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Welcome Centre Events

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| 5 th October | 9:30 – 11:30 | <p>Campus Start in U7-205</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Registration required: welcome@uni-bielefeld.de</p> |
| 5 th October | 11:30 – 12:30 | <p>Campus Tour, departing from U7-205</p> <p>Following Campus Start, we offer a guided tour through the main and X building explaining all points of everyday interest for your convenience.</p> |
| 5 th October | 12:30 – 13:30 | <p>International Lunch, Westend cafeteria, main building</p> <p>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.</p> |
| 9 th October | 13.20 – 14.30 | <p>Library Tour in english , meeting at <i>Univarza Coffee Bar (university main-hall)</i></p> <p>Organized tour introducing you to the library's services. Learn about borrowing books and scientific publications as well as using catalogues, databases and search engines.</p> <p>Registration required: welcome@uni-bielefeld.de</p> |
| 17 th October | 19:30 – 21:00 | <p>International <i>Stammtisch</i>, (Regulars' Table), Casa Café & Bar</p> <p>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.</p> |

Scholarships and Grants

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| <p>Deadline
June 1st, 2018</p> | <p>The BGTS offers Mobility Grants 2018 to outstanding doctoral students, who are planning a short time research stay abroad. The aim of the grants is to further the students' doctoral projects and to build lasting contacts to international scientific collaboration partners</p> <p>Doctoral students in the BGTS can apply for funds to finance a research stay abroad. Deadline: June 1, 2018.</p> <p>You can find further information here: https://www.bgts.uni-bielefeld.de/research_training/grants.php</p> |
| <p>Contact as early
as possible</p> | <p>The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) provides a database with information on various funding options for foreign students, graduates and postdocs as well as on funding offered by other selected organizations.</p> <p>https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/.</p> |

October 13th,
2017

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and MOPGA-GRI, which stands for „Make Our Planet Great Again – German Research Initiative, are offering the **Franco-German Fellowship Programme on Climate, Energy and Earth System Research Funding** for research groups within the framework of the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement (MOPGA-GRI). The funding provided will cover staff expenditure.

Both junior and senior researchers of all nationalities who have not resided in Germany in the last two years can apply. Junior researchers must have completed their doctorate with distinction at least two years prior to the application deadline of the programme.

More information:

<https://www.daad.de/hochschulen/ausschreibungen/projekte/de/11342-foerderprogramme-findern/?s=1&projektid=57401203>

Deadline:
October 12th,
2017

The Volkswagen Stiftung offers 10 to 15 '**Freigeist**' Fellowships each year to help outstanding young postdocs in all disciplines and of all nationalities to make the most of their freedom and overcome resistance. The term of the first funding phase is five years. Applications can be submitted from now until 12th October 2017.

You can find further information here: <https://www.research-in-germany.org/en/infoservice/newsletter/newsletter-2017/september-2017/freigeist-fellowships-from-the-volkswagen-foundation.html>

Career Development

November 21th,
2017

The mentoring program “movement” will start its next round in April 2018. It is open to all women who are doctoral and postdoctoral researchers at Bielefeld University and that are interested in developing their career in academia or research.

If you are interested you can find more information at <http://bit.ly/2w2pwKA>

There will be a **programme presentation** on 21 November 2017 at 11:00 am in room C2-136

Contact as early
as possible

The University of Bielefeld offers the workshop **“Scientific Writing in English”** on November 30th and December 01st 2017. The workshop deals with questions with which young scholars in engineering, life sciences and natural sciences have difficulties when writing English as a foreign language. For further information: http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/nachwuchs/Scientific_Writing17.html

Colloquium:
November 3rd,
2017

The **BGTS** is a joint institution of the Faculties of Business Administration and Economics, Mathematics and Physics and the Center for Mathematical Economics at Bielefeld University, and it aims at supporting and organizing research and research training in Theoretical Sciences at Bielefeld University. Jon Keating (University of Bristol) will give a talk in the **BGTS Colloquium** on November 3, 2017, at 16:15.
The BGTS members' meeting will take place on December 1, 2017, at 14:00.

Contact as early
as possible

A **junior professorship** enables young junior researchers to **engage in research and teaching early in their careers**. Unlike research associates, who are bound by the instructions of their superiors, junior professors are on equal terms with other university teachers.
A successfully completed junior professorship will enable you to meet an important precondition for appointment to a professorship – and habilitation is then no longer required. More information: <https://www.research-in-germany.org/en/jobs-and-careers/info-for-postdocs-and-junior-researchers/career-paths/junior-professorship.html>

Contact as early
as possible

'Research in Germany, Land of Ideas' has organized detailed information concerning **How to obtain a PhD in Germany**. Studying for a doctorate in Germany primarily means working intensely on a specific subject or research project for a long period of time.
You can find more information and videos here: <https://www.research-in-germany.org/en/jobs-and-careers/info-for-phd-students/how-to-obtain-a-phd.html>

Deadline:
October 10th,
2017

The **EURAXESS Science Slam India 2017** is organized in partnership with Global Innovation & Technology Alliance (GITA), the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS) and India Bioscience with the support of Finnair. It is a unique opportunity to share research work and win a round trip to Europe to visit Brussels and a research institute of the winner's choice in the European Union in 2018 - via Chennai and Kolkata.
Researchers in all fields and all career levels in India are invited to send a video and become one of the 5 finalists to receive a **short science communication training in Chennai** on 11 November and compete in the LIVE slam in Kolkata on 8 December 2017.
For all details, terms and conditions, and/or to submit your video: <https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/worldwide/india/science-slam#science-slam-in-india-science-slam-2017>

Watch the following video for a little inspiration:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QWt1BAzcJTM&index=1&list=PLn0cX1TR3cuRr7e4tuWgxnYGV6eMqAo4I>

Deadline:
October 6th,
2017

The Max Rubner-Institut is responsible for the continued development and implementation of National Nutrition Monitoring and the German Nutrient Database. It also undertakes national tasks in the context of the Agricultural Statistics Act and the Precautionary Radiation Protection Act. You can see the current **vacancies of the Max Rubner Institute** here: <https://www.mri.bund.de/en/about-us/the-mri/>

Contact as early
as possible

The **Max Planck Association offers Postdoc positions** in Quantum Chemistry, Molecular Physiology and Demographic Research

MPI for Chemical Energy Conversion: <http://bit.ly/2ybd2AZ>

MPI of Molecular Physiology: <http://bit.ly/2fnurii>

MPI for Demographic Research: <http://bit.ly/2vXHux2>

Deadline:
October 8th,
2017

The Climate Service Center Germany (GERICS), a scientific organizational entity of the Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht, Centre for Materials and Coastal Research, invites applications for a **Postdoctoral Researcher Position** (m/f) in System Dynamics Modeling of the Water-Energy-Land-Food Nexus. The position is initially limited to 36 months. The place of employment is Hamburg.

The postdoc (m/f) will join the team of the project CLISWELN. They are looking for a system dynamics modeler interested in innovative approaches tackling the urban interconnections of climate change, natural resource planning, and the Sustainable Development Goals.

For further information:

https://www.hzg.de/campus_career/vacancies/010339/index.php.en

Accommodation

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

#237 Flat furnished, Große-Kurfürsten-Str., 33615 Bielefeld, 809€, 48m², Minimum renting period : 3 months. Furnished flat, 1 bedroom, KB, furnished kitchen, living room, suitable for singles or couples, shared patio, shared garden, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed

#283 Room furnished, Im Bracksiek, Bielefeld, 300€, 12m², Until: 31.08.2018 (prolongation possible), Room in a shared flat, suitable for singles, bedroom, no living room, KB shared, internet included, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed, women only

#292 House furnished, Kerkenbrink, 33619 Bielefeld, 1200€, 140m², 3 bedrooms, living room, KB, balcony and patio/garden, car space available, suitable for families with up to 3 children, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed

#300 Flat partially furnished, Melanchthonstr., 33615 Bielefeld, 880€, 100m², Until 31.07.2018, 1 bedroom, own kitchen furnished, own bathroom, own livingroom, internet included, shared garden, shared utility room, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed

Further Info

No registration
needed

The university offers a **free influenza vaccination** for all employees on the following days:

Wednesday, 27th September, 9:00 am to 11.30 am
Monday, 9th October, from 13.30 pm to 15.30 pm
Wednesday, 11th October, from 9.00 am to 11.30 pm
Thursday, 12th October, from 13.30 pm to 15.30 pm
Tuesday, 17th October, from 13.30 pm to 15.30 pm
Thursday, 19th October, from 13.30 pm to 15.30 pm

The vaccination takes place in room C01-227 and you don't need to make an appointment in advance.

More information here: <https://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uniintern/entry/grippeschutzimpfung>

Deadline:
October 21st,
2017

If you like cooking, eating and meeting new people, you don't want to miss this! The next running dinner in Bielefeld, which is sponsored by **Rudirockt**, will be on October 21st 2017. For all those that are not familiar with the concept, **running dinners are a great way to meet new people, share food and have an all-around good time**. Check out the official website for details about the next scheduled event and/or to find out more specific info about the wonderful world of running dinners.

<https://www.rudirockt.de/de/events/rudirockt-bielefeld-oktober-2017>

Contact as early
as possible

Do you have questions on working and living in Germany? The Federal Office for Migration and Refugees gives answers. Use their hotline!

What conditions must be fulfilled in order to be able to work in Germany? Can I visit an integration course? Do I need a visa? These and other questions can be answered by the "**Hotline for work and life in Germany**". Demand is high - as more than 100.000 discussions show
<http://bit.ly/2we0aYU>

No registration
needed

In our Welcome Package you have received a lot of information on various topics. In our Infoguide you have for example also information on **second hand bargains**. Do you have some extra tips for your fellow colleagues or want to recommend a place? Do you buy things second hand in your country? And how do you deal with this in Bielefeld?

More information on the Second Hand Shopping here:
<https://www.facebook.com/notes/international-academics-at-bielefeld-university/second-hand-shopping/950895218273321/>

Contact as soon
as possible

Do you need an official translation for a particular application, public authorities and administrative matters? Here a **database of official interpreters and translators in the individual states of the Federal Republic of Germany**: <http://www.justiz-dolmetscher.de/>. This platform provides option to search for individual or combined features of translators and interpreters by name, location or language.

Registration
from October
10th, 2017

HochschulSport Bielefeld sport programme is available for students, staff, guests and alumni of Bielefeld University and the FH Bielefeld. Some courses have limited numbers of participants and because of popular demand or non-extendable capacity may not be available. Access to the courses is regulated through the online booking system.

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)

October 19 and
26, 2017

Are you interested in starting the semester off with a little bit of fitness, a little bit of English, and a whole lot of fun, while touring around Bielefeld with others who share your passion for running, language, and getting to know interesting people?

If so, come join the **International Running Group (IRG)**, a cooperation between the International Office and HochschulSport. The group will go for an hour jog around Bielefeld – pointing out interesting sights and good places to run along the way.

The meeting point is outside of UniSport (the exit near the swimming pool); for more information please contact welcome@uni-bielefeld.de

Deadline:
October 25th,
2017

We would like to invite you and your family to a professionally **guided tour in English of Bielefeld's local football stadium – Schüco Arena**. The tour is free of charge and will take place on Wednesday, 8th of November, 17:00 – 18:30. We will meet at 16:45 and you will receive detailed information about the exact meeting point after registration.

Please write us an email by **Wednesday, 25th of October**, letting us know how many persons you will be coming with and if you will join us after the tour. If you know other international guests who would like to participate, please have them get in touch with us: welcome@uni-bielefeld.de

For those who are up for more: Afterwards, we will share a drink and snack together (at your own expense).

In the News

Start of “Lehrkräfte Plus”: New perspectives for refugee teachers

The programme for refugee teachers at Bielefeld University just started. A big part of it is language acquisition, however it also contains mentoring and praxis at schools for refugees, who used to work as teachers before their uprooting.

You can find some press echos here (in German):. Deutschlandfunk and WDR 5 are going to offer radio features. Here you have the press release of the uni: https://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uninews/entry/start_of_lehrkr%C3%A4fte_plus_new

Bielefeld University signs the Magna Charta Universitatum

The Magna Charta Universitatum was signed on behalf of Bielefeld University during a festive ceremony in the Hungarian city of Pécs. The Magna Charta is a manifesto. By signing it, an institution agrees to abide by fundamental principles such as academic freedom and institutional autonomy.

You can find more information here: https://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uninews/entry/bielefeld_university_signs_the_magna

New honours at Bielefeld University

Four individuals who have demonstrated outstanding services to Bielefeld University were honoured at the 2017 Annual Reception on the 29th of September. The University introduced two new honorary categories: the Badge of Honour and the Medal of Honour. These join the existing Honorary Senators and Honorary Citizens of the University.

Detailed information here: https://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uninews/entry/new_honours_at_bielefeld_university

Bielefeld University in the 12th place in Humboldt Ratings

Bielefeld University holds a leading position in the '2017 Humboldt Rankings'. In the full ranking, it is now twelfth among the 79 universities rated. In the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, this now puts it in third place behind the University of Bonn and RWTH Aachen University.

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

14 new Tenure Track Positions of Excellency at Bielefeld University

The University of Bielefeld receives 14 additional tenure track professors from the Tenure Track program for the promotion of young academics. With the aim of establishing the tenure track model permanently at German universities, the Federal and State Governments have launched the program. One billion euros for 1,000 professorships are available for this purpose.

Further information: https://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uniaktuell/entry/14_zus%C3%A4tzliche_professuren_f%C3%BCr_die

Team news

Vacancy in our team

We are looking for a Project Manager for the Welcome Center of the Bielefeld University as soon as possible. We invite you to submit your application as soon as possible to: bewerbung-karriere@uni-bielefeld.

You can find the detailed information here:

<http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/Universitaet/Aktuelles/Stellenausschreibungen/Anzeigen/Tech/tech17105.pdf>