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## Welcome Centre Events

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| 4 <sup>th</sup> October  | 9:45 – 11:30  | <b>Campus Start</b> in W0-135<br>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.<br>Registration required: <a href="mailto:welcome@uni-bielefeld.de">welcome@uni-bielefeld.de</a>  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> October  | 11:30 – 12:30 | <b>Campus Tour</b> , departing from W0-135<br>Following Campus Start, we offer a guided tour through the main and X building explaining all points of everyday interest for your convenience.   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> October  | 12:30 – 13:30 | <b>International Lunch</b> , Westend cafeteria, main building<br>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.   |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> October | 19:30 – 21:00 | <b>International <i>Stammtisch</i></b> (Regulars' Table), Café Berlin<br>Monthly informal get-together to meet other international academics in a casual atmosphere. Simply show up at the Café Berlin, Große-Kurfürsten-Straße 65 in Bielefeld on the third Tuesday of every month.  |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> October | 14:00         | The project ' <b>Academics in...</b> ' might explore the development process, the current situation as well as the challenges and policy directions for African higher education and present some work areas of Universities in Sub-Saharan Africa. Our aim is to give the opportunity for researchers from several countries of this region and those university members who are interested to get some information on the higher education systems of several Sub-Saharan countries. During the meeting we would like to discuss openly the name, the aims and the contents of the project. |

## Scholarships and Grants

**InterTalentum** is a programme developed by the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid (UAM) that offers 18 incoming experienced researchers the opportunity to develop her/his research project within the framework of the Campus of International Excellence (CIE), a network of institutions aiming to build research and innovation with international projection. Learn more:

<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/links/singleNews/56690>

The **Bielefeld Graduate School of History and Sociology (BGHS)** grants **visiting fellowships** for international doctoral researchers. More information: [http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/bghs/Ausschreibungen/visiting\\_fellowships.html](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/bghs/Ausschreibungen/visiting_fellowships.html) The BGHS also awards up to six **four-month start-up scholarships** to international MA graduates who would like to pursue a doctoral degree in history, sociology, anthropology, or political science at the BGHS. Find out more: [http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/bghs/Ausschreibungen/startup\\_scholarships.html](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/bghs/Ausschreibungen/startup_scholarships.html)

These 12 Irish organisations are looking for talented, experienced researchers to apply for the **Society and Enterprise Fellowship**: <http://www.iaa.ie/irish-marie-curie-office/for-fellowships/fellowship-host-offers/>

The **DAAD Rise programme** provides scholarships for research groups, scientific institutes and doctoral students from the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, earth science, engineering and closely related areas of research to host talented and motivated German undergraduate students. For more details: <https://www.daad.de/rise/en/rise-worldwide/>

The rectorate of Bielefeld University has again announced the **Bielefeld Young Researchers' Fund**. It 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. Additional information: [http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/nachwuchs/finanzierung\\_und\\_foerderung/postdoktoranden/nachwuchsfonds.html](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/nachwuchs/finanzierung_und_foerderung/postdoktoranden/nachwuchsfonds.html)

The **grants of the Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard-Foundation** are aimed at excellent women scientists with children pursuing research in the fields of experimental natural sciences and medicine. Female graduate students or postdocs trying to balance academic and family life can apply for the support measures. Find out more about the grants: <http://www.research-in-germany.org/en/infoservice/newsletter/newsletter-2016/august-2016/grants-from-the-christiane-nuesslein-volhard-foundation.html>

To learn more about the **Perspectives and Opportunities for Young Researchers: Funding Opportunities in Germany and Abroad** there is the possibility to participate in the event of the same name which takes place on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at the Bonn University's main building (Aula). To register for this event (deadline: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016) send an email to [b.krukau@uni-bonn.de](mailto:b.krukau@uni-bonn.de) or fill in the online-form (in German): <https://www.uni-bonn.de/forschung/euroconsult/veranstaltungskalender/perspektiven-und-chancen-fuer-nachwuchswissenschaftlerinnen-2016/view>

Once a year, the Max Weber Foundation offers the **Gerald D. Feldman travel grants** to young academics with support of the Peters-Beer-Foundation. The travel support aims to improve the professional opportunities for outstanding, internationally orientated humanities and social science academics. Application is open to highly qualified academics of any nationality (deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016). <http://www.maxweberstiftung.de/en/foerderung/gerald-d-feldman-travel-grants.html>

A meeting held in German at *Universitätsclub Bonn* (university club Bonn) on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November informs about **funding possibilities within the project "Science with and for Society"**. It promotes

integrity, responsibility and gender equality in research. More information (in German):

<https://www.uni-bonn.de/forschung/euroconsult/veranstaltungskalender/5programm.pdf>

The '**Freigeist**' initiative is directed towards enthusiastic and charismatic scientists and scholars with an outstanding record. Its scheme is deliberately left open to all disciplines and topics. The main focus is on junior researchers (up to 5 years of postdoctoral experience) working at the borders of neighbouring fields or disciplines. Application deadline is on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Find further information here:

<https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/nc/en/funding/persons-and-structures/freigeist-fellowships.html>

## Career Development

17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>  
October 2016  
until March  
2017

**PunktUm** offers **German courses for beginners**. The levels A1 and A2 are designed to provide you with a basic knowledge of German. They contain grammar exercises and intensive training of all skills, aiming at helping you to understand and speak everyday language. Information on German culture will be provided to facilitate integration into university life and German society in general. The courses take place twice a week (Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays) from 6.00 to 7.30 pm. For more details: [http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/Universitaet/Studium/Studienbegleitende%20Angebote/Punktum/020\\_deutschkurse/index.html](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/Universitaet/Studium/Studienbegleitende%20Angebote/Punktum/020_deutschkurse/index.html)

Submissions  
open from 2<sup>nd</sup>  
August to 2<sup>nd</sup>  
October 2016

The **EURAXESS Science Slam India** is a competition open to all career levels researchers starting with MA/M.Sc. candidates (research-based or mixed) - from universities, research institutes or private sector, in all fields of research including Social Sciences and Humanities, Life Sciences and Engineering, of any nationality and age (18+) who are based in India. More about the competition:

[http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/links/events/india/science\\_slam](http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/links/events/india/science_slam)

20<sup>th</sup> October  
2016

The fair **Tag der Wissenschaften** in Berlin offers information desks and speeches on work and career development in scientific organisations, research institutes and universities. More information (in German): <https://www.arbeitsagentur.de/web/content/DE/dienststellen/rdbb/berlinsued/Agentur/VeranstaltungenvorOrt/Detail/index.htm?dfContentId=EGOV-CONTENT454783>

21<sup>st</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
October 2016

CMEPIUS, in cooperation with the British Council and within the EURAXESS network, invites you to take part in a career development workshop for researchers '**Researcher Connect**'. Additional information:  
<http://www.euraxess.si/en/info/researcher-connect-2015.aspx>

10<sup>th</sup> November  
2016

The **Naturejobs Career Expo** at Classic Remise in Düsseldorf provides workshops and conferences meant for networking with a great number of national and international scientific industries. Check out the event here:  
<http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/career-expo/event/naturejobs-career-expo-dusseldorf/>

Application  
deadline:  
25<sup>th</sup> February  
2017

The mentoring programme **movement** for women in research aims to support female students and researchers of all faculties in successfully building their careers in science: <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/mentoring/movement/>

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>  
November 2016

Bielefeld University offers a **workshop on academic writing in English** for academics of the Humanities and Social Sciences fields. The workshop will deal with many topics of the day-a-day academic writing in English, such as: resources to write professional texts, how to properly structure your texts or how to identify and avoid common grammar mistakes. To register for the workshop contact Stefanie Haacke: [stefanie.haacke@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:stefanie.haacke@uni-bielefeld.de) (0521 - 106-4698) For more information (in German): [http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/nachwuchs/Academic\\_Writing.html](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/nachwuchs/Academic_Writing.html)

5<sup>th</sup> October  
2016, 9.00 am  
to 1.00 pm,  
room U7-205

Bielefeld University offers a **seminar for Postdocs** (in German) about how to find the right scholarship and how to write a proper proposal. To register contact Dr. Linda Groß (0521 - 106-12997) [nachwuchs@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:nachwuchs@uni-bielefeld.de) Or fill-in the online formular here (in German): [http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/nachwuchs/Forschungsfoerderung\\_fuer\\_Nachwuchswissenschaftler\\_innen.html](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/nachwuchs/Forschungsfoerderung_fuer_Nachwuchswissenschaftler_innen.html)

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
March 2017

Bielefeld University offers a **workshop on scientific writing in English** for academics of the engineering, human sciences and natural sciences fields. The workshop will deal with many topics of scientific writing in English, such as: how to properly quote results and opinions of other sources, how to properly structure your texts or how to identify and avoid common grammar mistakes. To register for the workshop contact Stefanie Haacke: [stefanie.haacke@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:stefanie.haacke@uni-bielefeld.de) or 0521 - 106-4698. For more information (in German): [http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/nachwuchs/Scientific\\_Writing.html](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/nachwuchs/Scientific_Writing.html)

## Culture and Events

The **Rudolf-Oetker Hall season 2016/2017** has started! The new programme includes a classical Viennese music concert performed by the Bonn Philharmonic Orchestra on 15<sup>th</sup> October and a music festival for children with a varied programme of jazz, rock and classical music on 25<sup>th</sup> October. Have a look at the rest of the programme for this season here: [http://www.rudolf-oetker-halle.de/?kat=eins&clmns=1\\_0&pgl=1&pgr=1](http://www.rudolf-oetker-halle.de/?kat=eins&clmns=1_0&pgl=1&pgr=1)

The **science festival GENIALE** is taking place in Bielefeld for the 4th time from 18<sup>th</sup> August to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017. During that time projects from all areas of research will be presented in the city centre and at the university. Maybe you are interested in sharing one of your projects? Ideas can be submitted until 7<sup>th</sup> November. More information (in German): <http://www.geniale-bielefeld.de/>

Would you like to attend an opera concert or a dance performance? The **Stadttheater Bielefeld** has some interesting options for all ages. You can experience opera concerts like Xerxes or modern dance theatres like Stable. Have a look at some of the other events here (in German): <http://www.theater-bielefeld.de/programm/>

## Cooperations and International Projects

The programme **Europa macht Schule** gives European doctoral students the opportunity to share impressions of your home country and its culture with the students of a German school. For more detail: [http://www.bised.uni-bielefeld.de/infopool\\_internationalisierung/EmS](http://www.bised.uni-bielefeld.de/infopool_internationalisierung/EmS)

A meeting at the University of Bonn on 4<sup>th</sup> October offers information on different **funding possibilities and programmes for collaborations** with Brazilian and Mexican universities or scientific institutes. More information (in German): <https://www.uni-bonn.de/forschung/euroconsult/veranstaltungskalender>

## 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.

#241 furnished flat, Voltmannstrasse, 33619 Bielefeld, 530€, 18m<sup>2</sup>, until 01.05.2017; 1 room apartment, furnished, suitable for single persons, 1 bedroom, shared living room, KB shared, shared utility room, shared patio, garden, pets allowed, smoking allowed.

#136 furnished room, Brackweder Str., 33659 Bielefeld, 260€, 16m<sup>2</sup>, 1 room, shared KB, shared patio and garden. No smoking allowed, no pets allowed. Electricity has to be paid extra.

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

## Further Info

If you lose any property in the university or you find something from another person, you can go to the **lost-and-found office** (Fundbüro) and check if it was submitted there. It is located next to the *Infopunkt* (university main hall). Further lost-and-found offices in the city centre:

1. ServiceCenter moBiel (public transport supplier)  
Inside the station "Jahnplatz"  
33602 Bielefeld  
<https://www.mobiel.de/services/mobiel-vor-ort/servicecenter-mobiel/>
2. Stadt Bielefeld  
[https://www.bielefeld.de/de/rv/ds\\_stadtverwaltung/ordg/suo/fbs/](https://www.bielefeld.de/de/rv/ds_stadtverwaltung/ordg/suo/fbs/)

The regulatory agency also holds **regular auctions** with properties that have not been picked up. They also offer bikes. All items need to be paid in cash immediately. The auctions take place outside of the regulatory agency's offices (Ravensberger Park 5, 33602 Bielefeld). The next dates are announced in the local newspaper and here:

[https://www.bielefeld.de/de/rv/ds\\_stadtverwaltung/ordg/suo/ver/](https://www.bielefeld.de/de/rv/ds_stadtverwaltung/ordg/suo/ver/)