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November 2018

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- November 5, 9:30
2018 **Campus Start** in C01-246
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
- November 5, 11:30
2018 **Campus Tour**, departing from C01-246
Following Campus Start, we offer a guided tour through the main and the X-building explaining all points of everyday interest for your convenience.
- December 3, 12:30
2018 **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. Colleagues and Friends are welcome too.
- November 20, 19:30
2018 **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 at Karl-Eilers-Straße 12 (33602 Bielefeld) on the third Tuesday of every month.
- November 22, 9:00-17:00
2018 **Intercultural Competence Training at Bielefeld University**. In the spirit of supporting a more inclusive and understanding university community, the International Office will be offering an intercultural competence training with the aim of bringing members of the university to discuss, explore and expand upon their experiences and notions of intercultural interaction and communication. All international academics are invited to attend.

Please contact welcome@uni-bielefeld.de to register for the workshop until Friday, 9th November (extended deadline).

More information about the workshop:

<http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/host.html>

Career

Applications at
any time

If you have completed a doctorate or comparable academic degree not more than four years, you can apply for a **Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers**. The fellowship is worth 2,650 euros per month. Applications can be submitted online at any time.

Find all information regarding the application process here:

<https://www.research-in-germany.org/en/infoservice/newsletter/newsletter-2018/october->

[2018/humboldt-research-fellowship-for-postdoctoral-researchers.html](https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/2018/humboldt-research-fellowship-for-postdoctoral-researchers.html)

Various events

Bielefeld University offers a **training programme** called “**PEP**” for their academic members. Within PEP you can for example join workshops to develop language and writing skills, skills in giving talks and learn about E-learning and other Databases. There are still places available for November. More information and registration:

<http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/index.html>

Various
Deadlines

If your ultimate goal is to become a professor at a German university, then a **junior professorship** is an interesting career step after completing your doctorate, since it enables young researchers to engage in research and teaching early in their careers.

Read more here: <https://goo.gl/2YodW1>

EURAXESS published a new video about the Career Development section of the EURAXESS European portal. The short video presents the contents of the section, including the tools available there. EURAXESS supports you in your personal career development. The clip is available here: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/useful-informa.../about-euraxess>

The Intercultural Assistant for researchers is online. It aims at raising your awareness of the complexity of the intercultural encounters you are likely to experience as a researcher on the move. It consists of four sections: What Is Culture? Boost Your Intercultural Competence, Compare Cultures and Socializing Find the online assistant here: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/bulgaria/intercultural-assistant>

Further Info

October 15
2018 – February
02, 2019

The **sport programme** for the winter semester 2018/19 is available for students, staff, guests and alumni of Bielefeld University and the FH Bielefeld. Registration starts at 2pm on the 8th of October 2018.

Main information on how to register here: [http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/Universitaet/Serviceangebot/Sport/sportprogramm/index.html](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/Universitaet/Serviceangebot/Sport/sportprogramm/index.html)

Contact as early
as possible

Do you want to manage your short **research stay** at Bielefeld University **with children**? This has to be planned months in advance. Schools and kindergartens do not accept children staying less than 90 days and kindergartens give their seats one year in advance. For rest seats in activities, kindergartens or babysitters ask the family service of the university: ulrike.piplies@uni-bielefeld.de

Scholars at Risk monitors reports of threats to academic freedom and higher education communities worldwide, including media articles, blogs, opinion pieces and other announcements. You can find the **academic freedom media review** compiled by Scholars at Risk Network here:

<https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/academic-freedom-media-review/>

The outcomes of the **EU funded project inHERE** are almost ready. In the current refugee challenge in Europe, the social dimension of Higher Education (HE) is concerned with providing opportunities for refugees to participate in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA). inHERE strengthens knowledge sharing, peer-support and academic partnership to facilitate integration and access of refugees in European Higher Education Institutions. More information:

<https://www.inhereproject.eu/homepage?fbclid=IwAR1PF3a7TVOCNYpsfeuind-gtEviNqdW3y5TnsTBA1QXXCaXDaM0d5iCxb8>

If you need a document being translated, you can find all **officially recognized translators and interpreters in Bielefeld and NRW** on the following webpage: <http://www.gerichtsdolmetscher.de/suche.jsp>

The **Studierendenwerk** offers a **free menu for children** up to the age of 10 years. Just fill in the application form and hand it, together with the proof of matriculation and copy of birth certificate, to the Studierendenwerk (Address: Morgenbreede 2-4): <https://goo.gl/MJuoU7>

If you plan to **leave** Germany, you can find helpful information on our website what you should think of: [http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/International/Scientists/departure.html](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/International/Scientists/departure.html)

In the news

Bielefeld University again among the 50 best young universities in the world

For the seventh time in a row, Bielefeld University has been named one of the world's best young universities by the British academic magazine Times Higher Education (THE). In the "Young University Rankings 2018" Bielefeld University ranks 29th worldwide. Among the German universities evaluated, it ranks fourth, and second in North Rhine-Westphalia.

Further information: https://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uninews/entry/bielefeld_university_again_among_the

ERC Starting Grant for Professor Dr. Minh Nguyen

The Bielefeld scientist Minh Nguyen has been awarded an ERC Starting Grant from the European Research Council (ERC) for her social anthropological research on Eastern and Southern Asia at the Faculty of Sociology.

More information: https://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uninews/entry/bielefeld_sociologist_awarded_eu_science