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Welcome Centre Events

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| 5 th December | 9:30 – 11:30 | Campus Start in U7-205
Monthly welcome event for new international researchers. Get to know the university and the Welcome Centre team, learn about getting started in Bielefeld, how to get around the university and the services we offer.
Registration required: welcome@uni-bielefeld.de |
| 5 th December | 11:30 – 12:30 | Campus Tour , departing from U7-205
Following Campus Start, we offer a guided tour through the main and X building explaining all points of everyday interest for your convenience. |
| 5 th December | 12:30 – 13:30 | International Lunch , Westend cafeteria, main building
Monthly opportunity to get to know other internationals over an informal lunch. We meet at the first table beyond the entrance to the Westend cafeteria. Friends and family are welcome. |
| 20 th December | 19:30 – 21:00 | International <i>Stammtisch</i> , Christmas market, meeting point: big clock at Jahnplatz
Monthly informal get-together to meet other international academics in a casual atmosphere. Instead of meeting in a bar as usual we would like to take profit of the upcoming Christmas season and meet at the Christmas market. Simply show up at the big clock at Jahnplatz. |

Scholarships and Grants

The **Welcome Centre offers final degree scholarships for international doctoral candidates**: The final degree scholarship aims at helping international PhD students who need funding in order to complete their studies. The scholarship is funded by the German Academic Exchange Service's (DAAD) support programme for international doctoral candidates (STIBET). Prerequisites include a good academic record and the expectation that the degree will be granted within a year. Applications must be submitted complete to the Welcome Centre (including all enclosures) until 15th December, 2016. For further information see here: <https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/International/Scientists/aktuell/index.html>

European Research Council (ERC) funding schemes are open to top researchers of any nationality or age who wish to carry out their frontier research in the 28 EU Member States or associated countries. There are three core funding schemes and one additional scheme for ERC grant holders. There are also opportunities to work or gain experience in ERC teams. More information: <https://erc.europa.eu/funding-and-grants/funding-schemes>

Are you in search of a short-term fellowship programme in Japan? The **Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)** offers the chance to conduct cooperative research with leading research groups in Japanese universities and other institutions. The application is open for US-American, Canadian and European pre- and postdoctoral researchers from the Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences. The application deadline is between 4th January 2017 and 11th January 2017. For further information, please click the following link: http://www.jspso.go.jp/english/e-fellow/postdoctoral_short.html

Career Development

UNIplus Staffing Initiative: More Than 40 Additional Professors for Bielefeld University. Rector Gerhard Sagerer recently announced that within the next two years Bielefeld University will be hiring 40 additional professors to ensure the quality of university teaching as well as to enhance the university's research profile. To read more about it, please have a further look here: http://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uninews/entry/uniplus_staffing_initiative_more_than

The European Research Council – ERC is funding **fundamental research for excellent scientists** from different career stages and disciplines. You can apply for up to 2,75 million Euros for the maximum of five years.

The EU team from Dezernat FFT can advise you. The contact person is Dr. Alice Merca, Tel.: 0521 106-3964

More information can be found here: <http://www.euburo.de/erc-consolidator-grants.htm>

You can find the German information here: http://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/Horizon2020/entry/erc_ausschreibung_consolidator_grant_ge%C3%B6ffnet

For all interested postgraduate researchers, PhD students and postdoctoral researchers who would like to discuss their English-language dissertations, conference presentations and other projects there is a **self-organized English-speaking writing group** at the university. They meet up every other Thursday from 6pm to 8pm in the Centre for Teaching and Learning in the X-building. All interested people should contact them via email beforehand: academic-english-group@uni-bielefeld.de

Deadline for submission:
Wednesday, 1st
March, 2017 at
12pm

The University of Ghent (Belgium) is always looking for **innovative projects in healthcare applications**. The laureates of this competition will be invited for the award ceremony chaired by former president of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy during the international symposium.

For more information, please have a further look here: <http://www.prof-projects.com/2017-call-text.html>

Deadline for
submission:
Monday, 16th
January, 2017

The Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, the Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems has agreed to launch a joint call for proposals during 2016-2017 to promote **Indo-Swedish research and innovation cooperation**. DBT and VINNOVA hereby invite Indian and Swedish industry and researchers in both private and public sectors to submit joint project applications for collaborative research and innovation projects. Applicants should work in Formal or Natural Sciences:
<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/funding/dbt-vinnova-sweden-joint-call-proposals-field-health>

Deadline for
submission:
Thursday, 12th
January, 2017

The Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) and Forte, the Swedish Research Council for Health Working Life and Welfare, invite proposals for **collaborative research projects in the field of ageing and health**, focusing on developing affordable and appropriate innovative assistive technology for the disabled elderly and methods of home based care interventions for the elderly. This call is open for joint proposals from research teams based in India and Sweden. More information:
<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/funding/indo-swedish-call-proposals-field-ageing-and-health-icmr-forte-1>

Deadline for
submission:
Tuesday, 14th
February, 2017

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the European Commission (EC) will jointly fund certain **India-EU collaborative projects** under Horizon 2020 (H2020). Target group are researchers from the Formal and Natural Sciences. Find more information here:
<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/jobs/funding/dbt-eu-10-new-calls-proposals-under-horizon-2020>

Expand your network on the **Alumniportal**. Join the online Alumni community, find webinars and events, post your professional profile and find jobs and assignments: <http://www.alumniportal-deutschland.org/en/>

Culture and Events

During the upcoming pre-Christmas season there will be the **traditional Christmas market** in Bielefeld city centre each day until December 30th. To see the programme (in German) that comes along with the Christmas market, click the following link:

<https://www.bielefeld.de/de/kf/veranstaltungen/weihnachtsmarkt/?sort=t&RANGE=2&PAGE=0>

Throughout the winter season there will be a lot of cultural events in and around Bielefeld. Have a further look on the **Kulturwinter** programme here (in German):

<https://www.bielefeld.de/de/kf/veranstaltungen/kulturwinter/>

Accommodation and Furniture

Accommodation offers: Here you will find some of our available flats and rooms in Bielefeld. You can find the whole list in our Facebook group and at the wall in front of our offices.

#10 furnished flat, Puntheide, 33619 Bielefeld, 475€, 28m², 1 room apartment, furnished, 1 bedroom, KB, Kitchen furnished, suitable for singles or singles with children, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed.

#50 partially furnished flat, Grewenbrink, 33619 Bielefeld, 555 €, 50m², 1-room-apartment, partially furnished, 1 bedroom, living room, KB, kitchen furnished, suitable for single/couple/family with 1 child, patio, no smoking allowed, small pets allowed.

#156 furnished flat, Hartlager Weg, 33604 Bielefeld, 320€, 20m², 1-room-apartment, suitable for 1 person, no pets, no smoking, internet included, longer-term renting, women (ca. 25 yrs) only.

#171 partially furnished House, Bethelweg, 33617 Bielefeld, 1474€, 130m². Partially furnished house, suitable for families with 3 children and more. More than 3 bedrooms, own KB. No pets, no smoking. Tenants need a personal liability insurance.

#189 furnished house, Senner Hellweg, 33604 Bielefeld, 1000€, 80m². Until: 31st December, 2017, 2 rooms, living room, KB, car space available, garden, pets allowed, suitable for couples, families or shared flats.

Our fellow, **Pedro Feijão is leaving Bielefeld and sells furniture**. Have a look at his website to see what he is selling: <http://pedrofeijao1975.wixsite.com/mysite>

Scholars at Risk

Scholars at Risk – Information for applicants from Turkey: Given the high volume of applications from Turkey that the network has received in recent weeks and months, they are currently in the stage of prioritizing applications from individuals experiencing the most urgent risk. Please note that this can lead to delayed answers. More information: <https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/information-applicants-turkey/>

Free to Think 2016 report of the Scholars at Risk Network has recently been released and reveals and analyzes more than 150 reported attacks on higher education communities in 35 countries that have occurred between May 2015 and September 2016. Further reading: <https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/2016/10/free-think-2016-states-must-respond-crisis-level-attacks-universities-scholars-students/>

The Scholars At Risk Network identifies and tracks **attacks on higher education communities worldwide** in order to develop more effective protection responses. You can find an overview and detailed reports here: <http://monitoring.academicfreedom.info/>

Center for Interdisciplinary Research

Application
until 1st
October, 2017

The ZiF (Center for Interdisciplinary Research) at Bielefeld University offers the opportunity to establish an **interdisciplinary Research Group in the academic year 2019/20**. For several months up to one year fellows reside at the ZiF and work together on a broader research theme. ZiF provides funding, support by a research assistant, and a professional infrastructure (i.e. accommodation, conference facilities). Find more information here: https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/ZiF/Aktuell/Call_for_Project_Proposals.pdf

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The ZiF (Center for Interdisciplinary Research) at Bielefeld University regularly sets up **cooperation groups** with two to six fellows who work together on an interdisciplinary research project. The project durations varies between a couple of weeks and six months. If you are interested in further information (in German), please have a look here: <https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28de%29/ZiF/Foerderung/kg.html>

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The short-term **ZiF working groups** (ZiF is the Center for Interdisciplinary Research at Bielefeld University) aim to exchange ideas about interdisciplinary research topics. Groups can reach from ten up to 80 participants. Find more information here: <https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28de%29/ZiF/Foerderung/ag.html>

Further Info

Bielefeld University takes part in the “**International Student Barometer**” (ISB), a worldwide study which provides information on conditions of studying and living conditions of international students. Current PhD students can take part in the survey and have the opportunity to win 1000€ in cash. Questions concern topics as support, teaching, learning and living conditions. The answers will be treated in strict confidence and your identity will be anonymised. If you have questions on the survey, you are welcome to contact: Despina Arnold: internationalmarketing@uni-bielefeld.de. To participate click here: <https://survey.euro.confirmat.com/wix/1/p1852627391.aspx?ins=140205&ort=r&l=8201&abc=1>

Relaunch of the EURAXESS portal: The EURAXESS team has launched the revamped EURAXESS portal. Besides a new design it offers new, improved features such as a real funding database, where research funding agencies are invited to enter national research funding opportunities, an “Upload CV” function and the Science4Refugees Buddy Programme. Explore the new EURAXESS portal here: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>

The **driving school “Vornesitzer”** in August-Bebel-Straße 16-18 in Bielefeld will be happy to organize again a theoretical English class to obtain the driving license if there are at least ten people who are interested in participating. To find out more about the driving school and their prices consult their (German) website: <http://www.vornesitzer.de/>

If you are interested, please let us know via welcome@uni-bielefeld.de so we can get an idea if it would be possible to reach the minimum number of participants and to consider a start date for the lessons.

For a general overview of the driving license in Germany, do not forget to check here:

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/international-academics-at-bielefeld-university/information-about-drivers-licence-f%C3%BCherschein-in-germany/1004786392884203>

Understanding salary ranges in a new academic environment: Susan Heathfield's article "How Does a Salary Range Work?" can be found here: <https://www.thebalance.com/how-does-a-salary-range-work-1918256>