Bielefeld University Welcome Centre Newsletter
March 2017

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Welcome Centre Events

2nd March 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

2nd March 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.

2nd March 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.

21st March 19:30 – 21:00  **International Stammtisch**, (Regulars’ Table), Casa Café & Bar  
Monthly informal get-together to meet other international academics in a casual atmosphere. Simply show up at the Casa in Karl-Eilers-Straße 12 in 33602 Bielefeld on the third Tuesday of every month.

Scholarships and Grants

**Application deadline: March 5, 2017**  
The **University of Deusto** in Bilbao opens the second and last call to recruit 8 Marie Sklodowska-Curie researchers for three years.  
The Deusto International Research School (DIRS) aims to attract qualified international early stage researchers for high quality PhD training in one of the seven existing doctoral programmes linked to one of the four focus areas: Health and Well-being; Human Rights, Peace and Conflict Resolution; Sustainable Development and Innovation and Education and Lifelong Learning. 

**Application deadline: April 2, 2017**  
The **Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities** has opened their 2017 call for membership applications.  
AGYA promotes research cooperation among researchers from all disciplines who are affiliated with a research institution in Germany or any Arab country. The academy provides partnership-building opportunities and funding to support the innovative projects of its members in various fields of research as well as in science policy and education.  
At the time of application, the candidate’s doctoral degree has preferably been conferred upon him/her no less than three and no longer than ten years.  
Find the guidelines presenting objectives, eligibility and selection criteria as
well as the application form and further information here:  
http://jobs.zeit.de/jobs/berlin_call_for_membership_applications_137621.
html?wt_zmc=nl.int.zonpmr.jobnewsletter.2017-01-19.stellenmarkt.textlink.selektion.x&c=487722&si=neewYQy9asaW4sBkJTPGhxog9KszmllDQrfOzx1iXPGP8sQM1DQm661txZ59ngq09uyvPYfHEzi68uNtzg&utm

April 4, 2017

The **Overview of Research Funding in Germany** seminar at Bielefeld University provides international young researchers with an overview of the German research funding system. It addresses both PhDs close to the completion of their thesis as well as early postdocs who are interested in ways of financing their postdoctoral phase. The different research funding institutions and their programmes will be introduced. A short introduction about application strategies will be given as well.

For further details and contact, please find out more:  
http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/nachwuchs/Overview_Research_Funding.html

Application deadline:  
April 15, 2017

On the 22\textsuperscript{nd} of March the last information event for the **Bielefeld Young Researchers’ Fund** will take place in H2 (lecture hall 2). This programme is separated into two funding lines with a total of five different funding measures. Students preparing for their doctoral phase, doctoral students in their final phase and postdocs can apply for the different measures. If you have further questions, please contact: Service Center for Young Researchers, Dr. Linda Groß, nachwuchsfonds@uni-bielefeld.de

Find the guidelines presenting objectives, eligibility and selection criteria as well as the application form and further information here:  
http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/nachwuchs/finanzierung_und_foerderung/postdoktoranden/nachwuchsfonds.html

The **ERASMUS+ programme** funds teaching exchanges at European partner universities. During their stay, the guest lecturers reinforce the European dimension of the programme, widen the teaching offer and pass on their knowledge to the students who do not/can not study abroad. With it, it is expected a development of joint study programmes and the exchange of course contents and methods between the two universities. Within the framework of its internationalisation strategy, Bielefeld University funds, specially, young scholars who wish to acquire a more international teaching experience. The lecturer must have a working relationship with Bielefeld University (working contract, teaching assignment, scholarship agreement)

If you have further questions, please contact: International Office Bielefeld University, Karin Kruse, karin.kruse@uni-bielefeld.de

For further information, see (in German):  
http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/professoren-und-mitarbeiter/erasmus/gastdozenturen.html
Career Development

Application deadline: March 17, 2017

The Turkish-German University in Istanbul is offering several positions for lecturers in the fields of Engineering, Business Administration and Natural Sciences.

If you have further questions, please contact the Turkish-German University directly.

Find the contact information, expected qualifications and detailed information on the offers here (in German):
http://tau.edu.tr/duyuru/stellenausschreibungen_an_der_tdu

March 23 & 24, 2017

The university’s Schreiblabor (Writing Centre) is offering a two-day workshop on scientific writing in English for young researchers.

The workshop deals with questions that researchers writing in English as a second language typically struggle with.

If you have further questions please contact: Stefanie Haacke
stefanie.haacke@uni-bielefeld.de

For more information and the registration, see (in German):
http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/nachwuchs/Scientific_Writing.html

From March 20 to April 13

PunktUm offers intensive German courses at various levels (A1 to B2). The levels are adapted to the Common European Framework of Reference and the courses lead to the completion of one course level.

The aim of the courses is to facilitate the linguistic and social integration of the PhD students into every-day life of university and German society in general. All language skills will be practiced and grammar excercises will help to improve your language knowledge.

If you have further questions please contact: Laura Lippe & Jan-Steffen Glüpker punktum@uni-bielefeld.de

For more information and the registration, see: http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/punktum/intensiv.html

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.

#189 furnished house, Senner Hellweg, 33604 Bielefeld, 1000€, 80m². Until: 31.12.2017, 2 rooms, living room, KB, car space available, garden, pets allowed, suitable for couples, families or shared flats.

#242 furnished house, Adolf-Reichweinstr. ,33615 Bielefeld,1200€, 110m², von Februar bis April 2017; von Juli bis September 2017. Suitable for couple,WG, family with children,3 bedrooms, living room, KB, utility room, patio, garden, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed.
#217 furnished house, Roonstr., 33615 Bielefeld, 1450€, 140m², until: 25.02.2017, 3 bedrooms, living room, KB, suitable for families with 3 or more children, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed.

#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.

#257 furnished flat, Im Hagen, 33739 Bielefeld, 650€, 80m², until 31.01.2018, 1 bedroom, KB, furnished kitchen, living room; suitable for single, couple, shared flat, family with 1 child, garden, pets allowed, smoking allowed.

Further Info

Below you can find the Scholars at Risk’s (SAR) responses to the recent U.S. executive order on immigration (as of Feb. 1, 2017) that Bielefeld University supports. If you or fellow colleagues are affected by the USA-ban, it would be advisable to keep us informed, but also to address the SAR office: https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/2017/02/scholars-risk-responses-u-s-executive-order-immigration/#response

Carmen Bachmann, a professor of tax and finance at Leipzig University, founded "Chance for Science," a website that connects refugee academics with scientists working in Germany. Bachmann had heard that there were people in the refugee camps with advanced academic training and she decided to reach out to them.

Her website, “Chance for Science”, was featured by NPR radio on "[how] to keep intellectual capital — and human capital — from going to waste".
Read more about it here: http://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2017/02/09/513700808/while-others-saw-refugees-this-german-professor-saw-human-potential