

Bielefeld University Welcome Centre Newsletter

January 2019

The Welcome Centre team wishes you a good start into the new year and is looking forward to working with you in 2019!

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Welcome Centre Events and News

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| January 14,
2019 | 15:00-16:30 | <p>On Monday, 14th January the Welcome Centre organizes a Guided City Tour in English through Bielefeld's old town. You are all very welcome to join the city tour and discover a bit of the city on foot. The city tour will take place on Monday, January 14 and the meeting point is the City Hall („Altes Rathaus“, Niederwall 25). Monika Bokermann from our team will join you for the tour. Please register until Sunday, 13th January, 2019: bridge.coordinator@uni-bielefeld.de.</p> |
| January 15,
2019 | 19:30 | <p>This month the Welcome Centre invites you to a network dinner for BRiDGE II and international academics at Wernings Weinstube, Alter Markt 1, 33602 Bielefeld instead of the monthly International Stammtisch (Regulars' Table) at Casa Café & Bar. please register in advance until Monday 14th January, 2019: bridge.coordinator@uni-bielefeld.de.</p> |
| February 4,
2019 | 9:30 | <p>Campus Start in U7-228</p> <p>Monthly welcome event for new international researchers. Get to know the university and the Welcome Centre team, learn about getting started in Bielefeld, how to get around the university and the services we offer. Registration required: welcome@uni-bielefeld.de</p> |
| February 4,
2019 | 11:30 | <p>Campus Tour, departing from the info point (university main hall) Following Campus Start, we offer a guided tour through the main and the X-building explaining all points of everyday interest for your convenience.</p> |
| February 4,
2019 | 12:30 | <p>International Lunch, Westend cafeteria, main building</p> <p>Monthly opportunity to get to know other internationals over an informal lunch. We meet at the first table beyond the entrance to the Westend cafeteria. Colleagues and Friends are welcome too.</p> |
| February 6,
2019 | 9:00-17:00 | <p>Workshop: Developing Intercultural Competence at Bielefeld University organized by the Welcome Centre of Bielefeld University in corporation with the intercultural, academic skills and language trainer Munira Jamal, MA.</p> <p>In the spirit of supporting a more inclusive and understanding university community, the Welcome Centre of Bielefeld University will be offering an intercultural competence training with the aim of bringing members of the university to discuss, explore and expand upon their experiences and notions of intercultural interaction and</p> |

communication. All international academics are invited to attend.

Date: 6th February 2019

Time: 9:00-17:00

Room: V2 105/115

Please contact welcome@uni-bielefeld.de to register for the workshop until 23rd January 2019. You will receive further information about the room after registration. Seats are limited, please register early.

More information about the workshop can be found at the following link: <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/host.html>

Scholarships, Grants, Programs, Positions

January 29,
2019

On the 29th January 2019 is the **deadline for applications** in Bielefeld University's **International Guest Lectureship Program**, if your application shall be processed in the next committee meeting on 19th February 2019. The program is open to all disciplines. Any lecturer of Bielefeld University may propose candidates, the proposal must be supported by the dean, however. Please find detailed information about the application in the Program Call: http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/International/professoren-und-mitarbeiter/IGD/Programme-Call_IGD.pdf and on our website: [http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/igd](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/igd)

Applications
at any time

If you have completed a doctorate or comparable academic degree not more than four years, you can apply for a **Humboldt Research Fellowship for Postdoctoral Researchers**. The fellowship is worth 2,650 euros per month. Applications can be submitted online at any time. Find all information regarding the application process here:

<https://www.research-in-germany.org/en/infoservice/newsletter/newsletter-2018/october-2018/humboldt-research-fellowship-for-postdoctoral-researchers.html>

Career

January 16,
2019

On 16 January 2019, a **full-day workshop on US Funding Opportunities** will take place at ETH Zurich. Topics covered in the workshop include, amongst others, identifying funding possibilities, understanding rules and regulations, proposal development and submission incl. financial issues, managing projects, and ensuring compliance. The event is open to researchers and research administrators (pre-and post-award). Registration & Agenda:

<http://grantsaccess.ethz.ch/de/servicesupport/veranstaltungen/workshop-on-us-funding-opportunities/?fbclid=IwAR208h0XGYeuNsIm6uQWYwM1Gp86xidYJGG>

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January 24 &
25, 2019

On the 24th and 25th January 2019 the Career Service at Bielefeld University offers a **workshop** dealing with the question "**How to find a job in Germany's Industry**". It prepares masters, PhDs and postdocs for the application requirements of a non-university career. Further information: https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/zll/abteilungen/career_service/studierende/workshops/2_WiSe2018-19/Ank_How-to-find-a-job_Prom_WS1819.pdf

Please register until 17 January 2019: http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/zll/abteilungen/career_service/Career%20Service%20Portal/index.html

Researchers at Risk

January 15 &
16, 2019

3rd Network Meeting for Researchers at Risk at Bielefeld University and 1st Network Meeting of the Horizon2020 Project Bridge for Researchers in Danger Going to Europe – Step II

Bielefeld University kindly invites you to participate to the 3rd Network Meeting for Researchers at Risk on 15th and 16th January 2019 in Bielefeld University (Universitätsstraße 25, 33619 Bielefeld, Main Building, Room C2-136).

The meeting starts on the 15th at 5.30 pm and ends on the 16th at 5 pm. All interested researchers, administrators and students are welcome to participate. For researchers at risk there is a small budget for the reimbursement of travel costs, please contact the organization team in advance.

Registration under: bridge.coordinator@uni-bielefeld.de

About the Project "BRIDGE Step II: Bridge for Researchers in Danger Going to Europe – Step II" is a two-year project (01.12.2018 - 30.11.2020) funded under the EU Framework Program for Research and Innovation Horizon 2020 with coordinator Bielefeld University (Germany) and partners from Greece, Switzerland, Serbia, Austria, Sweden and Bulgaria – members of the European Commission network for career development and mobility of researchers **EURAXESS**.

The main objective of the project is to support refugee researchers displaced in these countries to find their long term professional realization in research and business organizations in Europe by providing dedicated to their needs training, internships and mentoring, as well as opportunities for beneficial networking, contacts and sharing of personal experience.

January 28,
2019

The **first BRIDGE webinar for Refugee Researchers** will be conducted on Monday, 28 Jan 2019. The webinar takes 1,5 hours and starts at 4:30pm (central European time)

Details about the training:

- The webinar topic is "How I Present Myself and My Skills?" (How I choose jobs? What I do to prepare? What I think is important to know?)
- The webinar will be held in English

Further information:

<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/euraxess/news/1st-bridge-webinar-refugee-researchers>

All interested Refugee Researchers shall contact Svetlana Dimitrova: svetlana@fmi.uni-sofia.bg

February 13,
2019

The **second BRiDGE training** for Refugee Researchers "Career Development And Social Integration For Refugee Researchers" is going to be held in **Thessaloniki, Greece on 13 February 2019**. Designed as a one day training devoted to two courses "ERA Labour Market" and "Foster your Employability and Integration better in society" and organized by the EURAXESS BHO's Bulgaria and Greece (Sofia University resp. CERTH). The participant list is open for registration, please contact: svetlana@fmi.uni-sofia.bg. More information on the planned trainings for refugee researchers and mentors in 2019: <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/Internat.../.../bridge/training.html>

Marie Curie Alumni Association: Refugee scholars enrich the cultural landscape of education. What actions should be taken to include them in the educational system and not leave them behind? Learn more about how you can support fellow researchers, who are in danger or uprooted:

<https://www.facebook.com/www.mariecuriealumniassociation/>

Further Info

January 7, 2019

On Monday, 7th January 2019 the student group "BIE" and the publishing house "hochroth Bielefeld" invite you to come to a **public reading** (in German) and book launch at Bielefeld University. The Korean-American author Jennifer Kwon Dobbs reads from her new book "Necro Citizens" (Nekrobürger). The reading starts at 2pm in room C01-244 at the University of Bielefeld and is free of charge.

February 24 &
25, 2019

On the 24th and 25th February 2019 the 6th General Assembly and Annual Conference of the MCAA (Marie Curie Alumni Association) takes place in Vienna. The main topic will be "Research and Innovation beyond the Information Age. Get involved on the spot or watch it live through web.

If you are looking for **school places** for children the Welcome Centre can help you with information how and where to find a place. In general, there is a schooling obligation in Germany. Further information:

[http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/\(en\)/International/Scientists/vorbereitungen/kinder/](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/(en)/International/Scientists/vorbereitungen/kinder/)

Suggested for reading (article): “If you love research, academia may not be for you”

Dutch figures show just how little time professors get for their own research. It may be easier to pursue your intellectual interests outside the university system:

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/blog/if-you-love-research-academia-may-not-be-you>

What do you think about it? Let us know.