

## Bielefeld University Welcome Centre Newsletter

12/2018

**The Welcome Centre team sends you Seasonal Greetings. We thank you for the collaboration in the past year! Looking forward to working with you in 2018!**

**The university remains closed over the holidays.**

The Rectorate has decided, as in previous years, to suspend operations from Friday, December 22, 2017 (06:00) to Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 (06:00), and to close the university buildings in order to save energy.

More information: [https://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uniintern/entry/erinnerung\\_weihnachtsschlie%C3%9Fung](https://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uniintern/entry/erinnerung_weihnachtsschlie%C3%9Fung)

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## Welcome Centre Events and News

- December 31,  
2017                      PunktUm, the German Language Center of Bielefeld University opens a **vacancy for a full time position as a German teacher**.  
Deadline: December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.  
Further details: <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/Universitaet/Aktuelles/Stellenausschreibungen/Anzeigen/Tech/tech17152.pdf>
- January 1<sup>st</sup>,  
2018                      The Welcome Centre opens a vacancy as a **Project Manager**.  
Deadline is January 1st 2018.  
For further details please click here: <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/Universitaet/Aktuelles/Stellenausschreibungen/Anzeigen/Tech/tech17160.pdf>
- January 26,  
2018                      9:30                      **Campus Start** in U7-205  
–                              Monthly welcome event for new international researchers. Get to know the  
11:30                      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](mailto:welcome@uni-bielefeld.de)
- January 26,  
2018                      11:30                      **Campus Tour**, departing from U7-205  
–                              Following Campus Start, we offer a guided tour through the main and X  
12:30                      building explaining all points of everyday interest for your convenience.
- January 26,  
2018                      12:30                      **International Lunch**, Westend cafeteria, main building  
–                              Monthly opportunity to get to know other internationals over an informal  
13:30                      lunch. We meet at the first table beyond the entrance to the Westend  
cafeteria. Friends and family are welcome.
- January 16,  
2018                      19:30                      **International Stammtisch**, (Regulars' Table), Casa Café & Bar  
–21:00                      Monthly informal get-together to meet other international academics in a  
casual atmosphere. Simply show up at the Casa in Karl-Eilers-Straße 12 in  
33602 Bielefeld on the third Tuesday of every month.

One of the first (and most important) steps of settling in at Bielefeld University is to **obtain a UniCard**. It provides a number of functions that are relevant to everyday life at university. If you want further information on how to get the UniCard and what to use it for, contact the Welcome Centre team or join the next Campus Start.

## Scholarships, Grants, Positions

- Deadline:  
June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- The BGTS offers Mobility Grants 2018** to outstanding doctoral students, who are planning a short time research stay abroad. The aim of the grants is to further the students' doctoral projects and to build lasting contacts to international scientific collaboration partners  
Doctoral students in the BGTS can apply for funds to finance a research stay abroad. Deadline: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.  
You can find further information here: [https://www.bgts.uni-bielefeld.de/research\\_training/grants.php](https://www.bgts.uni-bielefeld.de/research_training/grants.php)
- Deadline:  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018
- The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation offers 20 fellowships in International Climate Protection** for young climate experts from developing countries. It includes the following areas: scientific, engineering-based, legal, economic, health-related or social aspects of climate.  
You will be working in Germany with a host of your choice on a research-based project related to International Climate Protection, which you have developed yourself.  
Find out more: <https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/icf.html>
- Deadline:  
December 31,  
2017
- The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) offer a **three-month-scholarship with the European Trade Union Institute in Brussels in memory of Grigor Gradev**. All young researchers with a good command in English who specialize in labor relations can apply for the grant until the end of December 2017.  
Further information here: <https://perc.ituc-csi.org/The-Grigor-Gradev-Scholarship-Call-for-Applications-2018?lang=en>
- Deadline:  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018
- The **PROF chair organizes an award competition** to find innovations in the domain of **healthcare** for the fourth time. The award winners will be invited for the Award ceremony during the international PROF symposium held in Ghent on May 16th 2018.  
Deadline for submission: March 1, 2018 (12 o'clock noon)  
More information: <http://www.prof-projects.com/2018-call-text.html>
- Various  
deadlines
- The Max Planck Society** conduct basic research in the natural sciences, life sciences, and humanities, and they are **offering postdoc positions** in Germany in different study areas:  
MPI for Extraterrestrial Physics: <http://bit.ly/2zvg1o5>  
MPI of Biophysics: <http://bit.ly/2ijdREr>  
There are different deadlines.
- Various
- Die **Forschungszentrum Jülich** is a member of the Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres and is one of the largest interdisciplinary research

- deadlines centres in Europe. They **have open vacancies for PostDocs** in different areas. Further information here: [http://www.fz-juelich.de/portal/EN/Careers/CurrentVacancies/VacanciesPostdocs/\\_node.html](http://www.fz-juelich.de/portal/EN/Careers/CurrentVacancies/VacanciesPostdocs/_node.html)
- February 15, 2018 **The ERC Consolidator Grant** is open for researchers who completed their PhD between seven and twelve years ago and who have a ground-breaking research topic that wish to pursue. Through these grants, the European Union supports independent and excellent young researchers of any nationality and from any discipline.  
More information: <https://www.research-in-germany.org/en/infoservice/newsletter/newsletter-2017/december-2017/erc-consolidator-grants.html>
- Various deadlines **The Saxon Academy of Sciences in Leipzig** is rooted in the idea of the academy formed by Leibniz to unite "theoria cum praxi". They **have four new vacancies for researchers** in different study areas to begin in 2018. You can find further information here: <https://www.saw-leipzig.de/de/ausschreibungen/stellenausschreibungen>
- March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 **Der Deutsche Studienpreis of the Körber-Foundation** is interesting for students that completed their dissertation in 2017 with magna cum laude or better in Germany. It is awarded for scientific works, in which innovative procedures of products have been developed, forward-looking models for the organization of commonwealth have been presented or knowledgeable orientation in current social issues has been delivered.  
More information (in German only) <https://www.koerber-stiftung.de/deutscher-studienpreis/teilnehmen.html>
- January 30, 2018 **The 2018 European Young Researchers' Award's** next **call** is open now and ends on 30 January 2018. The Postdoc winner will be invited to the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF) in July 2018 in Toulouse.  
More information: <https://www.euroscience.org/calls/call-open-eyra2018/>
- February 15, 2018 The University of Padova (Italy) promotes the participation in the European Research Council (ERC) calls. The Principal Investigators funded by the ERC and choosing the University of Padova as Host Institution will be offered a **permanent position at the University of Padova**. Applicants can be of any age and nationality and need 7-12 years of experience since completion of PhD, a scientific track record showing their research independence and an excellent research proposal.  
Further information here: <https://erc.europa.eu/funding/consolidator-grants>

Various  
deadlines

**Commission to invest €30 billion in new solutions for societal challenges and breakthrough innovation.** In a press release from 27 October the European Commission gave detailed information how €30 billion of the EU research and innovation funding programme Horizon 2020 will be spend during 2018-2020.

Read the whole article: [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-17-4122\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-4122_en.htm)

Apply as earlier  
as possible

The government of North Rhine-Westphalia promotes research cooperation with Israel, the Palestinian territories and Jordan. One of the measures to intensify the bilateral relations are **short-term NRW Scholarship and Fellowship Programmes**. Successful applicants will be invited to work at one of the institutes of a **University or University of Applied Sciences in North Rhine-Westphalia** for a period of up to three months.

More information: <http://www.uni-duesseldorf.de/home/en/international/international-students/german-courses/grants/nrw-scholarship-fellowship-programmes.html>

Various  
deadlines

**The Leibniz Association** connects 91 independent research institutions that range in focus from the natural, engineering and environmental sciences via economics, spatial and social sciences to the humanities.

They **offer PhD or Postdoc Position and open job vacancies** in different research fields.

Further information here:

<https://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/nc/en/careers/jobs/>

Various  
deadlines

Work as a researcher in the region by exiting Academia: **Continental has a job offer as Data Analyst** (m/f) for electronic driving parameters of field tests for those who have a Master degree or PhD in a natural sciences like Physics, Statistics, Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Process Development or related working fields: [Data Analyst \(m/f\) for electronic driving parameters of field tests](#)

February 1<sup>st</sup>,  
2018

Are you a PhD student in Germany in the field of social policy or related and also socially engaged? Then **the Hans Böckler Foundation invites you to apply for a doctoral scholarship**: <http://bit.ly/2zq0p8r>

## Career Development

January 1<sup>st</sup>,  
2018

**Interconnections** is an **independent magazine** voluntarily run by Bielefeld University students and funded by the Internationaler Studierendenrat of Bielefeld University. The idea is to open a much-needed space where ideas about international students are brought to the fore and discussed under the university's big roof and beyond. Contributions to the magazine are

welcome (mainly in English, but German is also possible) to the email [interconnections@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:interconnections@uni-bielefeld.de)

More information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/665594743828654/>

January 22,  
2018

**"Teaching Skills in English"** workshop gives teachers of Bielefeld University a basic overview and practical advice about teaching and planning a course.

Registration & contact:

Claudia Jockisch

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pep\_lehre@uni-bielefeld.de

More information: [http://www.uni-](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/service_lehre/Zips_teaching_skills.html)

[bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/service\\_lehre/Zips\\_teaching\\_skills.html](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/pep/fortbildung/service_lehre/Zips_teaching_skills.html)

December 30,  
2017

**The Polish Institute of Advanced Studies** offers five to **ten month research fellowships** for juniors/postdocs as well as seniors/professors with a minimum full-time research experience of ten years. The fellowships will start in October 2018.

Find more information: [Calls for applications](#)

**EURAXESS - Researchers in Motion** provides many helpful information for your **career development as a researcher**. Find out more about job offers, funding and trainings. This unique pan-European initiative delivers all different kinds of support services for professional researchers. EURAXESS also helps refugee researchers finding suitable jobs in the research landscape through the European Commission's initiative Science4Refugees.

<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/>

**EURAXESS - Research careers in Europe** is a pan-European initiative supporting researcher mobility and career development, while enhancing scientific collaboration between Europe and the world. They now launched their **official Twitter account for the EU** @EuraxessEU and you are kindly invited to follow, share and retweet!

<https://twitter.com/EuraxessEU?lang=de>

Here you can find a selection of **German neuroscientific graduate schools** and information of 21 international programs at a glance. The most relevant content of each program is available in this brochure [http://www.neuroschoools-germany.com/neuro\\_broschuere\\_2017.pdf](http://www.neuroschoools-germany.com/neuro_broschuere_2017.pdf)

<http://www.neuroschoools-germany.com/>

Ellipsis is the **English Writing Support Center** at Bielefeld University. This service is available for help with academic writing in English and is a part of the Language Center. You will receive advice and help on every form of academic and professional written work at any stage of the writing process. You can contact Ellipsis by email [ellipsis@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:ellipsis@uni-bielefeld.de) or find them in room C01-253.

Do you want to **proceed your research career in Germany as a postdoc**? Here you find helpful

information about research opportunities, funding and more:

<https://www.research-in-germany.org/.../info-for-postdocs-and...>

### **Job market for young academics in Germany continues to deteriorate**

The job market for young academics in Germany is tight and the current situation does not seem to change in the coming years. This is the result of an evaluation done by the "Deutschen Hochschulverband" (DHV). In 2009 there still were 1856 open vacancies for professorships while in 2015 this number dropped to 1254. Meanwhile, the number of young, qualified academics competing for professorships has risen from 4 applicants for 1 professorship to 7 for 1.

Further information (source in German): <http://www.zwd.info/lage-fuer-wissenschaftlichen-nachwuchs-verschlechtert-sich-weiter.html>

## **Accommodation**

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

#283 Room furnished, Im Bracksiek, Bielefeld, 300€, 12m<sup>2</sup>, Until: 31.08.2018 (prolongation possible), Room in a shared flat, suitable for singles, bedroom, no living room, KB shared, internet included, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed, women only

#292 House furnished, Kerkenbrink, 33619 Bielefeld, 1200€, 140m<sup>2</sup>, 3 bedrooms, living room, KB, balcony and patio/garden, car space available, suitable for families with up to 3 children, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed

#300 Flat partially furnished, Melanchthonstr., 33615 Bielefeld, 880€, 100m<sup>2</sup>, Until 31.07.2018, 1 bedroom, own kitchen furnished, own bathroom, own livingroom, internet included, shared garden, shared utility room, no pets allowed, no smoking allowed

The website **AnyVan** might be helpful when moving. It's easy: Describe what needs to be moved and you will receive offers in a few days.

Website in German: <https://www.anyvan.de/>

## **Further Info**

From  
December, 1st,  
2017

The new **UniShop opens the doors** for you. You can buy clothes (e.g. t-shirts and hoodies) as well as a variety of other souvenirs (snow globes, cloth bags, cups). During Christmas time the UniShop also has an Advent calendar with prizes every day.

Opening hours:

- Mon 11.00 - 15.00



- Tues 12.00 - 16.00
- Wed 12.00 - 16.00
- Thu 13.00 - 17.00
- Fri 11.00 - 15.00

The **School for Historical Research at Bielefeld University** offers several colloquia open to the public throughout the winter semester 2017/18. Here you can find the whole program if you are interested in attending one of the events: [https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/.../k.../Kolloquien\\_WS2017\\_2018.pdf](https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/.../k.../Kolloquien_WS2017_2018.pdf)

<https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/gesc.../forschung/kolloquien.html>

Mondays and  
Wednesdays

The ISR (Internationaler Studierendenrat) offers **free swimming courses** for international students every Monday at 14:00 and Wednesday at 12:00.

Any questions? contact [isr@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:isr@uni-bielefeld.de)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/131823440876015/>

November 23<sup>rd</sup>- 11:00-  
December 30, 21:00  
2017

**The Bielefeld Christmas Market** is the perfect place to get some pre-Christmas mood and drink a hot Glühwein (mulled wine).

Here you can find the whole program (German website):

<http://www.bielefeld.jetzt/weihnachtsmarkt>

The best thing to do at a Christmas market in Germany is to...

[FOODS TO EAT AT A GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET!](#)

If you have a question about **health care in Germany**, you can find a lot of useful information on the website of the Federal Ministry Of Health. It covers the topics of insurance, emergencies, search for a doctor, children's health, physical and mental health and much more in 40 different languages:

<https://www.migration-gesundheit.bund.de/en/health-care-system/>

Wednesdays  
19:30

**The catholic community of Bielefeld University organizes several events throughout the whole semester.** You can participate in the weekly church service or in special events.

Here you can find further information and the whole program (German website):

<https://www.khg-bielefeld.de/>

[https://www.i-basis.de/.../khgbiel.../medien/anhaenge/k1\\_m92.pdf](https://www.i-basis.de/.../khgbiel.../medien/anhaenge/k1_m92.pdf)

Every second  
Thursday 19:00

The **Evangelische Studierendegemeinde** at Bielefeld University (protestant student community) organizes an **international evening**.

Further information (German Website): <http://esg->

[bielefeld.ekvw.de/veranstaltungen/regelmaessiges/internationaler-abend/](http://esg-bielefeld.ekvw.de/veranstaltungen/regelmaessiges/internationaler-abend/)

Together with Aristoteles University Thessaloniki, the University of Cologne and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam are currently undertaking a survey on the situation of **Refugee Academics** and their integration into the science and higher education sector in Europe. It would very much appreciated if you could dedicate some time to complete the **Questionnaire for Scholars at Risk** at the following

link: <https://form.jotformeu.com/72851093232352>

The questionnaire is entirely anonymous. Please contact Johannes.mueller[at]uni-koeln.de with any further inquiries.

**The Welcome App Germany** is free of charge and provides useful information about everyday life and asylum related topics in Germany for refugees and immigrants. It also facilitates learning the German language. <http://welcome-app-concept.de/en/>

Until February  
25, 2018

The Naturkunde-Museum Bielefeld is hosting an exhibition called "**Achtung Hochspannung**" (Danger! High Voltage!).

It features experiments and discoveries about lightning to engines. It is suited for all age groups, interactive and fun.

Further information (german): <https://www.namu-ev.de/ausstellungen/sonderausstellungen/achtung-hochspannung/>

## In the News

### Bielefeld University promotes Equality and Diversity

On 27 October the University received the rating "Total E-Quality" for the fourth time, this time with the complement "Diversity". "Bielefeld University understands Diversity as a strength and heterogeneity as a potential" (Angelika Epple, Prorektorin für Internationales und Diversität). Further info here:

[https://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uniaktuell/entry/pr%C3%A4dikat\\_f%C3%BCr\\_gerechte\\_chancen\\_und](https://ekvv.uni-bielefeld.de/blog/uniaktuell/entry/pr%C3%A4dikat_f%C3%BCr_gerechte_chancen_und)

### Charges against Turkish scientists

Thousands of Turkish Academics lost their job or were even sent to jail in the Erdogan regime. Here you find a short WDR film contribution about the current situation:

<https://www1.wdr.de/mediathek/video/sendungen/lokalzeit-ostwestfalen-lippe/video-anklage-gegen-tuerkische-wissenschaftler-100.html>

### German University's Religious Code

Complaints about students praying loudly in the library and flooding bathrooms to ritually wash their feet have led the University of Hamburg to draw up a religious code of conduct a first for a German university.

The complete article here: <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2017/11/03/german-university-imposes-religious-code-after-complaints-about-muslim-students>