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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 all gender identities and sexual orientations.

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Further opportunities offered by the  
Universitätskolleg can be found at:  
**[www.universitaetskolleg.uni-hamburg.de](http://www.universitaetskolleg.uni-hamburg.de)**

We wish you a great start to the semester!

*Your PIASTA Team*

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## REGISTRATION

### **CULTURAL EVENTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS**

The first registration period starts on 14.10.2018 at 12 noon  
(for events that take place between 20.10.2018–30.11.2018).

The second registration period starts on 25.11.2018 at 12 noon  
(for events that take place between 01.12.2018–31.01.2019).

### **ACTIVITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

Registration starts on 14.10.2018 at 12 noon.

### **RECENT CHANGES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION**

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



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# CALENDAR

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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 the 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.

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**INFORMATION** Registration and additional information at:  
[www.uni-hamburg.de/welcome-buddy](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/welcome-buddy)

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

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**PLACE** You will be notified when you make an appointment.

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Email: [annika.johannsen@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:annika.johannsen@uni-hamburg.de)

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**LANGUAGES** German/English

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# WELCOME WEEK

## 02.–05.10.2018



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

Information  
Campus Tours  
Socializing



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**LANGUAGE  
AND CULTURAL  
EXCHANGES**

# LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES

Are you interested in languages and other cultures? PIASTA offers you many opportunities to learn and practice a new language and at the same time meet people from many different cultures.

## 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](http://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](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/cic)

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**TANDEM** Registration and information about the Language Tandem and Culture Tandem: [www.uni-hamburg.de/tandem](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/tandem)

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**CIC** Registration and information about the CIC  
[www.uni-hamburg.de/cic](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/cic)

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## 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!

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

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**DATES** The dates for the winter semester 2018/19 language cafés will be announced in the first week of lectures at: [www.uni-hamburg.de/languagecafe](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/languagecafe)  
The language cafés begin in the second week of lectures.

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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

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**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.

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**COORDINATION** If you would like to be a volunteer coordinator for a language café in your native language, please send an email to [piasta@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:piasta@uni-hamburg.de).

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



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

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**ALSO IN THE PROGRAM:**

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**[WWW.UNI-HAMBURG.DE/TANDEM](http://WWW.UNI-HAMBURG.DE/TANDEM)**





**INTERCULTURAL  
PIASTA EVENING**

# INTERCULTURAL PIASTA EVENING

Every Wednesday from 6 to 9:30 pm!

The international 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

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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, 17.10.2018, 6–9:30 pm

**PLACE** Mittelweg 177, cafeteria

**LANGUAGE** Short presentation in English, rest of the event multilingual

## HALLOWEEN: THE SECRETS OF THE SPOOKIEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

DE EN

Pumpkins, witches, vampires, and horror stories – Halloween is just around the corner! But the holiday as we know it is actually more than just “trick or treat”. Probably not everyone realizes that this US holiday actually has its roots in Ireland. Did you know that on Halloween night in Slovakia it's customary to put extra chairs in front of the fireplace for deceased family members? Or that some Asian countries celebrate a similar festival called *Teng Chieh*? Together, we will have the opportunity to explore various traditions that make Halloween popular in many countries around the world and hear about some of the more unusual ones.

**DATE** Wed, 24.10.2018, 6–9:30 pm

**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

**LANGUAGE** Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

## CHE BONTÀ! A CULINARY JOURNEY THROUGH ITALY

DE EN

Some people might be surprised to find out that in Italy they don't just eat pizza and pasta and drink espresso ten times a day. Italian cuisine is very old and taken very seriously. Perhaps you're not familiar with Casu frazigu, a typical Sardinian cheese that contains insect larvae, or you haven't tried Ascolane olives, Pizzoccheri, Baccalà, or Cantucci? From the regions of northern Italy to the boot heel to the islands, the dishes you will find are all very different and varied.

Take part in this PIASTA Evening to learn more about Italy and its cuisine, and let yourself be carried away by the aromas and flavors of this country!

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**DATE** Wed, 07.11.2018, 6–9:30 pm

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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

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**LANGUAGE** Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

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## THE POWER OF WORDS – THE INFLUENCE OF LANGUAGE ON OUR THINKING

DE EN

“1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 ...” – this is how we count in this part of the world. “1, 2, and many” – is how the Pirahã count, a tribe that lives on the banks of the Amazon. The tribal members have no words in their language for numbers over two. But how does any one language affect our perception and the way we think? There are about 6,500 languages worldwide. How differently do all the speakers of these many languages think? Together we'll examine the interaction and relationship between language and thinking. How much truth is behind the statement that “The limits of my language mean the limits of my world”? We look forward to your participation and thought-provoking conversations.

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**DATE** Wed, 14.11.2018, 6–9:30 pm

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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

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**LANGUAGE** Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

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## 221B BAKER STREET

DE EN

The Sherlockians among you recognize this address! No matter whether you know him from the short stories or one of the many movies, almost everyone is familiar with the name Sherlock Holmes. The British author Sir Arthur Conan Doyle created the charismatic detective in 1887 for his crime novel “A Study in Scarlet”. When asked about him today, most people think of Benedict Cumberbatch and the BBC television series “Sherlock”.

Sherlock uses his precise observations, intuition, and deductive reasoning to solve every case. As he will at this PIASTA Evening.

**DATE** Wed, 21.11.2018, 6–9:30 pm

**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

**LANGUAGE** Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

## ريحلا إلى بلاد الياسمين (RIḤLA 'ILĀ BALAD AL-YASMĪN) –

DE EN

### A JOURNEY TO THE LAND OF JASMINE

Civil war, refugees, torture, and poverty. These are keywords we have associated with Syria for the last seven years. But Syria is much more. Even in 2010, Syria attracted almost ten million tourists. The capital Damascus is one of the oldest metropolises in the world. It was settled more than 10,000 years ago. Today you can still see the jasmine trees that stood in front of every house in Damascus. What makes Syria such a special country, however, is the abundance of historical attractions. Many of the landmarks, some of them more than 2000 years old, are World Heritage Sites – the ancient oasis city of Palmyra in central Syria, the citadel of Aleppo, and the Roman Theater at Bosra in southern Syria, for example Syria is also home to many different ethnicities and religions. And the natural landscapes are diverse and stunning – from the Mediterranean in the west to the desert in the east. The Phoenician civilization didn't call Syria the "Land of the Sun" for nothing!

We look forward to learning more about the sunny side of Syria with you, teaching you the traditional dance (Dabka), and trying out some delicious Syrian specialties!

**DATE** Wed, 28.11.2018, 6–9:30 pm

**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

**LANGUAGE** Short presentation in German, rest of the event multilingual

## SLEEP WELL! WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF DREAMS

DE EN

While some people would like to pursue this activity all day long, others see it as a waste of time. Sleep is vital for humans and many animals. Certain physiological and psychological processes can only take place in a state of rest. We spend about a third of our lifetime sleeping. But what actually happens when our consciousness takes a break? Sometimes we don't remember what happened while we slept, but there are mornings when we have bizarre memories of events that only happened in our heads: dreams. Theoretically, there are no boundaries in the world of dreams, and the events that take place in our dreams can be interpreted in many ways. The content of our dreams is often directly connected to our psyche and can make for a good or a bad start to the day. But what if we could control the course of our dreams? Is lucid dreaming just a rumor or is it really possible?



At this PIASTA Evening, we want to get to the bottom of these and many other questions.

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**DATE** Wed, 05.12.2018, 6–9:30 pm

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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

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**LANGUAGE** Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

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## GRÜTZI ZAME! DISCOVER THE CULINARY SIDE OF SWITZERLAND

DE EN

A small country with high green mountains, white glaciers, and blue lakes – Switzerland is not only multifaceted in its landscape, but also in its culture. With four official languages, several German dialects, and diverse traditions in the various “Swiss valleys”, there is much to explore! Despite all the differences between the cantons, the Swiss can agree on at least one thing: cheese is an essential part of every meal. In 2016, each person in Switzerland ate an average of 22 kg of cheese – and not only that, almost 450 types of cheese are produced in the country. What an amazing selection!

Come to this event and get to know the many facets of our southern neighbor better and enjoy delicious cheese from several Swiss regions!

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**DATE** Wed, 12.12.2018, 6–9:30 pm

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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

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**LANGUAGE** Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

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## TURN OLD INTO NEW! THE JOY OF CRAFTING

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Can you still remember how much you enjoyed doing crafts when you were a child? Or the satisfaction of having put together a piece of furniture yourself? In the olden days our ancestors built their homes and everything they needed without any modern technology. They repaired things that broke rather than just buying a new one. Even today, when machines can take over much of our work and we have the opportunity to constantly buy new things, there is simply no substitute for the feeling of having made something yourself and the uniqueness of do-it-yourself (DIY) projects. DIY projects made from recycled materials are particularly fitting for the present-day effort to create a more sustainable lifestyle.

Come to our DIY Evening and get ideas on how you can use old objects to create something new! Maybe your project will even end up being a perfect Christmas present!

**DATE** Wed, 19.12.2018, 6–9:30 pm

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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

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**LANGUAGE** Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

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## THE DARK SIDE OF CHOCOLATE

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Do you love chocolate too? Did you know that in Germany on average each person consumes 10 kg of chocolate per year? But many farmers who produce the cocoa for this chocolate live in poverty. They make less than half a dollar a day. And their children often have to work in the fields because there isn't enough money to pay for workers. Together, we will consider how the situation of cocoa farmers could be improved – for example, how the fair trade model can offer families on small farms an alternative. But what is “fair trade”? And how do I know if a product is fair trade?

At this evening event, we not only want to answer these and other questions, we will also use fair trade cocoa to make our own fair trade chocolate. And naturally we'll indulge in the fruits of our labor! We can't wait to meet you!

**DATE** Wed, 09.01.2019, 6–9:30 pm

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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

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**LANGUAGE** Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

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## REPELLO MUGGELTUM

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*Legilimens!* You can use this spell to see into someone else's mind – which is what we'll do at this PIASTA Evening. From basilisks, boggarts, and dementors to centaurs, dragons, and unicorns – since her first book was published in 1997, J. K. Rowling has fascinated us with her literary masterpieces and created a world full of fantasy for both children and adults.

Discover the magical world of Harry, Hermione, Ron, and other characters with us and who knows what will happen? It may be a trip down memory lane, or maybe you'll even learn something new!

**DATE** Wed, 16.01.2019, 6–9:30 pm

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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

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**LANGUAGE** Short presentations in German and English, multilingual event

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## BIENVENIDO A COLOMBIA – COFFEE, SALSAS, AND STUNNING SCENERY

DE EN

At this evening event, we'll introduce you to this fascinating and diverse Latin American country – and give you a personal perspective. Thanks to its many climatic zones, Colombia is one of the countries in the world with the greatest biodiversity of flora and fauna. Of course, Colombia is more than plants and animals. The country looks back on a very long and eventful past that shaped each region differently and produced an amazing diversity of traditions, languages, dances, colors, sounds, and dishes.

Come to PIASTA and learn more about this wonderful country in a way that goes beyond clichés and prejudices.

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**DATE** Wed, 23.01.2019, 6–9:30 pm

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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

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**LANGUAGE** Multilingual event

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## ETERNAL LIFE

DE EN

What happens when we die? Do we fall into nothingness or does our spirit live on? We won't find an answer at PIASTA, but on this last evening of the semester we will consider the extent to which existing ideas of death and dying have influenced societies and continue to do so to this day. From Egyptian mummification to the Mexican Day of the Dead, there are many interesting ways to think about life and death. And at the same time, there is an almost universal desire to escape the finality of death. We will look at how pop culture reflects our desire to prolong life almost indefinitely and at the newest scientific developments in the field of cyber-consciousness.

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**DATE** Wed, 30.01.2019, 6–9:30 pm

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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

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**LANGUAGE** Multilingual event

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**CULTURAL EVENTS  
AND LEISURE  
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# CULTURAL EVENTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

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

### MIRROR, MIRROR, ON THE WALL: WHO'S THE FAIREST OF THEM ALL?

DE EN

... We, of course, think it is Hamburg! Using our smartphone cameras, together we will try to capture a piece of its beauty. On our search for the most interesting photo subjects and the most spectacular places, we will set out to explore the city. Our goal is to capture the moment. And our overarching theme is Hamburg in Autumn.

Whoever takes the most beautiful picture will even be rewarded with a small prize from the PIASTA jury. You really shouldn't miss out on this opportunity. Be creative and take part!

**DATE** Sat, 20.10.2018, time tba online

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZER** Jose Alberto Rodriguez Parra Flores

**LANGUAGE** Multilingual event

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

### HARBOR TOUR “TREASURE CHESTS AND PEPPER SACKS” – THE PORT OF HAMBURG AND UNBALANCED TRADE

DE

For almost a century now, the Port of Hamburg has been known as the “Gateway to the World”. But what does this mean today? What type of goods are hidden away in the colorful containers? And where are the old cars that are no longer allowed in Europe being shipped to? On a barge, we will set out on a journey through the port and learn more about trade in a globalized and not always fair world. Come with us if you want to know why coffee and cocoa have become so cheap and who makes money off of the extremely unequal trade between North and South.

**DATE** Fri, 26.10.2018, 4:30 pm

**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](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## UP THE STAIRS, DOWN THE STAIRS: TREPPENVIERTEL IN BLANKENESE

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Come with PIASTA and discover the Treppenviertel in Blankenese in its full splendor! The Treppenviertel (lit. stairs quarter) is a small, former fishing village on the banks of the Elbe with old houses, winding alleys, and over 5,000 steps (!) that connect the entire quarter much like a labyrinth. Situated on a hill, the Treppenviertel offers a beautiful view over the Elbe and promises a fun walk through its alleys. We will take a guided tour through the narrow streets and learn a lot about the history of the Treppenviertel. Explore Hamburg's lesser-known Mediterranean side with us!

**DATE** Sat, 27.10.2018, 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](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## HAMBURGER KUNSTHALLE

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Calling all art enthusiasts. This is one event that you won't want to miss out on.

The three prominent buildings belonging to the Hamburger Kunsthalle near the Alster are home to one of Germany's most important public art collections. It is an excellent place to discover how different works are related and gain new, surprising insights into art history. More than 700 works are permanently on display.

Does a tour through eight centuries of art history sound good to you? Then don't think twice about it and come along to appreciate many wonderful works of art together with us at the Hamburger Kunsthalle!

**DATE** Sat, 03.11.2018, 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](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## A DISCOVERY TOUR – EXPLORING HAMBURG THROUGH ITS STATUES

EN

Statues represent essential characteristics of the history, art, and culture of a society. Sometimes they are located in small or hidden places. Or maybe we just walk past them on a regular basis because they are so familiar to us. In any case, we know that statues are filled with charming traces of a city's history. This is also true for Hamburg. Hamburg's statues truly make this city what it is. Come with us on this tour that will give you an alternative view of the city – off the beaten path and away from tourist traps. We will see that Hamburg honors great thinkers and ordinary people in the same way. We will look at sculptures of people who have shaped Germany and, in particular, Hamburg, such as Otto von Bismarck in the field of politics and Hans Albers in the area of art, as well as figures of people who have not gone down in history but have nevertheless influenced the soul of the city. We are convinced that after this tour you will never ignore a statue again!

**DATE** Sun, 04.11.2018, 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](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## WHY SAIL THE SEVEN SEAS? TROPEN-AQUARIUM HAGENBECK

DE EN

Hamburg's jungle attraction – Tropen-Aquarium Hagenbeck with about 14,300 animal inhabitants – is one of the greatest treasures of animals and plants in all of Europe. No matter whether young or old, the tropical aquarium is a place where visitors are filled with joy, amazement, and a sense of relaxation! Even if it's raining, it's a peaceful feeling to walk among the animals. Everything in the aquarium is extraordinary: from the giant crocodiles to the exotic moray eels, rays, and fish in all colors and shapes, as well as many other unique animals. We invite you to experience with us the activity of underwater life! We can't wait to meet you!

**DATE** Sat, 10.11.2018, time tba online

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZER** Devita Irene Putri

**LANGUAGE** Tour in German and English

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)



## THEATER OF STARS AT THE PLANETARIUM – THE LITTLE PRINCE

DE

One of the most impressive events at the planetarium is a musical reading of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's timeless fairy tale "The Little Prince". The main point of the story is summed up in a statement made by one of the characters: "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye". Come with us to the planetarium to experience this piece of world literature in an enchanting environment, under the starry sky. Watch – listen – reflect – relax – immerse yourself. We can't wait to meet you!

**DATE** Sun, 25.11.2018, time tba online

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZER** Mariia lakimova

**LANGUAGE** Event in German

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## ADVENT MARKET KOPPEL 66: ENJOY SHOPPING IN WINTER

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Christmas is coming and so is the time to get presents – this year perhaps one-of-a-kind handcrafted pieces made of wood, ceramics, or leather? Or maybe you would rather look at the jewelry, textiles, and paper/photo art? The Advent Market Koppel 66 is a holiday art fair known for its wide range of beautiful arts and crafts. Before or after browsing, you can relax at the cozy Café Koppel with a cup of hot chocolate and spend some time chatting with other students.

**DATE** Sun, 16.12.2018, time tba online

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZER** Zarina Amanzholova

**LANGUAGE** Multilingual event

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## SMALLER IS BETTER – A VISIT TO MINIATUR WUNDERLAND

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Visiting Miniatur Wunderland is a wonderful experience for everyone. The attention to detail here is legendary. For example, in about 15 minutes you can experience the complete daily routine of the about 6,000 inhabitants in the fantasy city Knuffingen and watch them drive their over 100 tiny model cars just like in real life. This impressive little world speaks for itself. And you won't find so much attention to detail anywhere else.

When you are in Hamburg, it is almost a must to visit at least once. Take the opportunity to experience this miracle of Hamburg with students from all over the world and enjoy a fabulous afternoon together!

<b>DATE</b>	Sat, 12.01.2019, time tba online
<b>MEETING POINT</b>	tba online well in advance
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Munara Kuruchbekova
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	Multilingual event
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program">www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program</a>

## EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

### FROM BAY BOLETE TO STINKHORN: MUSHROOM HUNTING

DE

Explore the fascinating world of mushrooms with PIASTA! As close relatives of plants and animals, mushrooms have inhabited our world for ages. We will take a guided tour through the forest to discover the many varieties of mushrooms that can be found there and learn interesting and amazing things about them: for example, which mushrooms can I eat, which should I avoid, and which types have completely unexpected advantages? Come along and find out more. You might even find something tasty for dinner!

<b>DATE</b>	Sun, 21.10.2018, time tba online
<b>MEETING POINT</b>	tba online well in advance
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Hasibe Tunçay Elbasi
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	Tour in German, rest of the event multilingual
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program">www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program</a>

### WITH BOW AND ARROW – ROBIN HOOD SENDS HIS REGARDS!

DE EN

Archery offers the ideal mix of games, fun, sport, and excitement and relaxation! Just a few minutes are enough to relieve stress and strengthen the back, chest, and shoulder muscles. However, professional trainers know that archery is mainly a mental sport. It's about concentrating, avoiding distractions, and calming your nerves. At this event, you will learn about the equipment and the secret of instinctive shooting: pull your bow in the silence of thought, aim for the target – and let go! You will also train the correct posture and good shooting techniques.

**DATE** Sun, 28.10.2018, time tba online

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZER** Mirzo Ulugbek Khatamov

**LANGUAGE** Multilingual event

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## CRUNCHY GOODNESS AWAITS – KÖLLN HAFERLAND

DE

Do you love oats? Can you just not start the day without your muesli? Are you looking for some creative inspiration? Then Kölln Haferland, the muesli experience in the city of Hamburg, is just the right place for you! At Haferland, you not only have the opportunity to try out sweet and savory oat dishes, you will also get to know all about the many different types of oats. In an interactive tour led by a real oat expert, we will prepare and naturally try out some delicious oat treats! At the Müslimacher-Station, you can even create your own personal muesli and take it home with you.

At this event, you are guaranteed to get to bake, eat, chat, and laugh! Just come and be ready to have fun! We look forward to seeing you!

**DATE** Sat, 03.11.2018, time tba online

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZER** Zarina Amanzholova

**LANGUAGE** Tour in German, rest of the event multilingual

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## CREATIVE AND RELAXED: CERAMIC PAINTING

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Anyone who has ever painted ceramics before knows that it's not just about finding a beautiful artistic design. Painting ceramics also gives you the perfect opportunity to forget about your everyday concerns and let your creative ideas flow. Together, we will learn a few techniques that will help us to create real works of art. Your painted ceramic pieces will certainly also look good under the Christmas tree and will be appreciated by your entire family. After all, it's the home-made presents that people always like the most. Join us and discover the artist in you!

**DATE** Sat, 24.11.2018, time tba online

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZER** Olga Raskosha

**LANGUAGE** Multilingual event

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## VIRTUAL REALITY: DISCOVER NEW WORLDS

Are you afraid of heights or have you always wanted to overcome this fear? Or would you like to experience Fruit Ninja not only as a smart-phone game, but almost like real life and slice the flying watermelons in one fell swoop? You often hear the word “virtual reality”, but don’t really know what it is? Join us and immerse yourself in the world of virtual reality! We will get to know this exciting new technology and take our first steps into several virtual worlds. Games, travel, and extraordinary experiences are waiting for you!

**DATE** Sat, 24.11.2018, time tba online

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZER** Jose Alberto Rodriguez Parra Flores

**LANGUAGE** Multilingual event

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## HISTORICAL CHRISTMAS MARKET IN LÜNEBURG

Winter in Germany wouldn’t be what it is without Christmas markets. Many of you have probably already visited at least one of them, whether in Hamburg, Buxtehude, Bremen ... But have you been to the Christmas market in the Hanseatic city of Lüneburg, a city known for its salt trade? This winter PIASTA invites you on a journey back in time to the Middle Ages. The Christmas market in Lüneburg will take you back to the sixteenth century, not only with the Renaissance architectural style of the city, but also with farmers and craftspersons in traditional costumes selling handmade goods and food. In this historic setting we will also see an extra highlight of the afternoon: the traditional Czech Christmas film “Three Wishes for Cinderella”. Come with us and enjoy the beautiful holiday season in Germany!

**DATE** Sat, 01.12.2018, time tba online

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZER** Xiaoxiao Zhang

**LANGUAGE** Tour in German, rest of the event multilingual

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## A VISIT TO OUR HANSEATIC NEIGHBOR: SCHLACHTE-ZAUBER CHRISTMAS MARKET IN BREMEN

DE EN

The competition for the title “most beautiful Christmas market in the north” continues, and this year we will be checking out the Schlachte-Zauber Christmas Market in Bremen. It is not only on the Elbe that it’s beginning to feel a lot like Christmas. The riverbank promenade on the Weser is also resplendent with the festive atmosphere of Christmas – the ships on the quay glisten in blue light and the smell of smoked fish and freshly baked bread fills the air. So if you feel like sipping on mead or fruit wine in the historic reconstruction of a pirate village in the Hanseatic city and watching the craftspersons inside at work, you should definitely come along!

**DATE** Sat, 08.12.2018, time tba online

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZER** Khashayar Biria

**LANGUAGE** Multilingual event

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## THE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT WINTER SPORT: CURLING

DE EN

Have you ever tried out curling? If not, come with us and get ready to be surprised! Curling is easy to learn and a way to experience the ice without skates. In the past, it was a favorite sport in southern Germany because there were lots of frozen rivers and lakes where people could take part in this popular leisure activity. Curling is a social winter sport for young and old alike. With a skillful throw, players try to get the curling stone as close as possible to the target. The exact rules will be explained to you on the day. So come along and let’s play! It’s guaranteed to be fun!

**DATE** Sun, 09.12.2018, time tba online

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZER** Umilaela Arifin

**LANGUAGE** Multilingual event

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## AN ALMOST FORGOTTEN TRADITIONAL SPORT: EPIPHANY NINE-PIN BOWLING

DE EN

Do you know the difference between bowling and nine-pin bowling? No? Then this is an event you won't want to miss. Nine-pin bowling originated in ancient Egypt and was a popular sport in Germany for a long time. We will show you the sport that many Germans considered to be a tradition 30 years ago and teach you everything you need to know. Since nine-pins is not as difficult as bowling and more a game of luck, you don't need any previous experience. You just need to be ready to try something new. Join us for a fun evening of nine-pins!

**DATE** Sun, 06.01.2019, time tba online

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZER** Doniyor Yuldashev

**LANGUAGE** Multilingual event

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## IT'S ALL AN ACT: THEATER IMPROVISATION WORKSHOP

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"To invent, you need a good imagination and a pile of junk", the famous inventor Thomas Edison once said. No matter whether you consider yourself imaginative or not, whether you are a good actor, or whether you have never thought of being on stage, we assure you that you will have a great time in our improvisational theater. We will introduce you to the world of improvisation, where everyone has something to contribute. You will learn the basic techniques so that you can take part in several improv games. You don't need any previous acting experience for this activity – a funny voice, a comical movement, or just the desire to share something with others is more than enough. We look forward to enjoying this fun event with you! Remember, there are no limits to your imagination!

**DATE** Sun, 20.01.2019, time tba online

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZER** Verena Steiner

**LANGUAGE** Workshop in English, rest of the event multilingual

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## INTERCULTURAL EXPERIENCES

DE EN

### ON THE TRAIL OF THE TATARS

Russia is a multicultural country that is home to more than 190 nationalities. The second largest of these is the Tatars. But even within this nationality there are still many different groups.

After the annexation of Crimea, the Crimean Tatars received a lot of attention. Who are the Tatar people? What traditions and customs does this diverse nationality have? What are the specialties of Tatar cuisine? We won't just answer the last question, you'll learn about it with your own hands – during this event we will prepare and taste some of the delicacies of Tartar cuisine together. Experience the culture and diversity of the Tatars! We can't wait to meet you!

**DATE** Sun, 11.11.2018, time tba online

**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

**ORGANIZER** Liliia Diakova

**LANGUAGE** Multilingual event

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

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### IT'S SHOWTIME! THE HAMBURG PLAYERS

This event offers you the opportunity to get to know Hamburg's oldest English-speaking theater group. This amateur group demonstrates what can be achieved with perfect ensemble work both on the stage and behind it. Everything – from stage design to sound – is developed and run by laypersons who have put their hearts and souls into the theater arts. But describing this phenomenal show in words is not enough; a good performance needs a good audience! Come with us and experience the results on stage!

**DATE** Sat, 17.11.2018, time tba online

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZER** Lijun Li

**LANGUAGE** Event in English

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## MORE THAN JUST THEATER — A VISIT TO KAMPNAGEL

DE EN

At Kampnagel, a multifunctional performance complex, you will find more diverse events than at any other place in Hamburg: performing arts, dance and performance, admission-free shows, and improvisation. You will discover breathtaking and phenomenal performances here – from bizarre to tragic, from quiet to loud, and from a single musician to huge dance ensembles. No matter whether you are a newcomer or have been in Hamburg for a long time and are looking for an unforgettable experience, this is the outing for you. Would you like to get to know the modern art world better? Then come with us to one of the exciting Kampnagel events!

<b>DATE</b>	tba online well in advance
<b>MEETING POINT</b>	tba online well in advance
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Jiaxin Li
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	Multilingual event
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program">www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program</a>

## READY, SET, COOKIES! INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS BAKERY

DE EN

Advent is a wonderful time of year! Do you want your days in Hamburg during the holiday season to be extra special this year? If you are looking for something fun and creative to do with your friends, then the Christmas Bakery is the event for you. Together, we will make gingerbread houses and snack on cookies and other tasty treats. We want to bake and taste typical Christmas and holiday specialties from several different countries. Afterwards, we will enjoy these enticing desserts over coffee and conversation.

<b>DATE</b>	Sun, 02.12.2018, time tba online
<b>PLACE</b>	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Olga Raskosha
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	Multilingual event
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program">www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program</a>



## CULINARY JOURNEY THROUGH THE WORLD OF KYRGYZ CUISINE

DE EN

This semester we would like to introduce you to Kyrgyz and Central Asian culture and cuisine! The Kyrgyz Republic is a country in Central Asia known for its incredible natural beauty and proud nomadic culture. One important feature of Kyrgyz cuisine is how it has been influenced by international traditions. The cultures and dishes of the neighboring countries have had an especially strong influence and have been incorporated into Kyrgyz' own cuisine. This has resulted in an exciting mix of different flavors. Since the majority of the country makes their living from livestock farming, it is clear that meat is an essential part of both traditional and modern Kyrgyz cuisine. But vegetarians are also welcome! We will prepare traditional vegetarian dishes from the Kyrgyz Republic as well. Join us to discover a variety of new cultures and flavors together!

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**DATE** Sun, 09.12.2018, time tba online

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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

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**ORGANIZER** Irodakhon Abdirazakova

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**LANGUAGE** Multilingual event

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**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

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## IT'S THE TAKING PART THAT COUNTS! – WINTER KARAOKE

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. In a fun and social setting, we will be singing international karaoke, choosing your favorites from all over the world, and delving into the sense (or nonsense) of their lyrics.

This time we will start with holiday and Christmas songs from many countries and then open the evening for all other songs that you like to sing.

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**DATE** Sat, 15.12.2018, time tba online

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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

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**ORGANIZER** Verena Steiner

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**LANGUAGE** Multilingual event

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## HUMMEL, HUMMEL, OM, OM – THE BUDDHISTISCHES STADT-ZENTRUM IN HAMBURG ALTONA

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As soon as you get up, your inner monologue is activated, telling you what you have to do: shower, brush your teeth, drink some coffee, take the bus or train because your bike needs repaired, go to the university, study diligently ... The next morning the same thing happens and your inner voice tells you that you can be even more effective than yesterday! Have you ever heard of Buddhism? The focus here is on using meditation in order to center yourself and find inner peace. The rewards are happiness and being able to develop your own abilities. Would you like to learn more about this and many other aspects of the Buddhist religion? Then come with us to the Buddhistisches Stadt-Zentrum in Altona!

**DATE** Sun, 13.01.2019, time tba online

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZER** Mikheil Kakabadze

**LANGUAGE** Tour in German, rest of the event multilingual

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## FROM THINKER TO POET: POETRY WORKSHOP

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Do you like to write? Come to our PIASTA Poetry Workshop and let's find out together what poetry really is! We will discover how poets say what they say and what tools they use to do so. Then we'll write beautiful, lyrical postcards that we can send back home to our friends and family. In our texts, we will talk about what it means to be away from home and learn a new language, as well as how strange and beautiful Hamburg can be. If we manage to emotionally touch and move our recipients, then we have done our job well! Join us and let your creative juices flow!

**DATE** Sat, 19.01.2019, time tba online

**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

**ORGANIZER** Luis Miguel Varela Herrera

**LANGUAGE** Multilingual event

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## THE GAME IS ON: INTERNATIONAL GAME NIGHT

DE EN

All over the world and for thousands of years, people have been meeting to play games together. For some, this is purely a way to pass time while for others it is a philosophical competition. The Royal Game of Ur and the Chinese game Go are considered to be the oldest board games. Today there is a wide variety of board games on every continent. Most people in Germany probably know the classic games Monopoly and Mensch ärgere dich nicht. But have you ever wondered what games are played in other countries? If you would like to take part an international game evening with other students, then don't think twice and join in! We will play a wide variety of card, board, and dice games from all over the world and have a lot of fun.

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**DATE** Sun, 27.01.2019, time tba online

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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

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**ORGANIZER** Trang Le

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**LANGUAGE** Multilingual event

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## IT'S SALSA TIME!

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Are you in the mood for hot rhythms and quick dance steps? We look forward to exploring Hamburg's Latin American salsa dance scene with you and invite you to a join us for a salsa evening!

In an intro lesson, we will learn the basic steps and simple figures of salsa, while those who have previous experience can refresh their moves. Then at the salsa party we will be ready to hit the dance floor! We invite everyone who likes to dance, salsa beginners and pros alike!

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**DATE** Sat, 02.02.2019, time tba online

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**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

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**ORGANIZER** Luis Miguel Varela Herrera

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**LANGUAGE** Multilingual event

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## **ACTIVITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS**

# ACTIVITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Our Activities for Graduate Students aim to support you on the way towards your degree as well as supplement your daily academic life with a range of workshops and leisure activities. Our events and workshops are conducted by current international graduate students and professional trainers.

## WORKSHOPS

### ACADEMIC WRITING: PEER TO PEER

EN

Writing defines a student's life. And the higher you climb the academic ladder, the more this becomes true. Now that you are a graduate student, you will likely need to focus more on your writing. If you struggle to transfer your brilliant ideas to paper in English, we most certainly have some tips and strategies to share. Let's learn from each other and benefit from our experiences. Often the same struggles occur across academic disciplines, and you'll be surprised how much you can profit from sharing solutions and approaches with your academic peers. We look forward to seeing you!

**DATE** Thu, 29.11.2018, 4 pm – 6 pm

**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

**ORGANIZERS** Bojan Perovic, Isadora Bangalivoua und Jacob Richards

**LANGUAGE** English

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd)

### MULTILINGUAL LEARNING

EN

It is common for international students to speak two or more languages. But how do we learn languages? How does our native language correlate with other languages? And how can we use our native language as an advantage and a resource (rather than a drawback) in our studies and life in Germany? Join us to create your own language learning profile. Find out more about the most recent research and practices about language learning to become a better language user.

**DATE** Tue, 15.01.2019, 4 pm – 6 pm

**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

**ORGANIZERS** Yi Shen und Nguyen Thi Minh Hue

**LANGUAGE** English

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd)

## EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

### THE ENGLISH THEATRE

EN

The English Theatre of Hamburg has been performing since 1979 and is the oldest professional English language theater in Germany. Although the schedule isn't out yet for this season's performances, an American or British classic drama, comedy, thriller, or contemporary play can be expected. Stay tuned for the selected play and come be part of the international audience to enjoy a great show!

**DATE** tba online well in advance

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZERS** Jacob Richards und Intissar Chahbani

**LANGUAGE** English

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd)

### THE UN INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA

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The UN International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) is an inter-governmental organization that enforces the laws on international waters. It is one of the dispute settlement mechanisms under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). For the public, having a glimpse into the workings of a UN tribunal is a one of a kind opportunity. Not only will you be able to tour the building, but you will also learn about the tribunal's contribution to the peaceful resolution of international disputes. Despite the legal context, the event is suited for students from all areas. Join us on a tour to discover more about the history, structure, and workings of a high-caliber international organization.

**DATE** Thu, 15.11.2018, 2:30 pm

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZERS** Bojan Perovic

**LANGUAGE** English

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd)

### DIALOGUE IN SILENCE

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Dialogue in silence? Wait a minute. Isn't that an oxymoron? Doesn't silence require the absence of conversation? Well, no. Learn just how much can be said without any sound at all on this guided journey through a silent world! At the Dialoghaus Hamburg, you will put on noise-canceling headphones and be led into specially soundproofed exhibition rooms by deaf staff members to experience a world of non-verbal communication and expression. By the end of the event, you

will have learned to express yourself and see the world without relying on spoken word and will have gained a deeper understanding of what it looks and sounds like to be deaf. Don't miss out on this eye-opening experience. We can't wait to see you there!

**DATE** Sun, 16.11.2018, time tba online well in advance

**MEETING POINT** Main Entrance Dialoghaus, Alter Wandrahm 4

**ORGANIZERS** Jacob Richards und Isadora Bangalivoua

**LANGUAGE** English

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd)

## VISIT TO THE KORN-MANUFAKTUR ELMENDORF

EN

How do you make a decent Korn? Well, we don't know. But the Elmendorf Family does. Granted permission by the "Great Elector" Friedrich Wilhelm in 1689, they have been distilling their Korn for 329 years and are still going strong. Presented at several World Exhibitions in the nineteenth century, the standards for Elmendorf Korn were set high early on. It seems that experience and 200-year-old-oak casks are what you need to make good Korn. If you want to find out more, join us for a trip to the Elmendorf distillery and experience what good Korn actually tastes like.

**DATE** Thu, 06.12.2018, 5 pm–7 pm

**MEETING POINT** tba online well in advance

**ORGANIZERS** Guy Grizman und Christian Ederer

**LANGUAGE** English

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd)

## CUBAN PIANO NIGHT

EN

Music is a universal language and a central expression of humanity. Every society has music, just as each has language. For Cuba, music is its pulsating heartbeat. To get a glimpse of what this means, we will visit a chamber concert featuring Cuban pianist Marialy Pacheco and the equally charismatic singer Olvido Ruiz. They will tell wonderful stories about white beaches, untouched mountains, scenic towns, the rattle of vintage cars, tobacco, and sugarcane plantations. Come and join us on a musical adventure to Cuba!

**DATE** Thu, 13.12.2018, 7 pm–9:30 pm

**MEETING POINT** Main Entrance Laeiszhalle, Johannes-Brahms-Platz

**ORGANIZERS** Guy Grizman und Fang Liu

**LANGUAGE** English

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd)



## MUSEUM FÜR VÖLKERKUNDE HAMBURG: CULTURE OF RECYCLING

The culture of recycling involves the fascinating process of transforming trash into “something useful” – a process full of improvisation and creativity. With an ever growing world population, the increase of waste generation is also making us think about how we deal with waste. If you want to find out more, join us for an interactive and lively event at the Museum für Völkerkunde (Museum of ethnology). Experience how trash can be transformed into handmade objects with new uses, quality, and beauty. Join us on an exciting tour to learn how to reuse material waste and make your own items. The event will include several practical activities. We look forward to seeing you! If you are interested in learning more about the topic, check out our Intercultural PIASTA evening on 19 December.

**DATE** Fri, 11.01.2019, 4 pm–6 pm

**PLACE** Main Entrance Museum für Völkerkunde,  
Rothenbaumchaussee 64

**ORGANIZERS** Yi Shen

**LANGUAGE** English

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd)

## PIASTA FULL MOON FESTIVAL

Are you up for a culinary–cultural trip to Vietnam without spending money and time on a long, tiring, and expensive flight? If so, then join us for the very first PIASTA Full Moon Festival. Be immersed in a festive atmosphere and participate in many interesting activities. Listen to ancient legends and wish for a year full of mirth, happiness, and good luck. Enjoy local music and traditional arts, and get a taste of the world-famous vegetarian dishes of Vietnam.

**DATE** Fri, 18.01.2019, 6 pm

**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

**ORGANIZERS** Nguyen Thi Minh Hue und Intissar Chahbani

**LANGUAGE** English

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## **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. Our seminars and workshops are offered for international students and led by professional trainers and instructors.

## EFFECTIVE STUDY SKILLS

### PRESENTING WITH CONFIDENCE IN GERMAN

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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, 09.11.2018, 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](http://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.

<b>DATE</b>	Fri, 07.12. and Fri, 14.12.2018, 9 am–12:30 pm
<b>PLACE</b>	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Susannah Ewing Bölke, CTEFLA and MA in German and English
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	German
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program">www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program</a>

## 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

<b>DATE</b>	Sat, 08.12.2018, 10:30 am–4:30 pm
<b>PLACE</b>	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Özlem Alagöz-Bakan, MEd in teacher training in primary and lower secondary education I
<b>TARGET GROUP</b>	Students in German-language degree programs
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	German
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program">www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program</a>

## ENGLISH CONNECT AND RECHARGE: SPEAKING ENGLISH WITH CONFIDENCE

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Are you a student aspiring to speak better English in your academic life? Is your English becoming rusty due to lack of practice? As students, we are giving presentations all the time. Maybe you are already a good speaker. But do you want to go to the next level? Do you want to be a wonderful presenter? Then this workshop is just for you.

Day one will tackle speaking English eloquently in the classroom through group activities, role-plays and other exercises. Day two will work on the components of becoming an effective and impactful public speaker.

### Learning Objectives:

- Overcoming shyness in the classroom
- Motivating yourself to speak English regularly
- Tips and tricks on speaking simple but grammatically correct English
- Discussing Tips and Tricks of being an effective speaker
- Though the workshop focuses on public speaking, it will also briefly touch upon academic presentations in student life

### Course Content:

- Frequently made grammatical mistakes by non-native speakers
- Focus on correct pronunciation and enunciation
- Reading, speaking, listening and writing Exercises
- Group activities and role-plays to build confidence
- Working on poise, confidence and energy, audience interaction, tone, modulation and other aspects of public speaking

**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.

<b>DATE</b>	Sat, 15.12.2018 and Sun, 16.12.2018, 10:30 am–3:30 pm
<b>PLACE</b>	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Sadiq Rahman, MA in English literature
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program">www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program</a>

## THE ART OF QUOTING

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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 reference management software Zotero

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

<b>DATE</b>	Sat, 19.01.2019, 10:30 am–2:30 pm
<b>PLACE</b>	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Özlem Alagöz-Bakan, MEd in teacher training in primary and lower secondary education I
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## 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](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/internationales/cic)



## 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 strengthen 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.

### 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”
- understanding cultural concepts and features of diverse cultures
- 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, 27.10.2018, 10:30 am–5 pm and  
Sun, 28.10.2018, 10 am–2 pm

**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

**ORGANIZERS** Hauke Lorenz, MA in social and cultural anthropology,  
and Hila Safari, psychologist and trained mediator

**LANGUAGE** German

**CIC** Can be recognized as Component A of the Certificate Intercultural Competence (CIC). This seminar will only be recognized for the CIC if students participate in both days of the training weekend.

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

**DATE** Sat, 03.11.2018 and Sun, 04.11.2018, 10 am–3:30 pm

**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

**ORGANIZER** Kathrin Pollow, MA in history

**LANGUAGE** English

**CIC** Can be recognized as Component A of the Certificate Intercultural Competence (CIC). The seminar will only be recognized for the CIC if students participate in both days of the training weekend.

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## COMING HOME: INTERCULTURAL FOLLOW-UP FOR ERASMUS+

Have you just returned from a semester abroad filled with many impressions and experiences? Did you learn a lot of new things but are still a little overwhelmed by being back in Hamburg? You've increased your subject-specific knowledge and language proficiency, but not just that. You were also able to learn about various cultures, taking some elements with you, and identify similarities and differences between cultures. Consciously or unconsciously, you developed your intercultural skills. Now is the time to learn how to effectively and intentionally use these skills, new knowledge, and many experiences in your (university) daily life.

One way to do this is to spend some time critically reflecting on various aspects of your study abroad – in view of intercultural skills. In group exercises, discussions, and media formats, we will address topics such as stereotypes and prejudices, different communication styles, dealing constructively with intercultural barriers, and experiencing interculturality and transculturality during a study abroad. And if you simply need help and thought-provoking ideas for your CIC report (self-reflective analysis), this is also the right place for you.

### Learning objectives:

- dealing constructively with intercultural barriers and gaining a new perspective of these upon your return
- reflecting on your study abroad and experiences as well as how your own sense of belonging has changed in regard to values, behavior, and ways of thinking
- describing personal experiences in view of intercultural skills
- connecting your experience to theoretical concepts you have learned
- practical exercises and discussion based on specific intercultural situations

### Course content:

- reflecting – what does it involve?
- theoretical and practical approaches to the concepts of intercultural skills and interculturality vs. transculturality
- awareness of the differences between interculturality and transculturality
- critical reflection on prejudices, stereotyping, and social perceptions

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

**DATE** Sat, 10.11.2018, 10:30 am–3:30 pm and  
Sun, 11.11.2018, 10:30 am–3:30 pm

**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

**TARGET GROUP** This workshop is designed for all students who have just returned from a study abroad.

**ORGANIZER** Lara Manukyan, BA in cultural studies

**LANGUAGE** German

**CIC** Can be recognized as Component A of the Certificate Intercultural Competence (CIC). The seminar will only be recognized for the CIC if students participate in both days of the training weekend.

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## MAJORITY? MINORITY? DIVERSITY! A QUESTION OF PERSPECTIVE

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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 regard 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:

- explanation of definitions related to 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, 17.11.2018, 10 am–4 pm and  
Sun, 18.11.2018, 11 am–4 pm

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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

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

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**LANGUAGE** German

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## CRITICAL WHITENESS AND ANTI-RACISM TRAINING DE

“Critical whiteness” is a term that we now read and hear all the time, but do we really know what it stands for? What does the term mean and what is critical whiteness good for?

In this workshop, we will deal with the origin of critical whiteness research and discuss its relevance for our personal daily life. We will look at the social category of race and trace its origin, consider the effects of structural and institutional racism, and reflect on privileges that white people automatically enjoy, either consciously or unconsciously. Through group exercises, video analysis, and discussion, we will become aware of our self-perception, question stereotypes, and try to practice a change of perspective. We will address the discomfort that white people experience when confronted with (their own) racism (white fragility). Ideally, we will create a space for the respectful exchange of thoughts and ideas on an important current social topic and expand our awareness of the prerequisites for equal communication between people of different skin colors.

### Learning objectives:

- learning to deal with the concepts related to the social category of race
- recognizing racist social structures
- recognizing white privilege
- becoming aware of – and promoting – anti-racist thinking and actions

### Course content:

- historical overview of critical whiteness research and racism
- exercises for reflecting on white privilege and discussion of white fragility
- discussions, analysis, and reflection of (unconscious) everyday racism

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

**DATE** Sat, 24.11.2018 and Sun, 25.11.2018, 10 am–3.30 pm

**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

**ORGANIZER** Kathrin Pollow, MA in history

**LANGUAGE** German

**CIC** Can be recognized as Component A of the Certificate Intercultural Competence (CIC). This seminar will only be recognized for the CIC if students participate in both days of the training weekend.

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

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## 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 are excited about your plans but you sometimes ask 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!

<b>DATE COURSE A</b>	Sat, 01.12.2018 and Sun, 02.12.2018, 10 am–3:30 pm
<b>COURSE B</b>	Sat, 26.01.2019 and Sun, 27.01.2019, 10 am–3:30 pm
<b>PLACE</b>	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Course A Kathrin Pollow, MA in history Course B Naida Mehmedbegovic Dreilich, MA in peace and security studies
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	German
<b>CIC</b>	Can be recognized as Component A of the Certificate Intercultural Competence (CIC). The seminar will only be recognized for the CIC if students participate in both days of the training weekend.
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program">www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program</a>

## EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATING ACROSS CULTURES – LEADING DISCUSSIONS

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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** Fri, 11.01.2019, 2–6 pm and Sat, 12.01.2019, 10 am–5 pm

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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

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**ORGANIZERS** Lea Kühne, Diplom in education, and Anne Neumann-Holbeck, MSc, clinical psychologist

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**LANGUAGE** German

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## IT SKILLS

### POWERPOINT FOR BEGINNERS

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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, 08.12.2018, 10 am–4 pm

**PLACE** Room N0075, Mittelweg 177

**ORGANIZER** Blendi Ramaj, Diplom in business administration

**LANGUAGE** German

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

### WORD FOR ACADEMIC PAPERS

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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!

<b>DATE</b>	Sat, 15.12.2018 and Sun, 16.12.2018, 10 am–4 pm
<b>PLACE</b>	Room N0075, Mittelweg 177
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Blendi Ramaj, Diplom in business administration
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	German
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program">www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program</a>

## EXCEL FOR BEGINNERS

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!

<b>DATE</b>	Sat, 12.01.2019 and Sun, 13.01.2019, 10 am–4 pm (en)
<b>PLACE</b>	tba online well in advance
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Blendi Ramaj, Diplom in business administration
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English: Sat, 01.01.2019 and Sun, 01.01.2019
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program">www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program</a>

## 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, 19.01.2019 and Sun, 20.01.2019, 10 am–4 pm

**PLACE** Room N0075, Mittelweg 177

**ORGANIZER** Blendi Ramaj, Diplom in business administration

**LANGUAGE** German

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

## ADVISING AND FIRST CAREER STEPS

### WORKSHOP: SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP – A HANDS-ON INTRODUCTION TO SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

DE EN

The increasingly difficult challenges of our time, such as climate change, world hunger, and the integration of refugees require innovative solutions. Social entrepreneurs devote themselves to tackling these challenges using new business ideas with the goal of affecting positive change rather than making a profit.

In this workshop, you will first receive an introduction to the subject of social entrepreneurship and then develop social business models through practical exercises and group work. And in doing so, you will develop ideas, learn to critically examine them, and equip yourself with the basic tools you need to make your idea a reality.

#### Learning objectives:

- become aware of the subject of social initiatives in business and expanding your horizons
- learn how to start a small business that has social importance (especially designed for students without a business background)
- gain motivation and self-confidence that will allow you to focus on the topic of positive change and start a business that supports your own personal convictions

#### Course content:

- basic overview of the history and approach of social entrepreneurship
- learning and applying methods to develop a social business model using practical examples
- critical thinking and evaluation of social business ideas and business models
- tips and practical experience: the most important success factors and typical mistakes in starting a business
- opportunities for private and public funding for social entrepreneurs
- helpful networks and points of contact for social entrepreneurs

**DATE** Fri, 02.11.2018, 10 am–6 pm

**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

**ORGANIZER** Sven Perten, BSc in business administration and social entrepreneurship

**LANGUAGES** German/English

**REGISTRATION** [www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)

**COOPERATION** Universität Hamburg's Career Center

## SURVIVAL TRAINING: VISAS AND RESIDENCY

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 and tricks 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, 16.11.2018, 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](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program)





**INFORMATION  
AND ADVISING**

# INFORMATION AND ADVISING

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](http://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](http://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](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/aufenthalt) to see if there are any changes such as canceled office hours due to illness or vacation.

**DATE AND PLACE** Tuesday, 1:30–3:30 pm, Rentzelstraße 17, Room 003 (ground floor), PIASTA

**ADVISOR** Ama Pokua von Pereira

**CONTACT** Tel: +49 40 42838-1602  
[ama.vonpereira@verw.uni-hamburg.de](mailto:ama.vonpereira@verw.uni-hamburg.de)

**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.

**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, Room 003 (ground floor)

**ADVISOR** Ina-Lotte Dühning

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

**LANGUAGES** German/English

## LEGAL ADVICE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

DE EN

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.

**OFFICE HOURS** 5–7 pm on the following Mondays:  
15.10.2018, 29.10.2018, 05.11.2018, 19.11.2018, 03.12.2018,  
17.12.2018, 07.01.2019, 21.01.2019

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

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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, Room 003 (ground floor)

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**ADVISOR** Björn Stehn, attorney

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

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**LANGUAGES** German/English

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## PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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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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**PLACE** Rentzelstraße 17, Room 003 (ground floor)

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**ADVISOR** Hila Safari, psychologist and trained mediator

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**CONTACT** Tel: +49 40 42838-3217 (Friday afternoons only)  
hila.safari@uni-hamburg.de

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**TARGET GROUP** International students and doctoral students at Universität Hamburg

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**LANGUAGES** German/Farsi

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## 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](http://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](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/examensstipendien)

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**OFFICE HOURS** Office hours and additional information at:  
[www.uni-hamburg.de/internationales/kontakt](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/internationales/kontakt)

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**ADVISOR** Daniela Pérez y Effinger

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daniela.perezeffinger@verw.uni-hamburg.de

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**TARGET GROUP** International students and doctoral students at Universität Hamburg

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**LANGUAGES** German/English/Spanish

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## ADVISING FOR THE CERTIFICATE INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE AND OUTGOING STUDENTS

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

DE EN

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.

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**OFFICE HOURS** Office hours and additional information at: [www.uni-hamburg.de/cic](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/cic)

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

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**PLACE** You will be notified when you make an appointment.

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**CONTACT** Annika Johannsen  
Tel: +49 40 42838-7245  
[annika.johannsen@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:annika.johannsen@uni-hamburg.de)

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**LANGUAGES** German/English

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### 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.

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**OFFICE HOURS** Office hours and additional information at: [www.uni-hamburg.de/outgoing](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/outgoing)

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**CONTACT** [outgoings@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:outgoings@uni-hamburg.de)

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## 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](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/erasmus) → Erasmus+ internships: Doing an internship abroad through Erasmus

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**CONTACT** Nadine Stäcker  
[hochschulkoordinatorin.erasmus@verw.uni-hamburg.de](mailto:hochschulkoordinatorin.erasmus@verw.uni-hamburg.de)

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**LANGUAGES** German/English

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**OUR SERVICES  
FOR YOU**

# OUR SERVICES FOR YOU

## 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!

## Our team is multilingual

We offer advice and support in Chinese, German, English, French, Italian, Arabic, Russian, Spanish, Turkish – and every semester there are new languages! We can inform, advise, and support you. We also organize cultural events and leisure activities, seminars and workshops, as well as welcome events 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](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta/ueber-uns)



## News

Recent program changes can be found here:

### ... in the PIASTA newsletter

Our regular newsletter contains PIASTA news as well as tips about other interesting international and intercultural events and workshops in Hamburg.

You can subscribe to the newsletter at:  
**[www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta](http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta)**

### ... PIASTA Facebook page

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

**[www.facebook.com/PIASTA.Uni.Hamburg](http://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](http://WWW.UNI-HAMBURG.DE/CIC)

## COOPERATION

### CERTIFICATE INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE (CIC)

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

We would like to thank all of the faculties, departments, organizations, and initiatives that have supported the Certificate Intercultural Competence:

AESEE

[www.aegee.de](http://www.aegee.de)

AIESEC

[www.aiesec.de](http://www.aiesec.de)

Amnesty International – Universität Hamburg group

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

Buddy Program in the Faculty of Education

[www.ew.uni-hamburg.de/de/internationales/buddy](http://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](http://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](http://www.jura.uni-hamburg.de/internationales/studierende/buddynet)

Buddy Net in the Faculty of Medicine

[www.uke.de/studium-lehre/international/buddy-net](http://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](http://www.min.uni-hamburg.de/internationales/studierendenmobilitaet/buddy)

Copernicus

[www.copernicus-stipendium.de](http://www.copernicus-stipendium.de)

Enactus

[www.unihamburg.enactus.de](http://www.unihamburg.enactus.de)

Arbeitsstelle Studium und Beruf (academic affairs and career office),

Department of Languages, Literature and Media I+II, Faculty of Humanities

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

Faculty of Education

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

Faculty of Mathematics, Informatics and Natural Sciences

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

Faculty of Psychology and Human Movement

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

Faculty of Law

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

Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences – International Office

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

Universität Hamburg's Guest House  
[www.gaestehaus-uni-hamburg.de](http://www.gaestehaus-uni-hamburg.de)

Local representatives of the German Medical Students' Association (BVMD)  
[www.bvmd-hamburg.de](http://www.bvmd-hamburg.de)

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

HanseMUN  
<http://hansemun.de>

oikos – local Hamburg chapter  
<http://oikos-international.org/hamburg>

STUBE Nord  
[www.stube-nord.de](http://www.stube-nord.de)

Studies Without Borders  
[www.studieren-ohne-grenzen.org](http://www.studieren-ohne-grenzen.org)

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[www.tbajournal.com](http://www.tbajournal.com)

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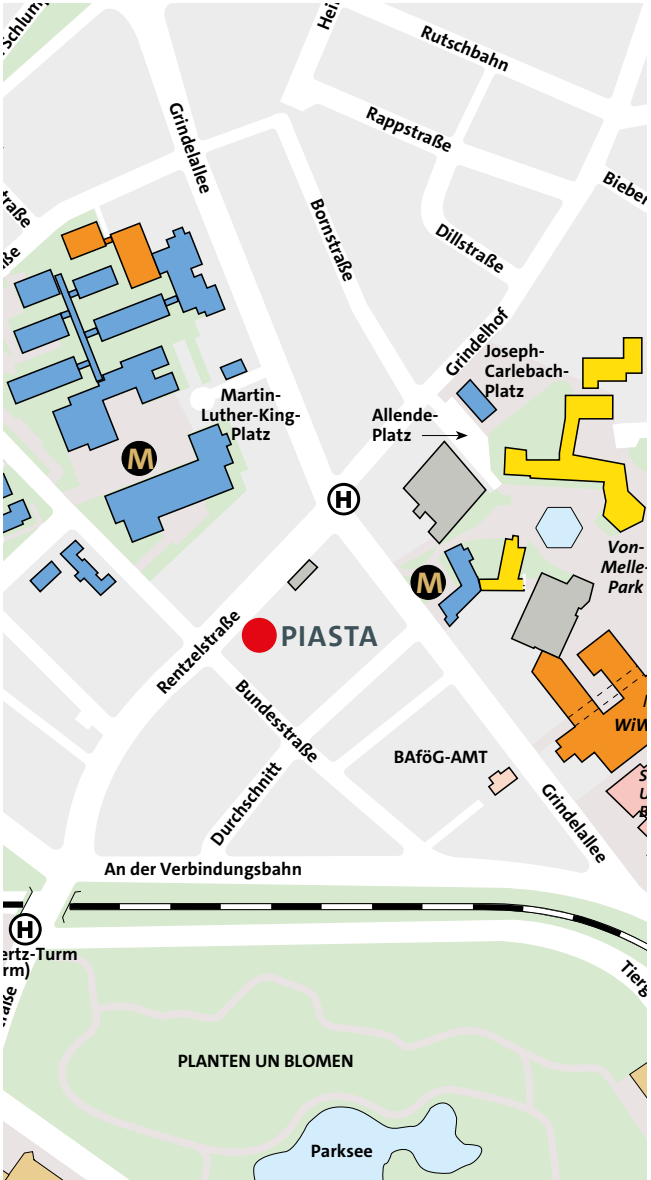
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