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January 2017

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| 5 th January | 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 January | 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 January | 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. |
| 17 th January | 19:30 – 21:00 | International <i>Stammtisch</i> , (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

The call for applications of the **LE STUDIUM Smart Loire Valley Programme - Campaign 2017** - is now open.

The Le STUDIUM fellowships' aim is to increase the mobility of experienced researchers and to create a dynamic outwards-looking international scientific community in region Centre-Val de Loire (France), covering all research disciplines and involving public and private research institutions.

Application deadline is on February 9, 2017 at 5:00 pm (CET).

Find the guidelines presenting objectives, eligibility and selection criteria as well as the application form and further information here:

<http://www.lestudium-ias.com/content/studium-research-fellowship>

The **Bielefeld Graduate School of History and Sociology (BGHS)** invite once a year doctoral researchers from other countries to work at the Graduate School for four months to promote international scientific and cultural exchange. Visiting fellows have the opportunity to use their stay at the BGHS to work intensively on their dissertation, visit degree programme courses and build contacts to our scientific community.

Deadline for the application for the summer term is January 15, 2017.

For more information on the fellowships and the application criteria follow this link: www.uni-bielefeld.de/en/bghs/Ausschreibungen/visiting_fellowships.html

Career Development

Registration is possible up to January 5th, 2017

The Personnel department for Researchers and Teachers (PEP) gives an **in-house workshop on “Teaching methods”** on January 20, 2017. The workshop gives a basic overview and practical advice about teaching and planning a course. For further information and registration see here: http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/service_lehre/teaching_methods_jan2017.html

On February 15, 2017 between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm the Servicecenter for Young Researchers gives the **seminar “Overview on Research Funding in Germany”**. The seminar provides international young researchers with an overview of the German research funding system. Addressees are both PhDs close to the completion of their thesis as well as early Postdocs who are interested in ways of financing their postdoctoral phase. For more information and the registration, see http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/nachwuchs/Overview_Research_Funding.html

The **Writing centre (Schreiblabor)** of Bielefeld University has an **English-speaking writing group** open for everyone interested. It is a self-organized group that meets and practice academic writing in English. For further details and contact, please find out more : http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/Universitaet/Einrichtungen/SLK/schreiblabor/doktoranden/writing_group.html

Culture and Events

The **German-French Association** (*Deutsch-Französische Gesellschaft*) in Bielefeld has invited the French political theorist Prof. Dr. Henri Ménudier of the Université Sorbonne Nouvelle – Paris 3 to give a lecture on *Frankreich vor den Wahlen* (France before the vote).

The lecture takes place at January 19, 2017 from 6 – 7pm in Hörsaal 2 (lecture hall 2).

On January 20, 2017 Chinese academics at Bielefeld University and the Welcome Centre invite everyone interested to the **final workshop of the project “Academics in China”**. The project aims to give Chinese junior researchers a platform where they can go into an exchange about their knowledge of the Chinese university system and their experiences as Chinese PhDs and PostDocs as internationally mobile academics in Germany. In the final workshop, there will be presentations and a panel discussion on what (academic) possibilities there are when having attained the doctorate.

The final workshop takes place on **January 20, 2017, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in V2-121**.

For questions and further inquiries, please contact welcome@uni-bielefeld.de.

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: 31.12.2017, 2 rooms, living room, KB, car space available, garden, pets allowed, suitable for couples, families or shared flats.

News at Bielefeld University

The **University will be closed in the days from December 23, 2016 at 6:00 pm and January 2, 2017, 6:00 am**. This also is the case for the **university library**. The university library is open until 5:30 pm on December 23 and will reopen again on Monday, January 2, at 8:00 am.

Regulations for lending of on-site books:

Researchers, exam candidates and students may exceptionally borrow on-site (non-circulation) books – Professors, academic and non-academic personnel may borrow on-site books over the holidays as usual, exam candidates and PhD students receive special borrowing rules from December 15, 2016 onwards and are asked to contact their respective special library. Students of Bielefeld University without exams may borrow 3 on-site book maximum – the lending may take place on December 23, 2016, the books need to be returned on January 3, 2016, at the latest. External users and students of other universities may not borrow on-site books.

For more information, see (German) <http://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uniintern/entry/weihnachtsschlie%C3%9Fung2>

The **Humboldt Foundation** grants funding which universities can use to take in threatened foreign researchers within the second round of the **Philipp Schwartz Initiative**. A total of 39 institutions throughout Germany will be able to take in 46 threatened foreign researchers with the assistance provided by the Initiative. Starting January the scientists and scholars will conduct research for two years as Philipp Schwartz Fellows at the winning institution. Most of the new fellows come from Turkey

(21 fellows), the other come from Syria (18), Iraq (3), Burundi, Yemen, Sudan and Tajikistan (1 each). More information you find under <https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/press-release-2016-33.html>

The German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) has approved the new **Collaborative Research Center (CRC) “Comparative Practices”**, beginning in January 2017. It will be funded by the German Research Foundation for the next four years with a sum of nearly 9 million Euros. The CRC, which was evaluated in September, is an interdisciplinary research group of scholars from the fields of history and literary studies, art history, Romance studies and English-language studies, philosophy, law, and political science, as well as inter-American studies. The Center also works closely with the Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology (BGHS) and the Center for Interdisciplinary Research (Zentrum für interdisziplinäre Forschung). History Professor Dr. Angelika Eppe serves as speaker of the CRC.

For the whole article, see http://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uninews/entry/new_collaborative_research_center_at