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Welcome to PIASTA!

Welcome to the Universitätskolleg!

Dear Students and Doctoral Students,

The PIASTA program is one of the many ways that we show our commitment to the internationalization of the campus. We offer many opportunities for you to get involved in intercultural exchange, actively participate in programs, and receive support during your studies – with the aim of ensuring that all students (international and German) have a successful, productive, and international academic career. We are happy to now (as of 2017) be working as a team in the Universitätskolleg. The Universitätskolleg bundles many offers designed to improve studies and teaching at Universität Hamburg in one place.

PS: It is possible to write in a way that doesn't discriminate. When we address you as "students", we use gender-inclusive language. When we are referring to all students, we purposely avoid using the masculine pronoun "he". We write to include both gender identities and all sexual orientations.

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Your PIASTA Team

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The second registration period starts on 27.05.2018 at 12 noon
(for events that take place between 01.06.2018–15.07.2018)

ACTIVITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

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WELCOME BUDDY PROGRAM

PIASTA WELCOME BUDDY PROGRAM

The PIASTA Welcome Buddy Program aims to help newly enrolled international students get off to a good start with their studies and everyday life in Hamburg. We match up each international student (Incoming Buddy) with a current Hamburg student (Welcome Buddy), who can make the international student's arrival easier and help them to find their bearings in Hamburg and at our University.

Who can apply?

- New international students: all new students from abroad who will be studying at Universität Hamburg either as exchange students (e.g., Erasmus) or international students who will be completing their entire degree program (BA, MA) or doctorate at the University.
- Hamburg students: all students (either German or international students) enrolled at Universität Hamburg in at least their second semester. Hamburg Buddies are welcome to participate in the program multiple times.

Interested students with questions about the program or the responsibilities of a buddy, or buddies with difficulties – taking care of formalities at the local authorities, for example – are welcome to drop by during our weekly office hours.

INFORMATION Registration and additional information at:
www.uni-hamburg.de/welcome-buddy

OFFICE HOURS Tuesday, 4–5 pm (please sign up for an appointment in advance by email)

PLACE You will be notified after you have an appointment.

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LANGUAGES German/English

PIASTA WELCOME DAYS

06. – 07.04.2018



Registration

[www.uni-hamburg.de/
welcomedays](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/welcomedays)

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**LANGUAGE
AND CULTURAL
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Are you interested in languages and other cultures? At PIASTA, we offer a wide range of possibilities to learn and actively use languages while meeting interesting people with diverse cultural backgrounds.

PIASTA LANGUAGE TANDEM AND PIASTA CULTURE TANDEM

What is a Language Tandem?

When two students meet to teach each other their native languages. For example, if your native language is Spanish and you would like to improve your German, we match you up with a tandem partner whose native language is German who would like to learn Spanish!

It goes without saying that tandem partners also learn about one another's native countries, but the main goal is to improve language skills. Both participants should have sound basic knowledge of the foreign language and both languages should be practiced equally (e.g., one hour per language).

Language tandems are an opportunity to put your language skills into practice as well as to meet new people and find out more about their country and culture.

What is a Culture Tandem?

When two students meet in a cultural exchange – while they might not always improve their language skills, they can learn a lot from one another. For example, if a student from Kyrgyzstan and a student from Germany meet, they can talk in German and find out if it is possible to explore Kyrgyzstan on foot, what German families do at Christmas, how to make “Plov”, or what their favorite children's books were. Even though the focus is on intercultural exchange, a German student might just pick up a few words of Kyrgyz!

Use culture tandems as an opportunity to discover a new world. Contact with people from other countries you know very little about can reveal new worlds and perspectives worthy of exploration!

How do I find a tandem partner?

Just go to our website and register online. We will notify you as soon as we find a suitable partner. Registration: www.uni-hamburg.de/tandem

Where do tandem partners meet?

You meet the partner we have matched you with for two hours a week. You can meet wherever you like (e.g., in the student cafeteria or a café).

Language Tandem and Certificate Intercultural Competence

If you document your learning curve in your Tandem Learning Diary, we confer a certificate of participation when you finish. This will be recognized as “Component C: International Campus of the CIC – Certificate Intercultural Competence”.

More information is available here: www.uni-hamburg.de/cic

TANDEM Registration and information about the Language Tandem and Culture Tandem: www.uni-hamburg.de/tandem

CIC Registration and information about the CIC:
www.uni-hamburg.de/cic

PIASTA LANGUAGE CAFÉ

¡Hola! Ciao et bonjour! Are you learning a language and looking for an opportunity to practice and speak outside of the classroom? Or perhaps you are a native speaker and would enjoy speaking in your native language for a change? If so, we invite you to visit one of our language cafés.

Like a café, a language café is a place where you can simply drop by. Just order a tea or coffee, join the others at the table, and in no time at all you'll be talking about this and that in a comfortable setting. The sessions are led by native speaking volunteers. They'll be sure to get the conversation going. And if you can't think of the right word in the target language, they'll be glad to help.

It doesn't cost anything to participate in the language cafés, and you don't even have to register – just drop by! This is a great opportunity to try out and improve your language skills while you enjoy a cup of coffee and meet new people. We can't wait to meet you!

INFORMATION In the summer semester, we are planning to offer language cafés in the following languages: German, English, French, Italian, and Spanish.

DATES The dates for the Summer Semester 2018 language cafés will be announced in the first week of lectures at: www.uni-hamburg.de/languagecafe
The language cafés begin in the second week of lectures.

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

TARGET GROUP Learners who already understand and can speak a bit of the respective language as well as native speakers who would like to speak their native language and help others learn a language.

COORDINATION If you would like to be a volunteer coordinator for a language café in your native language, please email Qiqi Li (qiqi.li@verw.uni-hamburg.de).

Leading a language café can be recognized as Component C of the Certificate Intercultural Competence (CIC).



NEW IN THE PIASTA PROGRAM! **CULTURE TANDEM**

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ALSO IN THE PROGRAM:

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WWW.UNI-HAMBURG.DE/TANDEM





**INTERCULTURAL
PIASTA EVENING**

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Every Wednesday from 6 to 9:30 pm!

The intercultural tutor team would like to invite you to take part in our Intercultural PIASTA Evenings every Wednesday throughout the semester. Each evening will focus on a new and interesting topic. And at each event, you will have the opportunity to get to know new people, try foods from around the world, and engage in cultural exchange. We can't wait to meet you!

PIASTA'S WELCOME NIGHT

EN

Herzlich willkommen! Welcome! ДОБРО ПОЖАЛОВАТЬ 歓迎される – no matter what languages you speak, at this event we want to hear all of them and welcome all of you. PIASTA invites you to the Welcome Night, where you can meet old and new students from around the world. We are also very happy to again welcome Erasmus students and Welcome Buddies! Join us at our first Intercultural PIASTA Evening and find out who everyone is. We can't wait to meet you!

DATE Wed, 11.04.2018, 6–9:30 pm

LOCATION Mittelweg 177, cafeteria (on the ground floor)

LANGUAGE Short presentation in English, rest of the event multilingual

CHINA LOUNGE: IN THE MIDDLE KINGDOM

DE EN

China is a country with a centuries-old history. The many dynasties, such as the Qin, Tang, and Qing – just to name a few – have shaped the country and played a large role in how China is perceived. The diversity of the landscape and culture is not only impressive when it comes to culinary offerings, it also makes us want to take a closer look at the fourth largest country in the world. Come to this evening event at PIASTA and together we will discover and learn about the many facets of China! As always, you can expect a friendly and international atmosphere – and there will be snacks that fit to the theme of the evening.

DATE Wed, 18.04.2018, 6–9:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

LANGUAGE Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

FUTURISTIC TECHNOLOGIES – VIRTUAL REALITY MEETS ROBOT

DE EN

Put your glasses on and discover a whole new world – just what virtual reality promises us. Since its market launch in 2012, the revolutionary headset has started a new era of virtual reality technology and attracted a great deal of attention. This innovative technology allows you to pilot space ships, explore the depths of the ocean, and discover new worlds, all without having to leave your living room. And when you're not busy checking out new virtual environments, a robot is there to support you in your daily life. With the scientific and technological progress of today, many fantasies of the past have become reality. Meet with other German and international students at this PIASTA Evening to find out more about these two futuristic technologies and discuss their limitless possibilities.

DATE Wed, 25.04.2018, 6–9:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

LANGUAGE Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

THE BLUE DIAMOND: WATER

DE EN

Water is one of the most essential elements for humans, animals, and nature. In fact, the human body is made up of 70 percent water and about 70 percent of our planet itself is covered by water. The everyday uses of this precious resource quickly become apparent as soon as we get into the shower in the morning or want to quench our thirst. But what other hidden roles does water play in our daily lives? How much water does it take to produce food and clothing? What are the consequences of water scarcity? What does sustainable water use look like? At this evening event, we will find out more about this resource that we might take for granted, but that is one of the most important resources we have.

DATE Wed, 02.05.2018, 6–9:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

LANGUAGE Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

IN THE COUNTRY OF SUN AND ROSES – AN EVENING IN BULGARIA

DE EN

Zdravej i dobre doschal! Hello and welcome to this beautiful country on the Black Sea. Bulgaria, located in southeastern Europe, is a country of great diversity. It has an infinitely varied landscape that encompasses plains, hilly countrysides, river valleys, mountains, and the Black Sea. The 378 km coastal strip is not only known for the seaside resort town Golden Sands, it also boasts a number of bustling port cities and excit-

ing nightlife. As a country with thousands of years of history and the heritage of ancient civilizations, Bulgaria also offers a lot in the way of tradition, culture, and art, and as such is the perfect destination for student backpackers. In just one evening, we will discover the cultural, traditional, and culinary diversity of this small but very rich country in the Balkans. We hope you'll join us!

DATE Wed, 09.05.2018, 6–9:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

LANGUAGE Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

A DRAGON EGG AT PIASTA

DE EN

Wargs, dragons, white walkers, and red priestesses – if these characters sound familiar, then you know what's coming. Game of Thrones. The successful fantasy saga created by author George R. R. Martin has now reached the Intercultural PIASTA Evening! Since its launch in 2011, this series has broken all records and enthralled fans on all continents outside of Westeros. However, it will still be some time before the final season starts and winter finally comes. If you can't wait that long, then stop by and find yourself on the continents of the "known world" and explore the seven kingdoms. Maybe you'll even discover entirely new aspects of the GoT Universe, which has evolved since the age of dawn! PIASTA has prepared something extra special for this evening. We hope that a raven hasn't already spoiled the secret – so don't miss out and come by!

DATE Wed, 16.05.2018, 6–9:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

LANGUAGE Short presentation in German, rest of the event multilingual

SIGN LANGUAGE – SPEAKING WITH YOUR HANDS

DE EN

Almost around the clock, we are busy speaking and listening to a number of different languages. But what happens when a different channel is used? Sign language is a common form of communication for the deaf and hearing-impaired. What exactly is it? Is it possible to say everything in sign language? What is the difference between hand signs and gestures? And what possibilities open up when language is visual or made visual by the body? Questions upon questions – that we want to answer with you at this event. But we'll already answer one common question. No, sign language isn't international. There are different forms of sign language that not only differ from country to country, but also have various dialects and sociolects – just like spoken languages. We can't wait to meet you!

DATE Wed, 30.05.2018, 6–9:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

LANGUAGE Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

SELAMAT DATANG DI INDONESIA! – WELCOME TO INDONESIA

DE EN

Indonesia consists of over 17,000 islands and is the largest island country in the world. However, most people have only heard of Java, Bali, and Lombok. The stark contrasts between land and sea and between the lowlands and the mountains in the Indonesian archipelago are hard to find anywhere else in the world. Beaches, volcanoes, and a tropical climate shape the island's varied landscape and the diverse flora and fauna, which includes tarsiers as well as the endangered Komodo dragons. But Indonesia is also home to 250 million inhabitants who represent a number of different religions, traditions, languages, and ethnicities. Travel with us to Indonesia on this Wednesday and expand your knowledge of this country with its enormous social diversity and fascinating nature. We can't wait to meet you!

DATE Wed, 13.06.2018, 6–9:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

LANGUAGE Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

AN EXPEDITION INTO THE HUMAN BRAIN AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

DE EN

The human brain consumes about 20 percent of our body's energy even though it only makes up 2 percent of our body weight. We use our gray cells in order to speak complex languages and communicate with others, carry out tricky calculations, plan our future, and successfully complete our studies – or, for example, to build machines. Technology continues to develop rapidly and the artificial intelligence created by humans is following suit.

At PIASTA we want to look at what makes the human brain so fascinating and see how far artificial intelligence has already developed. Enjoy discovering something new and join us for an intellectual journey through nerve networks and smart innovations.

DATE Wed, 20.06.2018, 6–9:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

LANGUAGE Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

ALTERNATIVE SOCIETIES

Climate change, increased consumption, the rapid accumulation of wealth by just a few, and ongoing wars over resources move us to ask how we can best live together in society. Today, we are faced with increasing inequality between the Global North and the Global South. At the same time, technological advances would make it possible to overcome hunger, poverty, and ecological crises.

We invite you to come and discuss our options at this evening event. There are a number of movements and communities that question the existing economic model of competition serving as the foundation of our society. Together, we want to look at some examples of current social and cultural movements as well as alternative forms of society.

DATE Wed, 27.06.2018, 6–9:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

LANGUAGE Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

PFIATI, SERVUS, AND GRÜSS GOTT: A TRIP TO SOUTHERN GERMANY

At this evening event, we want to take you with us on a trip to the southern states in Germany – to Bavaria and Baden-Württemberg. These are the states where you can no longer get Franzbrötchen (a pastry common in northern Germany). And if you try to order an Alsterwasser (mixture of beer and sparkling lemonade), you'll probably get some irritated looks. Why travel to faraway places, when in just a few hours you can be enjoying the snow-capped Zugspitze mountain peak, the vast meadows of the Allgäu region, or picturesque villages in the Black Forest? Along with countless culinary specialties, customs, and traditions, in the South you will also encounter a number of strong dialects. Come to this evening event and find out just how much more than spaetzle and Oktoberfest there is to discover in the breathtaking South of Germany.

DATE Wed, 04.07.2018, 6–9:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

LANGUAGE Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

END OF THE SEMESTER BARBECUE PARTY

DE EN

The summer semester is almost over and with it, our evening events will also come to a close. We hope you have had fun with PIASTA, that you have had some interesting new experiences, met some nice people, and learned some new things. Before you set off on your adventurous summer vacation or start with your first term paper, we want to celebrate the end of the semester with you. So we'd like to invite you to our Barbecue Party! We hope for some famous Hamburg sunshine, but in the unlikely event of rain we promise that no one will be sent home before they've had a sausage or a vegetable skewer from the grill. We look forward to one more fun summer evening with you!

DATE Wed, 11.07.2018, 6–9:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

LANGUAGE Multilingual event





**CULTURAL EVENTS
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Discover Hamburg and its surroundings in small groups – whether by foot, bike, train, or bus – on tours, excursions, and day trips. In addition to the usual sightseeing destinations for those new to Hamburg, we have also put together a program of events and activities of historical, (inter)cultural, and (inter)religious interest. We place special value on meeting others and engaging in cultural exchange in groups.

DISCOVER HAMBURG

VISIT TO THE ST. NIKOLAI MEMORIAL

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Just consider ...

What did war mean back then and what does it mean to us today? The St. Nikolai Church, which was built in 1195, has seen several wars in the course of its history. The church was almost completely destroyed during the air raids in 1943. Today, it is Hamburg's most important memorial for the victims of the war and the dictatorship during the period of 1933–1945. In addition to the church ruins, the memorial includes an informative and well-structured exhibition about the rich history of the church as well as a viewing platform at 76 meters that is accessible via a glass elevator. The historical photos here make it clear how the destruction of Hamburg in 1943 was a turning point for the city and how the city looked then as compared to today.

DATE Sat, 14.04.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Zarina Amanzholova

LANGUAGE Tour in English, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

APPLEMANIA – ALL ABOUT APPLES IN THE ALTES LAND REGION

DE

The Altes Land region is a huge fruit-growing area on the outskirts of Hamburg. It is most remarkable in the springtime when the fruit trees are in bloom. During a tour through this popular holiday region, locals will show us the sights and point out the most scenic places to have a picnic. We will also see traditional fruit farms, churches, dikes, and orchards. And on the way, we will learn a lot about the history and traditions of the people in the Altes Land, and naturally about their greatest treasure: the apple.

DATE Sat, 26.05.2018, time tba online well in advance

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Eva Škvárová

LANGUAGE Tour in German, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

“NUR DER HSV” ... AND MUCH MORE: A VISIT TO VOLKSPARKSTADION

DE

You're not a soccer fan? No problem! Because we're not planning to watch a HSV game. Instead, we'll show you the world of soccer from a completely different perspective. An unforgettable experience is waiting for you. You'll get to see parts of the stadium where "normal" visitors aren't allowed. For example, the VIP area, the press conference room, and the locker rooms – where the stars change and get final instructions before the game begins. We'll go together as a team through the players' tunnel onto the field and to the benches, where you will experience the phenomenal atmosphere of Germany's national soccer league, the Bundesliga, up close. And in the club museum we'll also find out more about the team's moving history!

DATE Sat, 02.06.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Doniyor Yuldashev

LANGUAGE Tour in German, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

GUIDED TOUR OF THE NDR TELEVISION STUDIOS

Every day millions of people watch television. And NDR is the traditional channel to watch in northern Germany. Watching TV is one way we get regional and world news. Have you ever wondered what a news studio looks like on the inside? How many people work on a production? Or what technology is used? We will get answers to these questions and more during our visit at the NDR television studios. Together, we'll take a look behind the scenes. But one thing is for certain. After this tour, you will no longer watch TV in the same way!

DATE Fri, 08.06.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Umilaela Arifin

LANGUAGE Tour in English, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

THE MOUNTAIN IS CALLING – HIKE TO THE HIGHEST POINT IN HAMBURG

Some people talk about mountains, but here we have hills or high ground. The Hasselbrack is a hill to the south of Hamburg in the Schwarze Berge mountain range. If you haven't yet conquered this peak in the "Hamburg Alps", it's time to put on your hiking shoes, pack some water and a snack, and naturally your camera. Let's hike up to the highest point in Hamburg and enjoy the beautiful view of the Schwarze Berge mountain range! If you've never been to Hasselbrack, you can't truly claim that you live in Hamburg. Of course, you will also have the opportunity to meet and get to know the other participants during the hike and at the meal we will have together afterwards.

DATE Sun, 10.06.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Josephine Wong

LANGUAGE Tour in English, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

IN TWO HOURS AROUND THE WORLD: THE NEW BOTANICAL GARDEN

Calling all nature lovers! This is one event that you won't want to miss out on. During a guided tour of the Loki Schmidt Botanical Gardens – as the new botanical garden in the biocenter at Universität Hamburg was named in 2012 – we will not only get to know and love the European forest but also be taken on a journey to several other continents. There is no other place in Hamburg where you can discover so many different plant systems in such a short time and relax and unwind while doing so! We'll end our outing by getting a snack or something to drink at Café Palme. So don't think twice. Just pack your backpack and set off with us to discover the many small and exotic natural wonders in the Hanseatic city.

DATE Sun, 17.06.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Magdalena Grüner

LANGUAGE Tour in German, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

BETWEEN ALTERNATIVE AND NO ALTERNATIVE – A HAMBURG NEIGHBORHOOD THEN AND NOW

Those who don't know the Gängeviertel (a neighborhood in Hamburg) are missing out on an important part of Hamburg's history. The Gängeviertel, living quarters that were built particularly close together, provided housing to thousands of workers' families until the middle of the twentieth century. Unfortunately, over the past decades many of the buildings have been lost. But a few remain standing, and in 2009 some of them were occupied by artists who wanted to save the deteriorating buildings and create space for art and culture. We will take a historical tour through the narrow streets and living and working spaces, discover various projects, and speak with some of the residents to find out more about this fascinating neighborhood.

DATE Sat, 23.06.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Thu Thao Tran

LANGUAGE Tour in German, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

GOOD THINGS ARE WORTH WAITING FOR – A TOUR OF THE ELBPILHARMONIE

DE

The Elbphilharmonie was scheduled to open in 2010 after a construction period of three years and building costs of 186 million euros. But it turned out differently than the people at town hall expected, and Hamburg's "Elphi" didn't open until January 2017.

Although the Elphi had to endure a lot of mockery in its early days, the opulent concert house now enjoys much recognition. And its brilliance goes beyond its glass facade, which is made up of a total of 2,200 individual glass elements. According to the architects, the curved panels create the impression of a gigantic crystal that reflects the sky, water, and city in infinitely different patterns. All 595 of these glass elements are individually curved and each one cost about 72,000 euros.

If you want to know more, then come with us on a guided tour through the Elphi and learn about the history of the building and experience its phenomenal sound.

DATE Sun, 01.07.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Magdalena Grüner

LANGUAGE Tour in German, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

HAMBURG TEA PARTY – TEA TASTING IN THE SPEICHERSTADT

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Tea is everywhere. No matter if it is green, black, or white. Fruity, bitter, or sweet. Warm or refreshingly cold. People around the world drink tea – and Hamburg is no exception. In fact, the Hanseatic city looks back on a long tea tradition that has included everything from trading to drinking tea. At the Genuss Speicher (event location that includes café, store, and coffee roastery), we want to explore this tradition together, take part in a tea tasting, and learn some interesting facts about tea. The Genuss Speicher is located just a few minutes by foot from the Wasserschloss (a historical building in the Speicherstadt) and has its own special charm. Make sure not to miss out on this tea shop located centrally in the Speicherstadt. Join us. It's tea time!

DATE Sun, 15.04.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Jiaxin Li

LANGUAGE Tour in English, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

CHOCOLATE – A SMALL BITE IS (NEVER) ENOUGH

The fact that chocolate makes you happy is no secret. At the chocolate museum Chocoversum, we will find out why this is so and how bitter cocoa is transformed into “sweet gold”. An expert will lead us on a journey of the senses through the tropical rain forest and Hamburg’s Harbor to the final destination – the processing of cocoa beans into the finished chocolate. The highlight will definitely be the chocolate workshop, where you can select your favorite ingredients to make a chocolate bar that you can take home with you.

DATE Sat, 21.04.2018, time tba online well in advance

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Thu Thao Tran

LANGUAGE Tour in German, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

REACH FOR THE SKIES –

COME CLIMBING AT KLETTERWALD HAMBURG!

Would you like to join us for an exciting day filled with exercise, challenges, and outdoor fun? If so, then this is the perfect outing for you! Join us on the high ropes in the forest of Volksdorfer Wald. There are a variety of thrilling feats you can try out on the many different courses! You will get to know and test your personal limits. And at the end of the day, you’ll return to your everyday life with a new sense of pride, joy, strength, and perhaps also some new friends. We can’t wait to meet you!

DATE Sat, 05.05.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Zhang Xiaoxiao

LANGUAGE Tour in English, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

CULTURE, LAKES, AND A FAIRY-TALE CASTLE: A DAY IN SCHWERIN

EN

Discover Germany's smallest state capital with PIASTA! With fewer than 100,000 inhabitants, Schwerin is best known for its lakes, historic old town, and castle. Schwerin Castle has never been conquered by enemies. This is thought to be the work of the secret Petermännchen (kobold or puck) who is said to live in the basement of the castle and drive away thieves and intruders. Come with us and find the Petermännchen and explore this beautiful city, the castle, and the castle garden!

DATE Sat, 19.05.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER James Arias Fajardo

LANGUAGE Tour in English, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

I'LL MAKE YOU A PHOTO TODAY: PHOTOGRAM WORKSHOP

EN

Photographs are omnipresent in our lives. It has never been so easy, affordable, and quick to take photos as it is today. Just a simple touch on the screen of your smartphone is all it takes to capture a snapshot of your surroundings. But this immediacy doesn't capture the original meaning of the term: "photo" (Ancient Greek: light) and "graph" (Ancient Greek: draw or write). But what does it mean to draw with light and what exactly happens when "light draws"? Following in the footsteps of Anna Atkins and John Herschel, we want to find out the answers to these questions. With certain chemicals, paper becomes sensitive to light. Together, we will look for suitable motifs and experiment with the possibilities offered by this cameraless photography.

DATE Sat, 16.06.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Magdalena Grüner

LANGUAGE Tour in English, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

THE BIGGEST SUMMER FESTIVAL IN THE NORTH: KIELER WOCHÉ

DE EN

Kieler Woche is an old tradition in northern Germany and one of the largest sailing festivals in the world. Each year, more than 3 million guests from around the globe take part in Kieler Woche and enjoy the varied and lively events offered during the week. The program is packed with around 2,000 events in areas ranging from entertainment, culture, and science to politics, business, and sports. More than 30 nations take part, presenting not only their culinary delights but also their cultural highlights. Join us and have fun with other Universität Hamburg students at one of the largest sailing regattas in the world in our neighboring city of Kiel!

DATE Sun, 24.06.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Mariia lakimova

LANGUAGE Multilingual event

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

BEACH VOLLEYBALL IN HAMBURG? GAME ON!

EN

Given the notoriously bad weather in the summer, it might be hard to believe that Hamburg is a beach volleyball stronghold and will be hosting the World Tour Finals in August. We want to get to know this sport better with you this summer, so that you are super prepared and ready to show off your expertise at the big event. Are you interested? If so, then come and catch volleyball fever with us! Summer feeling included.

DATE Sun, 01.07.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Joshua R. Haney

LANGUAGE Multilingual event

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

NEED TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL? OFF TO SYLT!

Sylt is different. Sylt is multifaceted. Sylt is Sylt. Mudflats, salt marshes, green dikes, and beautiful dunes make this North Frisian Island a favorite getaway – particularly for the country's rich and famous. It is a well-known fact that more than just a few celebrities go there to enjoy themselves. We don't plan to go celebrity hunting, but instead want to take in the 40 km sandy beach, enjoy the Wadden Sea, and smell the invigorating North Sea air. Look forward to a relaxing day at the seaside and discovering the island of Sylt together with us.

DATE Sat, 07.07.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Zarina Amanzholova

LANGUAGE Tour in English, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

AWAKEN THE DRAGON IN YOU! A TRIP WITH THE DRAGON BOAT ON THE ALSTER CANALS

Dragon boats are originally from China and, as the name suggests, they look like dragons. The first dragon boat race took place many centuries ago. But it was not until several hundred years later that the first world championship was held – in Hong Kong in 1995. It is not a coincidence at all that the first dragon boat club in Germany was founded in Hamburg. In a maritime city such as Hamburg, it is simply a must to hop in a boat and explore the city by water. And it is much more fun in a dragon boat! Do you want to be part of the team, work together as one, and propel the dragon boat through the water? We look forward to seeing you on board! Previous experience is not necessary as we will have a coach to show us all the basics.

DATE Sun, 08.07.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER James Arias Fajardo

LANGUAGE Tour in English, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

INTERCULTURAL EXPERIENCES

INTERNATIONAL SINGING – NO TALENT REQUIRED

DE EN

Do you like to sing, but only when you're alone in the car or in the shower? Step up to the mic, meet other like-minded people, and discover how much fun it is to sing with a group. At this event, it just doesn't matter how far off-key you sing! All are invited to come out and take part. We will be singing international karaoke, choosing your favorites from all over the world, and delving into the sense (or non-sense) of their lyrics.

DATE Sat, 14.04.2018, time tba online well in advance

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Verena Steiner

LANGUAGE Multilingual event

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

PIASTA MOVIE NIGHT

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Do you want to go to the movies, but no one has time? Maybe you are also new to the city and haven't found your movie group yet? If so, the PIASTA Movie Night is exactly the right thing for you! We will definitely be going to one of the many movie theaters in Hamburg where films are shown in their original language. We will meet shortly before the movie starts, get to know each other, and then watch the movie together. Afterwards, we'll have bite to eat or drink a coffee, reflect on the movie, and share our thoughts about the experience. And by the end of the evening, you might have even found a brand-new group for future movie-going! We can't wait to meet you!

DATE Sun, 22.04.2018, time tba online well in advance

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Waleed Abubakr

LANGUAGE Movie in English

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

EXPERIENCE ART – A VISIT TO HAMBURG’S DEICHTORHALLEN EXHIBITION CENTER

EN

What is art? Be honest – if you have ever really asked yourself this question, you probably didn’t get very far. But if you still want to find out, then come with PIASTA to the Deichtorhallen exhibition center! Deichtorhallen is one of the largest European exhibition centers for contemporary art and photography. Our tour will take us through the halls of this industrial exhibition complex and hopefully clear up our initial question. Come with us and enjoy the art!

DATE Sat, 28.04.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Mikheil Kakabadze

LANGUAGE Tour in English, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

A TOUR OF THE JEWISH CEMETERY

DE

We will walk through the Altona Jewish Cemetery, which, due to its age and 1.9-hectare area, is seen as one of the most important Jewish graveyards in the world. During our tour, we will have the opportunity to learn more about the history of the Jewish population in Hamburg and Altona from the time the cemetery was established in the seventeenth century to the present day. We will also learn about the religious and cultural characteristics of Jewish burial practices, which we will see as we examine the inscriptions and scriptural quotes on the gravestones.

DATE Sun, 29.04.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Eva Skvarova

LANGUAGE Tour in German, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

TURKISH DINNER NIGHT

Don't worry, our Turkish dinner night won't be a döner kebab night! We will enjoy a culinary evening that will bring us to see Turkish cuisine in a very different light. Turkish cuisine is rich and varied and largely a continuation of Ottoman cuisine, which contains elements from many different cultures.

Here at PIASTA you will have the opportunity to taste a number of oriental delicacies from Turkey and even help to prepare some of them yourself. Join us at this event and experience this diverse and incredibly tasty part of Turkish culture.

DATE Sun, 06.05.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Ayçim Likos

LANGUAGE Presentation in English, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

FIND TRUE LOVE WITH TAMINO AND PAPAGENO – THE MAGIC FLUTE

Come with PIASTA to experience a new, unconventional staging of Mozart's world-famous and beloved opera classic. This production of "The Magic Flute" in the Hamburg State Opera is a reinterpretation by theater director Jette Steckel and has been adapted to Hamburg's particular situation. Get ready for a somewhat different type of evening at the opera. We'll meet in a café first to get to know one another and find out a bit more about the piece. And then we'll watch the opera together. We look forward to enjoying this exciting event with you!

DATE Thu, 10.05.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Ayçim Likos

LANGUAGE Preconcert talk in German, rest of the event multilingual

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

TUMPENG – A SPECIAL WAY TO CELEBRATE

Is it your birthday? Or your anniversary? Did you maybe just move into a new apartment? Let's get together and make tumpeng to celebrate! What is tumpeng? Tumpeng or tumpengan is a unique tradition from Indonesia that is used to celebrate special occasions. Strictly speaking, tumpeng is a cone-shaped, yellow rice dish. The rice is reminiscent of a mountain and is surrounded by various small dishes that symbolize gratitude. Tumpengan is a way Indonesians show their gratitude to God and enjoy togetherness and peace. If you want to learn more about this tradition, then you've come to the right place! We hope that you will not only enjoy tasting part of the Indonesian culture, but that you will also accept the message behind the tradition – gratitude and appreciation for time spent with others and for peace. We can't wait to meet you!

DATE Sat, 12.05.2018, time tba online

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Umilaela Arifin

LANGUAGE Multilingual event

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

“WIR SIND DIE NEUEN” AT WINTERHUDER FÄHRHAUS

If you want to see a comedy in a theater, Winterhuder Fährhaus is the right place to go. Touching and at the same time hilarious is a good way to describe the productions. The plays may not be deep but they are definitely entertaining. We will go together to see the play “Wir sind die Neuen” (Meet the new neighbors). The piece is based on Ralf Westhoff's film of the same name, which was released in 2014. Laughter is guaranteed for all those who are familiar with living in a shared apartment. But really for everyone else too. So come along and have a good time!

DATE Sun, 20.05.2018, time tba online well in advance

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Khashayar Biria

LANGUAGE German

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

PERUVIAN COOKING EVENING

Who wouldn't want to be able to cook a delicious dish themselves using a recipe from another continent? Peru is known for its amazing and diverse cuisine. The following are among the planned dishes for this cooking evening: lomo saltado, ceviche, and causa rellena. Together, we will select one of these great dishes to cook. In addition, you will learn how to prepare a pisco sour. And we will listen to música criolla so that you will feel like you are in Peru. ¡Buen provecho!

DATE Sun, 03.06.2018, time tba online well in advance

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

ORGANIZER Jose Alberto Rodriguez Parra Flores

LANGUAGE Multilingual event

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

VISIT TO THE CENTRUM-MOSCHEE (CENTRAL MOSQUE) IN ST. GEORG

The St. Georg district near the main train station is colorful, lively, and multicultural – a distinctive urban city district. In this former suburb, a wide range of religions meet and make life here diverse. And Islam is also very present in this part of the city. Among the Muslim institutions in St. Georg, the Turkish Centrum-Moschee stands out architecturally. The detailing on the minarets represent honeycombs, which symbolize that everything is interconnected. We naturally not only want to see this house of worship for Muslims from the outside but also visit the inside as well. Have you ever wondered why there are no images in mosques? Or why you have to take off your shoes at the entrance? Then don't hesitate and join us for this event! During the tour, you will definitely receive answers to these and many other questions, and you will have an opportunity to experience a Muslim place of prayer firsthand.

DATE June 2018, date and time tba online well in advance

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Waleed Abubakr

LANGUAGE Tour in German, rest of the event multilingual

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WORKSHOPS

SUCCEED WITH A PERFECT PROPOSAL!

EN

Have you recently been thinking about starting a doctorate? Or do you need to write a research proposal in order to be admitted to your master's thesis? Then you better get your facts straight concerning proper proposal writing. Obviously, you need a good plan and to know how to put your fuzzy research ideas down on actual paper. Whether it's about qualitative research or quantitative analysis, whether you want to test existing hypotheses or attempt to generate new ones, you need to convince the right people that you can do it. There is a multitude of minute details that candidates all too often miss when they are attempting to write that eye-catching proposal. To minimize chances of rejection, it helps to comply with some rules – from a suitable title, introduction, problem statement, literature review, and your own contributions to minor things like font size, scope, and grammar. This workshop will cover the basic characteristics of a sound and convincing proposal to help increase your chances for admission.

DATE Sat, 14.04.2018, time tba online

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

ORGANIZERS Ayesha Serfaz and Fang Liu

LANGUAGE English

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

PRESENTING YOUR RESEARCH WITH CONFIDENCE

Apart from actually writing your master's thesis or doctoral dissertation, you are often asked to share your outcomes with your academic peers. Every student is faced with the challenge of presenting in front of a larger audience, no matter if it is a seminar presentation, at a colloquium, or for their thesis defense. It is therefore essential to improve your presentation skills and learn how to master what could be a nerve-wracking experience. Even if your work is groundbreaking, you won't be able to achieve very much if you are not able to sell it convincingly. At this workshop, we will work on your public-speaking anxiety, share tips and tricks for becoming a great presenter, and help you learn to speak more effectively in front of groups of examiners or colleagues.

DATE Fri, 20.04.2018, time tba online

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (upper floor)

ORGANIZERS Intissar Chabani and Ayesha Serfaz

LANGUAGE English

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

MAKING A MOVIE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE

French director Michel Gondry recently made a smartphone movie that was featured at the 2015 Sundance Film Festival – there is no reason why you couldn't do this too. Shooting your own movie using your smartphone is easier than ever, as long as you follow some rules. Luckily, we have Italian director Matteo Bernardini on board to teach us the basics. Join us for an afternoon filled with theoretical and practical input so that you can take the first steps to becoming a director yourself.

DATE Sun, 20.05.2018, time tba online

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

ORGANIZER Matteo Bernardini

LANGUAGE English

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL MUSIC

EN

Music is without a doubt a universal language. And this is even more the case for classical music. That said, our networking efforts have not been so successful – we weren't able to get tickets for the renowned Elbphilharmonie. However, the Symphoniker Hamburg, conducted by Ion Marin, sounds just as good in Laeishalle as they do anywhere else. This time, they will play "Das Lied von der Erde" (The song of the earth), which composer Gustav Mahler declared in a letter to a friend as his most personal piece. Let mezzo-soprano Jennifer Johnston and tenor Brendon Gunnal amaze you with what critics have labeled as arguably Mahler's most outstanding piece. So, get out your gowns and tuxedos and come with us to the third Hamburg International Music Festival!

DATE Sun, 15.04.2018, 7 pm

PLACE tba online well in advance

ORGANIZERS Annalisa Morticelli and Fang Liu

LANGUAGE English

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

MORE THAN JUST SHIPS – EXPERIENCE HARBOR HISTORY UP CLOSE

EN

Located at Bremer Kai, the docks where South American trade was processed until the late 1960s, the Hafenumuseum hosts a variety of collections and decommissioned vessels. Experience what work on the waterfront was like before shipping containers were introduced – when the dockworkers' daily life was one of sweat and hard physical labor. Whether it's the handling of goods, shipbuilding, or the operation of ports, volunteer experts who have spent their lives working at the port will explain the particulars as they guide us through the exhibition. Join us for an afternoon dedicated to the men and women who have greatly contributed to what Hamburg is today.

DATE Sat, 28.04.2018, 10:45 am

PLACE tba online well in advance

ORGANIZERS Maha Elazezy and Ayu Savitri Nurinsiyah

LANGUAGE English

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

MEMORIALS IN HAMBURG

The way people remember and commemorate historical events is often reflected in the cityscape. This city tour will bring you in touch with places in Hamburg that commemorate the Nazi era and the Holocaust. We will focus on the possibilities and limits of using public spaces to commemorate atrocities and dark pasts, and we will discuss the range of architectonic and spatial approaches used. During the tour, we will also compare Hamburg's memorials with the Holocaust memorials in other European cities and learn how "coping with the past" is understood differently in different contexts. Please bring your semester public transport pass with you as we will use public transport to travel between the memorials.

DATE Fri, 04.05.2018, time tba online

PLACE tba online well in advance

ORGANIZERS Lucie Kroulíková and Lan Anh Nguyen Dang

LANGUAGE English

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

UNEARTHING HAMBURG'S HISTORY

If you want to discover what has been hidden under the layers of earth for centuries, the Archaeological Museum Hamburg is the place to go. With permanent settlements dating back to 400 BCE and nomad activity as far back as 17,000 years ago, a lot has been unearthed in the region. No matter if it is the remains of Roman-Germanic trade relations or evidence of the legendary Hammaburg, the interactive exhibits and lively displays let you experience archeology and history like nowhere else in northern Germany. Join us on this tour to find out how humans have lived and died since they entered the realm of what we know of today as Hamburg.

DATE Sat, 05.05.2018, time tba online

PLACE tba online well in advance

ORGANIZERS Ayu Savitri Nurinsiyah and Maha Elazezy

LANGUAGE English

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

A LITTLE PEACE AND QUIET: OHLSDORF CEMETERY

EA visit to Ohlsdorf Cemetery is more than a visit to just an ordinary cemetery. Covering 389 hectares of land, the cemetery is not only Hamburg's largest green area, it is also the largest park cemetery in the world. Since its opening in 1877, some 1.4 million people have been buried here. The size of the cemetery did not come by chance. Back then, action was taken so that there would never be a shortage of burial sites in Hamburg again. Ecumenical and driven by the humanist ideals of the cemetery's first custodian, people of all religions and social groups can be buried here. Everyone, from ordinary people to great minds, and locals to newcomers have found their rest in Ohlsdorf. Join us on a walk to see the impressive garden sites and sculptures and experience some of the city's history. If we're lucky, the rhododendrons will be in full bloom to welcome us.

DATE Fri, 25.05.2018, 4 pm

PLACE tba online well in advance

ORGANIZERS Lan Anh Nguyen Dang and Lucie Kroulíková

LANGUAGE English

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

STARTING OVER SOMEWHERE NEW – EMIGRATION MUSEUM BALLINSTADT HAMBURG

There are many reasons why Hamburg has always been a hub for migration. While immigration has dominated the news and public debates in the last few years, the role Hamburg has played in the waves of emigration over the last two centuries tends to be overlooked. In fact, from 1850 to 1939 Hamburg was the gateway to the world for over five million people, most of them seeking refuge from political persecution or simply hoping for a better life. Named after Albert Ballin, the shipping magnate of the Hamburg America Line, the Emigration Museum BallinStadt Hamburg does a remarkable job in preserving the history of emigration. Join us for an afternoon of exploring individual hopes, dreams, and destinies.

DATE Sat, 26.05.2018, time tba online

PLACE tba online well in advance

ORGANIZERS Annalisa Morticelli and Shadi Shacker

LANGUAGE English

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

HAMBURG'S DARK PAST: NEUENGAMME CONCENTRATION CAMP MEMORIAL

EN

Hamburg has had its ups and downs throughout history, but the darkest period the city went through was without a doubt from the rise of the Nazi regime until its demise. The Schutzstaffel (SS) established the Concentration Camp Neuengamme in December 1938 as a subcamp of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp. The camp served the needs of the German war machine and practiced extermination through hard labor. The verified death toll at Neuengamme totaled 42,900 men and women. We will go and have a closer look at what is left of the camp. On a guided tour, we will learn about the history of the compound, the people who were imprisoned there, and the many reasons for their imprisonment. Please bring your semester public transport pass with you.

DATE Sat, 07.07.2018, 12:30 pm

PLACE tba online well in advance

ORGANIZERS Guy Grisman and Intissar Chabani

LANGUAGE English

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

You can find more events for master's and doctoral students in the Seminars and Workshops section.





SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

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PIASTA's Seminars and Workshops are designed to help you gain academic and social skills that will enable you to successfully complete your studies in Hamburg.

EFFECTIVE STUDY SKILLS

PRESENTING WITH CONFIDENCE IN GERMAN

DE

Even at the beginning of your studies, you will have to give presentations either alone or in groups and present research results. This is often no easy task, as many people are nervous about speaking in front of larger groups of people. Non-native speakers, in particular, also have to deal with the challenge of finding the right words. But presenting with confidence is something that you can learn!

In this workshop, we will develop and practice strategies and techniques for giving effective presentations so that you can more effectively manage difficult situations.

Learning objectives:

- understand the basics of having an effective presence
- develop and use presentation strategies and methods
- practice giving presentations in groups

Please note: This seminar is designed primarily for non-native German speakers.

DATE Fri, 27.04.2018, 10:30 am–4:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

ORGANIZER Özlem Alagöz-Bakan, MEd in teacher training in primary and lower secondary education I

TARGET GROUP Students in German-language degree programs

LANGUAGE German

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

DIGITAL PUBLISHING FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The increasing digitalization in the field of education offers new possibilities and gives us the opportunity to break through fixed structures and venture into new territory. What tools are useful for working on texts together and exchanging ideas with other students? How do I establish an academic network? We will examine and discuss the function and content of academic blogs and consider which platforms are most effective for networking and entering into academic discourse.

Learning objectives:

- focus on similarities and differences of academic blogs
- learn about language used on Twitter and practice creating your own content

Please note: This seminar is designed primarily for doctoral and master's students in the final stages of their studies.

DATE	Fri, 11.05.2018, 10:30 am–1:30 pm
PLACE	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
ORGANIZER	Özlem Alagöz-Bakan, MEd in teacher training in primary and lower secondary education I
LANGUAGE	English
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

ACADEMIC LANGUAGE – FINDING YOUR OWN WORDS

Academic language differs fundamentally from everyday language and causes many students headaches. Paraphrasing the words of others is particularly daunting: “I can’t possibly say it better than the author!” And many students want to know how far they need to diverge from the original to ensure they are not plagiarizing. Is it sufficient to simply replace words with synonyms, for example?

In this workshop, we will start by working on particular features of academic language together to understand their functions. We will then apply the knowledge gained to our own texts and practice using academically appropriate language. Finally, we will try out a few methods for finding the right words when paraphrasing and moving beyond the original.

Learning objectives:

- get to know the features and functions of academic language
- cultivate academic writing skills
- paraphrase specialist texts

DATE Fri, 01.06.2018, 10:30 am–4:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

ORGANIZER Özlem Alagöz-Bakan, MEd in teacher training in primary and lower secondary education I

TARGET GROUP Students in German-language degree programs

LANGUAGE German

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

FROM BEING A GOOD SPEAKER TO GIVING AWESOME PRESENTATIONS

EN

The ability to give great presentations can be a defining factor in our lives. Whether in business or our personal lives, good presentation skills can take us far. And this workshop provides non-native speakers with the assistance they need.

Learning objectives:

- identify barriers to an awesome presentation
- learn tips and tricks for effective public speaking
- engage in group activities, role-play, and exercises to build confidence
- look briefly at the types of academic presentations common at university

Course content:

- posture and appearance
- confidence and energy
- audience interaction
- tone, modulation, and pitch
- nonverbal communication and body language
- time management

Participants will be expected to take an active part in this interactive workshop.

DATE Sat, 09.06.2018, 10:30 am–5:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

ORGANIZER Sadiq Rahman, MA in English literature

LANGUAGE English

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

ACADEMIC WRITING IN ENGLISH

Writing academic texts in English is required in almost all disciplines, and non-native speakers, in particular, face a number of difficulties. This two-part workshop will cover many important aspects to consider when writing academic essays, articles, or doctoral dissertations in English. Short presentations will be complemented by interactive and practical exercises that will focus on the participants' specific disciplines and projects. In order to be able to work in a targeted manner, please bring your own academic projects with you (e.g., final thesis, doctoral dissertation, or article).

Learning objectives:

- read and understand academic texts in English
- learn about text structure and language used in the context of academic English
- acquire techniques for revising and editing your texts, in particular, those that are useful when working in a foreign or second language

Please note: This seminar is designed primarily for doctoral and master's students in the final stages of their studies.

DATE	Fri, 15.06.2018, 11 am–2 pm and Fri, 22.06.2018, 11 am–2 pm
PLACE	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
ORGANIZER	Susannah Ewing Bölke, CTEFLA and MA in German and English
LANGUAGES	German/English
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

SPEAKING ENGLISH WITH CONFIDENCE IN THE CLASSROOM – TIPS FOR NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS

EN

Are you working on a BA, MA, or doctorate and want to improve your academic English? Is your English rusty due to a lack of practice? Then this workshop is just the thing for you.

Learning objectives:

- overcome shyness in the classroom
- motivate yourself to speak English regularly
- use simple but grammatically correct English
- build a strong vocabulary

Course content:

- grammatical mistakes frequently made by non-native speakers
- correct pronunciation and enunciation
- reading, speaking, listening, and writing exercises
- group activities and role-playing to build confidence

Please note: This is not a language course. For this event, you should already have attained level B1/B2 in English. This workshop aims to support and motivate you to use your English skills in your day-to-day studies or work in such a way that you enjoy speaking the language and experience success.

DATE Sat, 23.06.2018, 10:30 am–5:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

ORGANIZER Sadiq Rahman, MA in English literature

LANGUAGE English

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

CREATIVITY IN ACADEMIC WRITING

During your studies, you will have to do a lot of writing. When you write, you often have to take into account citation rules, academic language, and the pressure of being graded. These factors can make writing difficult and lead to writer's block. But writing can also help you to come up with ideas. Indeed, writing can even be relaxing.

In this workshop, we will try out some creative writing games together. Playing with words can help rekindle your enjoyment of language. This playfulness can then be transferred to academic writing. Wondering if you have the skills to do this? If so, then this is the workshop for you.

Learning objectives:

- learn creative writing methods
- use writing to come up with ideas
- discover the ease of writing

DATE Sun, 30.06.2018, 10:30 am–2:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

ORGANIZER Birte Stark, BA in educational science and Islamic studies

LANGUAGE German

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

THE ART OF QUOTING

Knowing how to use a variety of sources is indispensable when writing academic texts. In this course, we will work on how to clearly and correctly distinguish between your ideas and those of others, use direct and indirect quotes, and create and format a bibliography.

Learning objectives:

- recognize various ways to quote sources
- effectively use quotes in your own work
- create a formally correct bibliography
- and, if there is interest, a brief look at the literature administration program Zotero

Please note: This seminar is for German-language degree programs only and is not intended for natural science students.

DATE Fri, 06.07.2018, 10:30 am–2:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

ORGANIZER Özlem Alagöz-Bakan, MEd in teacher training in primary and lower secondary education I

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LANGUAGE German

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

DIVERSITY SKILLS

Dear Students,

PIASTA's intercultural training courses are intended to impart fundamental skills that are both necessary and useful when people from different cultural backgrounds communicate and interact. This could involve a culturally diverse group project at Universität Hamburg, a semester in Mexico, or a career requiring work in intercultural teams. The intercultural training we offer is general in nature, meaning that it is not specific to any one culture.

Skills include the ability to see things from a different perspective, to reflect upon your own and other people's behavior, to empathize, to remain flexible, to be open and tolerant, to be aware of and deal appropriately with your own prejudices and stereotypes (which we all have), intercultural sensitivity, and the ability to communicate. While acquiring intercultural proficiency is a lifelong process, these seminars do provide a very good opportunity to develop your skills and to find inspiration for further intercultural development.

A basic knowledge of cultural differences (e.g., cultural views of time) is also useful and therefore included in our seminars. But it can also lead to stereotyping. Our goal, therefore, is to strengthen your intercultural communication skills and abilities so that you can adapt your point of view as you encounter others with curiosity and openness and as you learn new things and exchange ideas constructive to all.

As trainers, we place a lot of value on practical experience and use techniques such as role-playing to give you the opportunity to gain intercultural experience in the training situation itself.

All intercultural training courses in the PIASTA program are conceived to meet the criteria for Component A of the Certificate Intercultural Competence (CIC). You can find out more about the CIC here: www.uni-hamburg.de/internationales/cic

INTERCULTURAL PREPARATION FOR ERASMUS + OUTGOING STUDENTS

Is your stay abroad coming up and you have the feeling that you need to do more than subject-specific and language preparation? You might be full of anticipation, but you keep asking yourself “What will it really be like living in a foreign country?” This intercultural preparation for your stay abroad is intended to help you be able to successfully navigate your daily life and studies – even when you are outside of your cultural comfort zones. In group exercises and discussions, and using various media formats, we will examine self- and social perceptions, stereotypes and prejudices, different working and communications styles, and our understanding of time and space. In this workshop, we will become aware of social and cultural faux pas to avoid and also focus on topics such as homesickness and loneliness. You will have the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with other students in a relaxed atmosphere, and you will leave the workshop looking forward to and feeling at ease about your stay abroad.

Learning objectives:

- reflect upon our own affiliations, related values, and typical behaviors and ways of thinking
- recognize and use cultural differences in communication
- gain sensitivity and cultivate skills for dealing with intercultural situations

Course content:

- theoretical and practical approaches to the concepts of “culture” and “intercultural skills”
- critical reflection on prejudices, stereotyping, and social perceptions
- practical exercises on various aspects (e.g., notions of time and different styles of communication)

Please note: Block seminar – attendance is mandatory on both course dates!

DATE COURSE A	Sat, 21.04.2018, 10 am–5 pm and Sun, 22.04.2018, 10 am–2 pm
COURSE B	Fri, 18.05.2018, 10 am–5 pm and Sat, 19.05.2018, 10 am–2 pm
COURSE C	Sat, 16.06.2018, 10 am–5 pm and Sun, 17.06.2018, 10 am–2 pm
PLACE	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
ORGANIZER	Course A Kathrin Pollow, MA in history, Course B Elena Sheynfeld, MSc in business administration; Course C Naida Mehmedbegovic Dreilich, MA in peace and security studies
LANGUAGE	German

CIC Can be recognized as Component A of the Certificate Intercultural Competence (CIC). To obtain this recognition, students must participate in both days of the training weekend.

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EN

INTERCULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING

We need intercultural skills in our studies, on the job, and in daily life. If you move to a new location, get to know new groups, or your life situation changes – then you will likely be either directly or indirectly confronted with intercultural issues. But what are intercultural skills and why do we actually need them?

This workshop will examine what terms such as “culture” and “intercultural skills” actually mean. Using experience-based learning, we will discover, critically examine, and reflect upon our self-perception, alienation, and affiliations. We will develop our empathy and ability to see things from another perspective. Discussion sessions will give you the opportunity to share your experiences and speak openly about insights you have gained. And if you are new in Germany or even in Hamburg, this is a nice opportunity to talk about your personal experiences and reflect on them.

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- practical exercises on various aspects (e.g., notions of time and different styles of communication)

Please note: Block seminar – attendance is mandatory on both course dates!

DATE Fri, 28.04.2018, 2–7:30 pm and Sat, 29.04.2018, 3–8:30 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

ORGANIZER Kathrin Pollow, MA in history

LANGUAGE English

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REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY ACROSS CULTURES – LEADING DISCUSSIONS

DE

Today, communication and intercultural skills are seen as key qualifications in universities and on the job and they are indispensable to effective communication and cooperation. This seminar aims to expand upon your communication skills, focusing especially on intercultural situations and how to respond accordingly to conversation partners from all over the world and in different contexts while remaining true to yourself.

Learning objectives:

- reflect on your own culturally-conditioned behaviors and communication habits
- recognize cultural differences in communication
- acquire helpful tools and techniques to hone your own conversation skills
- learn about helpful strategies for dealing with sensitive intercultural situations

Course content:

- diverse communication models (e.g., Schulz v. Thun).
- practical exercises on (inter)cultural factors in diverse communication situations
- constructive criticism in practice

Please note: Block seminar – attendance is mandatory on both course dates!

DATE Thu, 03.05.2018, 2–6 pm and Fri, 04.05.2018, 10 am–5 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

ORGANIZERS Lea Kühne, Diplom in education, and Dr. Julia Quante, Diplom in international and cultural business studies

LANGUAGE German

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- critical reflection on prejudices, stereotyping, and social perceptions
- practical exercises on various aspects (e.g., notions of time and different styles of communication)

Please note: Block seminar – attendance is mandatory on both course dates!

DATE Sat, 12.05.2018, 10:30 am–5 pm and
Sun, 13.05.2018, 10 am–2 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

ORGANIZER Hauke Lorenz, MA in social and cultural anthropology;
Course C: Hila Safari, psychologist and trained mediator

LANGUAGE German

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REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

MAJORITY? MINORITY? DIVERSITY! A QUESTION OF PERSPECTIVE

You are studying at Universität Hamburg, taking part in student life, or have a job or are doing an internship. No matter what subject you're studying, you interact with a wide range of people in many areas of your life. And, of course, you are part of this diversity yourself – various cultural and social backgrounds, different plans for life, and various sexual and gender identities. With regards to sexual and gender identities, we want to consider the particular situation of these “minorities”. We will look at intercultural approaches to anti-discrimination efforts, and together consider various perspectives on diversity that you may find useful in your daily life.

Learning objectives:

- create lasting awareness for diversity in (your own) daily life

Course content:

- clarify the terms diversity and queer
- consider various perspectives of diversity
- analyze the range of diversity characteristics, based on LGBT lifestyles and an intercultural perspective
- identify similarities based on this analysis and learn how to deal with opposition
- recognize (personal) advantages of diversity

Please note: Block seminar – attendance is mandatory on both course dates!

DATE Sat, 02.06.2018, 10 am–4 pm and
Sun, 03.06.2018, 11 am–4 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

ORGANIZERS Markus Hoppe, BA in social work, and Vanessa Lamm,
Diplom in education

LANGUAGE German

CIC Can be recognized as Component A of the Certificate Intercultural Competence (CIC). To obtain this recognition, students must participate in both days of the training weekend.

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

IT SKILLS

POWERPOINT FOR BEGINNERS

DE

PowerPoint is one of the most commonly used Microsoft Office programs. This course will introduce you to the world of PowerPoint. It focuses on practical exercises using the computer.

Learning objectives:

- basic use of PowerPoint
- creating typical PowerPoint presentations for your studies

Course content:

- basic use of presentations
- basic text layout
- working with various PowerPoint slides
- working with templates
- producing slide masters
- creating and laying out illustrated objects and graphics

DATE Sat, 21.04.2018, 10 am–4 pm

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Blendi Ramaj, Diplom in business administration

LANGUAGE German

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

ADVANCED POWERPOINT

DE

This course builds upon the course PowerPoint for Beginners.

Learning objectives:

- further development of basic PowerPoint skills
- proficiency in using slide masters and adding various multimedia elements
- applying new skills in practical situations

Course content:

- basic principles of designing presentations
- designing templates and slide masters
- creating and laying out organizational charts and diagrams
- adding and editing various multimedia elements
- effective use of animation
- delivering professional presentations

DATE Sat, 22.04.2018, 10 am–4 pm

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Blendi Ramaj, Diplom in business administration

LANGUAGE German

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

EXCEL FOR BEGINNERS

DE EN

Excel is one of the most commonly used Microsoft Office programs. This course will introduce you to the world of Excel. It focuses on practical exercises using the computer.

Learning objectives:

- basic use of Excel
- using and understanding basic Excel functions
- proficient use of options using practical examples

Course content:

- basic principles of tables (filling out, moving, copying)
- using formulas and functions
- using relative, absolute, and combined cell references
- creating and quickly designing diagrams
- creating tables and linking pages and data
- tips and tricks for working with Excel

Please note: Block seminar – attendance is mandatory on both course dates!

DATE Sat, 28.04.2018 and Sun, 29.04.2018, 10 am–4 pm (de)
Sat, 05.05.2018 and Sun, 06.05.2018, 10 am–4 pm (en)

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Blendi Ramaj, Diplom in business administration

LANGUAGE German: Sat, 09.12.2018 and Sun, 10.12.2018
English: Sat, 16.12.2018 and Sun, 17.12.2018

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

ADVANCED EXCEL

This course builds upon the course Excel for Beginners.

Learning objectives:

- further development of basic Excel skills
- proficiency in using formulas and functions
- applying new skills in practical situations

Course content:

- working with large tables, sorting and filtering large quantities of data
- using advanced functions
- creating and adapting Pivot tables
- basic use of macros
- working with practical examples
- advanced tips and tricks for working with Excel

Please note: Block seminar – attendance is mandatory on both course dates!

DATE Sat, 12.05.2018 and Sun, 13.05.2018, 10 am–4 pm

MEETING POINT tba online well in advance

ORGANIZER Blendi Ramaj, Diplom in business administration

LANGUAGE German

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

WORD FOR ACADEMIC PAPERS

Word is one of the most widely used programs to prepare academic papers. In this course, we will take an in-depth look at all of the major format requirements for academic papers (term papers, final theses, and dissertations).

Learning objectives:

- using Word effectively to format academic papers (term papers, final theses, and doctoral theses)

Course content:

- basic principles of laying out academic papers
- basic principles for working with formatting and document templates
- basic principles of design
- using paging and paragraph functions
- margins, page format, headers and footers
- tables of contents, keyword indexes, page overviews, structuring, and numbering
- tables of figures as well as tables, footnotes, and endnotes

Please note: Block seminar – attendance is mandatory on both course dates!

DATE	Sat, 09.06.2018 and Sun, 10.06.2018, 10 am–4 pm
MEETING POINT	tba online well in advance
ORGANIZER	Blendi Ramaj, Diplom in business administration
LANGUAGE	German
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

ADVISING AND FIRST CAREER STEPS

NEW TO HAMBURG?

READY FOR THE BUREAUCRATIC MAZE

Residency status? Temporary residence permit? A blocked account? You just wanted to study in Hamburg and now you feel overwhelmed with all the organizational details? In this workshop, we'll show you how to successfully navigate through Hamburg's bureaucratic maze – what documents you need for your residence permit, how you can avoid problems with local authorities, and what you need to consider if you want to change your degree program. You will, of course, also have the opportunity to share your experiences with other students and we'll give you the tips you need so that you can really concentrate on your studies.

Learning objectives:

- become aware of issues related to residency
- develop confidence when dealing with official matters
- gain an understanding of official terminology

Course content:

- basic knowledge regarding your stay in Germany
- clarification of official terms
- becoming familiar with different perspectives

Please note: This workshop is only for international students and doctoral students!

DATE	Fri, 20.04.2018, 1–7 pm
PLACE	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
ORGANIZERS	Ina-Lotte Dühning, MA in intercultural communication, and Ama Pokua von Pereira, qualified lawyer
LANGUAGE	German
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

BECOMING AN ENTREPRENEUR – INFO SESSION FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS, MASTER’S STUDENTS, AND GRADUATES

EN

This seminar provides doctoral students, master’s students, and graduates with an overview of how to become an entrepreneur. We will take a look at various aspects and issues, from starting a business to organizing an entire corporation.

At this event, you’ll learn about the challenges and responsibilities entrepreneurs face every day. You can determine whether starting a business is the right career move for you. We will place special emphasis on the requirements doctoral students and master’s students with and without an immigrant background need to think about. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and share experiences and opinions. We want this to be an interactive learning experience.

Learning objectives:

- think and act like an entrepreneur and recognize entrepreneurial talents at an early stage
- motivate people, especially women and entrepreneurs with an immigrant background, to critically assess their career choices and consider starting their own business
- apply practical economic and entrepreneurial skills

Course content:

- comprehensive overview of how to start a business
- special grants for female entrepreneurs
- running your own business and having a family
- legal requirements for starting a business
- freedom of trade and establishment for EU citizens
- residence permits for entrepreneurs from non-EU countries
- start-up formalities
- income limits while studying
- assistance and contacts for people with a non-German background

Please note: Block seminar – attendance is mandatory on both course dates!

DATE	Thu, 07.06.2018 and Fri, 08.06.2018, 4–7:30 pm
PLACE	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
ORGANIZER	Andreas Voss, MA in entrepreneurship
LANGUAGE	English
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program
COOPERATION	Universität Hamburg's Career Center





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In general, Universität Hamburg offers a number of useful information channels for studying abroad. In addition, PIASTA provides a variety of consulting and information services designed especially for international students.

INFORMATION AND ADVISING FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

INFORMATION BOOKLET: TO-DOS FOR NEW STUDENTS

You've applied to Universität Hamburg, and are now wondering what the next steps are? The brochure "To-Dos for New Students" (PDF) contains useful information about the most important things you will need to take care of before you start studying – from registering in Hamburg to taking out insurance.

Information:

www.uni-hamburg.de/neuestudierende

INFORMATION BOOKLET: RESIDENCY LAWS

The City of Hamburg publishes a brochure for international students. The "Informationsbroschüre für internationale Studierende zum Aufenthaltsrecht" contains detailed information on residency laws:

- arriving in Germany
- residency laws for students
- part-time jobs and internships while studying
- employment in Germany after graduation
- permanent residency in Germany

Information:

www.uni-hamburg.de/aufenthalt

→ Download

ADVICE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ON RESIDENCY AND SOCIAL MATTERS

DE EN

Whether at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end of your studies, there are many questions that international students may have. What different types of proof of financing are accepted for renewing residence permits? What do I need to consider if I change my field of study or want to do an internship? You may also experience private, financial, or study-related difficulties. And sometimes not everything about your study abroad will go according to plan. It is important to find out the details early on and to seek support if you have any problems. We encourage you to come to one of our advising sessions, especially if you are unsure of who to turn to for help. We urge you to make an appointment even if your problems seem to be minor.

OFFICE HOURS Tuesday and Thursday

Please go to the website www.uni-hamburg.de/aufenthalt to see if there are any changes such as canceled office hours due to illness or vacation.

DATE AND LOCATION Tuesday, 1:30–3:30 pm, Rentzelstraße 17, Room 003 (ground floor), PIASTA
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TARGET GROUP International students and doctoral students as well as Universität Hamburg graduates

LANGUAGES German/English

OFFICE HOURS By appointment only. Please contact me by email or phone and provide a brief description of your question or concern. I will offer you an appointment at the earliest date possible.

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LANGUAGES German/English

LEGAL ADVICE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We provide students, doctoral students, and recent graduates with free legal advice from an attorney. Find out about visas, extending residence permits, work permits, and employment in Germany after graduating.

Please note: There's no need to sign up in advance, but please arrive by 6 pm at the latest.

Please go to the website www.uni-hamburg.de/aufenthalt to see if there are any changes such as canceled office hours due to illness or vacation.

OFFICE HOURS 5–7 pm on the following Mondays: 09.04.2018, 23.04.2018, 07.05.2018, 28.05.2018, 18.06.2018, and 02.07.2018

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ADVISOR Björn Stehn, attorney

TARGET GROUP International students and doctoral students as well as Universität Hamburg graduates

LANGUAGES German/English

PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Students may experience various psychological difficulties while studying. Some students feel extreme pressure to succeed, developing test anxiety or a fear of failure, while others become anxious about their professional prospects, questioning whether or not they have chosen the right course of studies. Then there are those who cannot concentrate on their studies because they are having problems in their personal relationships or at home, dealing with separation anxieties, or have developed psychosomatic disorders. What they all have in common is that they need support in their current situation so that they can continue to focus on their studies, their job search, or simply their daily lives.

We provide counseling for all kinds of problems and concerns that you would like to discuss confidentially; we can help you better deal with a difficult situation that you may find yourself in. Our goal is to identify the source of the problem and to work together to find a suitable solution. Do not hesitate to contact us, even if your concern may seem minor!

OFFICE HOURS By appointment only, Friday afternoons; Please contact me by email or phone and provide a brief description of your question or concern. I will offer you an appointment at the earliest date possible. Please note that in some cases, this may take up to two to three weeks.

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TARGET GROUP International students and doctoral students at Universität Hamburg

LANGUAGES German/Farsi

ADVICE ON SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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Merit scholarship program for international students

International students and recent graduates with outstanding academic records can apply for an annual stipend of €650 per month (maximum). For more information, please consult the Department of International Affairs website:

www.uni-hamburg.de/leistungsstipendien

Degree completion grants for international students

To complete their university studies, international students in need of financial support can apply for a monthly stipend of €450 (maximum). For more information, please consult the Department of International Affairs website:

www.uni-hamburg.de/examensstipendien

OFFICE HOURS Office hours and additional information at:
www.uni-hamburg.de/internationales/kontakt

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TARGET GROUP International students and doctoral students at Universität Hamburg

LANGUAGES German/English/Spanish

ADVISING FOR THE CERTIFICATE INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE AND OUTGOING STUDENTS

INFORMATION AND ADVICE ON ACQUIRING THE CERTIFICATE INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE (CIC)

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The Certificate Intercultural Competence (CIC) is awarded to students at Universität Hamburg who have dedicated their time to intercultural issues. The CIC therefore serves as recognition of intercultural involvement and is an additional distinction for students. The certificate encompasses the areas of intercultural training, international experience, intercultural activity, and intercultural studies. During the weekly office hours, interested students may receive information and tips on how they can acquire the CIC during their studies.

OFFICE HOURS Office hours and additional information at:
www.uni-hamburg.de/cic

OFFICE HOURS Tuesdays, 4–5 pm (please sign up for an appointment in advance by email)

PLACE You will be notified after you have an appointment.

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LANGUAGES German/English

INFORMATION AND ADVICE ON STUDYING ABROAD

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How do I plan studying abroad? What exchange programs does Universität Hamburg offer? What kind of funding is available? The Study Abroad Team within the Department of International Affairs can provide answers to these and many other questions.

Going abroad is not only an opportunity to discover a new culture. It also expands your academic profile and improves your chances on the job market. You'll see the world – and your own country – from another perspective. However, it is very important to plan your trip well in advance, as many programs have a long application process (in some cases, more than a year!).

The Study Abroad Team holds monthly information sessions and weekly office hours for individual advising.

OFFICE HOURS Office hours and additional information at:
www.uni-hamburg.de/outgoing

CONTACT outgoings@uni-hamburg.de

DOING AN INTERNSHIP ABROAD THROUGH ERASMUS+

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An Erasmus+ internship is a great way to gain practical experience working in other European countries. Erasmus interns receive a monthly grant of between €310 and €410, depending on the host country. This grant is independent of the internship stipend. In addition to the monthly grant, you can also apply for a BAföG federal student loan for your time abroad. The Erasmus internship must last for at least two months and is funded for a maximum of six months. The application deadline for Erasmus+ grants for internships is at least four weeks prior to the beginning of the internship.

INFORMATION More information about the prerequisites, application forms, and grant amounts can be found at:
www.uni-hamburg.de/erasmus → Erasmus+ internships:
Doing an internship abroad through Erasmus

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LANGUAGES German/English





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We are a large team

We hail from many different countries and cultures, and work together at PIASTA. We are tutors, scholarship recipients, student and academic instructors, and interns!

Our team is multilingual

We offer advice and support in Brazilian Portuguese, Chinese, English, Farsi, French, German, Italian, Kyrgyz, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Turkish, and Ukrainian – and every semester, new languages are added! We can inform, advise, and support you. We also organize cultural events and leisure activities, seminars and workshops, as well as a Welcome Week at the start of the winter semester. We are a group of students helping students.

Our diversity connects us

We work and act across cultures. We are curious and open. We have a common interest in intercultural exchange at Universität Hamburg and work toward improving students' academic and day-to-day experience.

Check out our website to find out more about us:

www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta/ueber-uns.html

News

Recent program changes can be found here:

... PIASTA newsletter

Our weekly newsletter contains PIASTA news as well as tips on other interesting international and intercultural events and workshops taking place in Hamburg. You can subscribe to or cancel the newsletter at:

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... PIASTA Facebook page

We publish announcements and photos from recent events on the PIASTA Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/PIASTA.Uni.Hamburg

CIC

Certificate Intercultural Competence
Experience – Knowledge – Awareness



The **CERTIFICATE INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE** is issued as part of an extracurricular program offered by Universität Hamburg. It is awarded to students and doctoral students of the University who demonstrate outstanding commitment to intercultural issues. It testifies to intercultural activity and is an additional distinction for students who might want to demonstrate that they possess intercultural soft skills, e.g., when applying for jobs. Participants must complete three of four components to earn the certificate.

The **CERTIFICATE INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE** includes mandatory intercultural training as well as international experience, intercultural involvement, language courses, and elective courses with an international perspective.

German and international students in all of the faculties of Universität Hamburg are eligible to pursue the **CERTIFICATE INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE** for free.

COMPONENT A • INTERCULTURAL TRAINING

COMPONENT B • INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

COMPONENT C • INTERNATIONAL CAMPUS

COMPONENT D • INTERCULTURAL STUDIES

Further information and registration
WWW.UNI-HAMBURG.DE/CIC

COOPERATION

CERTIFICATE INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE (CIC)

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www.aegee.de

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Buddy Program in the Faculty of Education

www.ew.uni-hamburg.de/de/internationales/buddy

Buddy Program in the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences

www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/internationales/international-office/buddy-programm

Buddy Net in the Faculty of Law

www.jura.uni-hamburg.de/internationales/studierende/buddynet

Buddy Net in the Faculty of Medicine

www.uke.de/studium-lehre/international/buddy-net

Buddy Program in the Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences

www.min.uni-hamburg.de/internationales/studierendenmobilitaet/buddy

Copernicus

www.copernicus-stipendium.de

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www.unihamburg.enactus.de

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www.uni-hamburg.de/astub

Faculty of Education

www.ew.uni-hamburg.de

Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences

www.min.uni-hamburg.de

Faculty of Psychology and Human Movement

www.pb.uni-hamburg.de

Faculty of Law

www.jura.uni-hamburg.de/internationales

Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences – International Office

www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/internationales

Universität Hamburg's Guest House
www.gaestehaus-uni-hamburg.de

Local representatives of the German Medical Students' Association (BVMD)
www.bvmd-hamburg.de

Hamburger TheaterSprachCamp (theater and language camp for kids)
www.jugenderholungswerk.de/index.php?id=59

HanseMUN
<http://hansemun.de>

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www.stube-nord.de

Studies Without Borders
www.studieren-ohne-grenzen.org

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www.uil.unesco.org

Universitätskolleg – writing center
<https://www.universitaetskolleg.uni-hamburg.de/universitaetskolleg-2-0/schreibzentrum.html>

University Players
www.universityplayers.de

Weitblick e. V. Hamburg
www.weitblicker.org/Stadt/Hamburg

Studierendenwerk Hamburg's Welcome Tutoring Program
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