU, Asian scholars have the chance to be granted a research stay in Austria. This will allow them further research in a different context, as well as offer the possibility of collaborations with Austrian counterparts.

Being described as a network which connects people beyond borders of countries, EPU fits well into the narrative of the ancient silk road, as well as China's current silk road initiative, formally called „The Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Silk Road“ (Belt and Road), whose aim is to establish a system of relations profitable to all the participants.

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