

# ADOE – an intercultural workgroup on music therapy

Round Table

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- ADOE = **A**siatisch-**D**eutsch-**Ö**sterreichische Arbeitsgruppe für Musiktherapie (Asian-German-Austrian Workgroup on Music Therapy)
- Founded in 2012
- Meeting every year
- Homepage: [www.adoe-musiktherapie.de/](http://www.adoe-musiktherapie.de/)



# Mission statement

- Reflecting interculturality of music therapy - using the examples of Asian-European relations in music therapy
- Supporting colleagues from Asia, who study or work in Europe or want to go back after training to their home country
- Improving understanding of Asian culture for European colleagues



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- Present Situation of Music Therapy in different Asian countries, e.g.
  - South-Korea
  - Japan
  - China
  - Thailand
  - Singapore
  - ...



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- Language: terminology, translating in different languages
- Intercultural Issues
  - Dealing with people with disabilities
  - Illness
  - Death and birth
- Health care systems
  - Job profile of music therapist



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- Family therapy in China (a German perspective)
  - Different ideas for education within different generations (grandparents, parents, children); different future expectations
  - Marital problems of single-child-generation
- Special Education in China (a Chinese perspective)
  - Different expectations of therapy from parents and therapists; precarious situations; societal challenges



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- Intercultural Issues

- Personal challenges of Asian students with European/German music therapy
- Experiences of a Japanese music therapy student with German „Selfexperience“
- Culture-specific questions dealing with personal and emotional expressions
- Rituals around death and funeral in different cultural settings
- Experiences of German music therapists and a psychoanalyst in China, Korea and Japan



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Describing emotional  
qualities of music in  
a culture specific  
way.

Creating meaning in  
the overlap between  
music and language.

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