

Should Germans be Forced to Study Arabic?

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A senior German educator has called for all pupils in the country to be forced to study Arabic until they graduate in the interests of the multicultural state.

Professor of Computer Science Thomas Strothotte and President of a private Hamburg university has argued that **German children should be forced to learn Arabic alongside German so they would better understand the country's 1.5 million new migrants and make them feel more welcome. He said it would help Germany become "a country of immigration, and a multilingual society."**

Germany is discussing frankly the problems of integrating over one million migrants that have arrived over the past year, especially in the light of the brutal sex attacks that have been blamed by some on a clash of cultures.

Some have called for newly arrived migrants to be taught about European

norms, culture, and language, but professor Strothotte has suggested that **teaching Germans Arabic instead will “strengthen integration”**, reports *Die Welt*.

Prof. Strothotte predicts that the continued migrant invasion presents an opportunity for Germany’s youth to access the emerging Arabic market and justifies his call for required Arabic courses by saying that **the next few decades will see a “profound transformation” of Europe and the Middle East in which he believes the Arabic language will be vitally important for business and cultural integration.**

He claims the move will put Germany forward as an “economic, cultural, and political partner” for the Middle East.

Learning a foreign language is already compulsory in German schools, but students have a choice in what they chose to take besides German. Presently, most choose English. – [Jihad Watch](#).

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