

PIASTA

Intercultural Living and Learning

Dear Graduate Students,

In the winter semester of 2017/18, we once again welcome you to an exciting program of events for current graduate students, a program we developed within the framework of a DAAD project.

This booklet contains information about workshops, cultural events, and leisure activities that aim to support you on the path toward your degree and supplement your daily academic life. We hope that you can learn new things, get to know interesting people, and broaden your horizons with a rich spectrum of intercultural events.

The program is open to all German and international students at Universität Hamburg who are pursuing either a master's degree or a doctorate. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the DAAD and other cooperation partners.

We hope you have a successful winter semester 2017/18!

Your *PIASTA Graduate Team*

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RECENT CHANGES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

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Registration starts on 15.10.2017 at 12 noon

WORKSHOPS I: IMPROVING YOUR ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL SKILLS

WRITING EMPIRICAL PAPERS USING EIEWS EN

Graduate students face multiple challenges while writing their dissertations and methodological issues are often some of the most difficult. That said, it is no secret that certain disciplines value quantitative research much more than qualitative analyses, with supervisors often asking for empirical knowledge. So it's necessary that you understand the basic guidelines and methods here. In this seminar, we will shed light on the importance of empirical analysis in contemporary research and focus especially on econometrics. After a more general overview, we will look at how Eiews can help us carry out empirical tests. Please bring your laptop and make sure that you have the program installed prior to the start of the seminar. We don't want to have to spend time installing it during the seminar.

DATE	Tue, 07.11.2017, 5–7 pm
PLACE	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
ORGANIZER	Ayesha Serfraz
LANGUAGE	English
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-graduate

HOW TO PUBLISH DURING YOUR DOCTORATE EN

Alongside literature reviews, research designs, experiments, and fieldwork, writing papers should actually be an integral part of your doctorate. Published papers are the main channel you have to communicate your outcomes to your academic peers and eventually the world. Well, let's not worry about the latter. And even the best of papers don't easily pass the peer-review process of renowned journals. In fact, you will most likely find yourself in a highly competitive environment. We would like to give you some input on how to prepare for the process so that you have some useful tools at hand to succeed. Of course, we can't provide you with a detailed road map in a single seminar, but we will cover some basics, ranging from preparing manuscripts and selecting the right journal to coping with setbacks and rejections. There will also be plenty of opportunities to discuss related issues and exchange ideas and experiences.

DATE	Sun, 19.11.2017, 4–6 pm
PLACE	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
ORGANIZER	Fang Liu
LANGUAGE	English
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WELCOME PARENTING STUDENTS! EN

Managing parenting and studying at the same time is without a doubt difficult. International students, in particular, often face hardships in this area. As if studying in a foreign country in general and Germany in particular wasn't challenging enough, you also have to successfully manage family life. During this seminar, we will discuss challenges as well as opportunities for studying with children. We will share experiences and offer insights into the work of central services at Universität Hamburg that may help you balance seminar workloads, presentations, and those habitually frequent calls from kindergarten teachers asking you to please pick up your child because of a runny nose. Fun fact: There will be a kid's corner during the seminar so that you can bring along your little ones.

DATE	Fri, 24.11.2017, 4–6 pm
PLACE	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
ORGANIZER	Ayu Savitri Nurinsiyah
LANGUAGE	English
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LATEX EN

After months of data collection, redesigning your research agenda, and several emotional breakdowns along the way, at some point you have to write up your dissertation. LaTeX is a tool that can support you substantially during this process.

After a short introduction to the program, we will talk about how to best handle large text documents (like your thesis) and how to include graphs, tables, and citations. Among others, we will be working with packages like dissertate, graphicx, and amsmath. Obviously, you don't need to be a professional to take part; however, we certainly recommend that you have at least some prior knowledge of LaTeX. Please bring your laptop and make sure that you have the program installed prior to the start of the seminar. We don't want to have to spend time installing it during the seminar.

DATE	Tue, 16.01.2018, 5–7 pm
PLACE	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
ORGANIZER	Shadi Schacker
LANGUAGE	English
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HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF CONFERENCES EN

Attending and presenting your work at relevant conferences is a crucial part of every academic discipline. However, the very first conference usually hovers over us like a dark cloud. What exactly should and can I possibly expect? How do I best present myself and my work? Will I get burned? How do I network and how do I get the attention of leading scholars in my field? Well, we don't have step-by-step answers to the latter question (please, tell us if you do), but we do hope to provide you with a glimpse of what goes on and how you can get the most out of attending conferences. It is true that sometimes conferences can turn into a stressful experience, and dull sessions may make it a total waste of time. But they can also prepare the ground for intense, productive discussions and a fruitful exchange of ideas. Preparation is everything. Join us for an afternoon on how to survive your first conference or come by to share your experiences with others.

DATE	Mon, 22.01.2018, 5–7 pm
PLACE	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
ORGANIZER	Lan Anh Nguyen Dang
LANGUAGE	English
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-graduate

WORKSHOPS II: GAINING CULTURAL, POLITICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSIGHT

OPERA "THE MAGIC FLUTE" EN

Mozart's "The Magic Flute" is arguably one of the world's most famous and staged operas. Luckily, the Hamburg State Opera is showing it this December and we have the opportunity to go. So get ready for this world-class event. However, if we want to truly experience the complex world of Papageno and Tamino, we need to get some background beforehand. We have therefore structured the event accordingly. The first part will be a seminar on the opera led by Italian director Matteo Bernadini and will include lessons on the storyline and Mozart's work in general. This way, the opera will be more accessible and easy to understand. And for the second part, we will watch "The Magic Flute" together at the nearby Hamburg State Opera.

DATE	Sun, 03.12.2017, 4:30–10 pm
PLACE	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
ORGANIZER	Annalisa Morticelli
LANGUAGE	English, Opera in German with English Subtitles
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CELEBRATING YALDA [EN](#)

How about celebrating Yalda together? No idea what that is? No worries, we do! Yalda Night or Chelle Night, one of the most ancient Iranian festivals, celebrates the annual winter solstice, the longest night of the year. On this night, we come together, recite poems by the Persian poet Hafez, and feast on fruits and snacks. Join us and learn about Yalda's ancient stories and traditions, regional differences, and folk music. To get as close as possible to the full Yalda experience, we will read one of Hafez's most famous poems. For those of you who aren't fluent in thirteenth century Persian, we will provide an English translation.

DATE	Sat, 16.12.2017, 6–8 pm
PLACE	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
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THE AMAZON AT RISK! [EN](#)

The Amazon, covering a stunning seven million square meters, is the largest tropical forest in the world and home to 30% of the earth's fauna. The majority of the forest is contained within the borders of Brazil but it also extends into other countries such as Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador. The Amazon is crucial for the ecological equilibrium of our planet as it absorbs billions of tons of carbon emissions that are released into the atmosphere as a result of human activities. Despite its importance, the conservation of the Amazon faces major challenges. The growth of human settlements, including farming and infrastructure development, has had a strong impact on the ecosystem and deforestation rates are rapidly increasing. Join us for a fruitful debate on the challenges the Amazon faces and what this means for us.

DATE	Tue, 23.01.2018, 5–7 pm
PLACE	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
ORGANIZER	Monica Rodriguez de Luna
LANGUAGE	English
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CULTURAL EVENTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

HAMBURG PORT: GATEWAY TO THE WORLD [EN](#)

Many of us know Hamburg's Port as a tourist spot, opposite where you buy your obligatory "Fischbrötchen" (fish sandwiches). Actually, it is much more than that. The original and still central function of

the port is to connect the world via shipping activities by transferring products from one country to another. It is Germany's largest port and quite rightly labeled the country's "Gateway to the World." In terms of container throughput, Hamburg is the second-busiest port in Europe (after Rotterdam) and fifteenth-largest worldwide. During the tour, you will get information about the operation of ports, different types of ships and their functions, and the job of a sailor. What are their duties onboard and how do they cope with spending a good part of the year at sea? Depending on the weather and traffic conditions of public transport, we will be underway for about two hours. Join us for this round-trip on public transport boats using our semester public transport pass.

DATE	Sun, 22.10.2017, 1–3 pm
MEETING POINT	tba
ORGANIZER	Ayesha Serfaz
LANGUAGE	English
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-graduate

HAMBURG THROUGH STATUES! [EN](#)

Some are hidden away in a corner while others seem so familiar that we pass by without noticing them. Statues depict in themselves significant traits of a society's history, art, and culture. They remind us of what has been and sometimes of what should never be again. This tour is designed to give you an alternative view of Hamburg, avoiding beaten tourist tracks and visiting some of those statues in Hamburg that make the city what it is. We will see how Hamburg appreciates great minds as well as ordinary people. And we will see figures who have contributed to Germany in general and Hamburg in particular – such as Otto von Bismarck in politics, Gotthold Ephraim Lessing and Hans Albers in art, as well as those people who didn't go down in history but still in some way have shaped the soul of the city. Make sure you have your semester public transport pass as we have some traveling ahead of us.

DATE	Sat, 28.10.2017, 1–4 pm
MEETING POINT	Dammtor station
ORGANIZER	Lan Anh Nguyen Dang
LANGUAGE	English
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-graduate

IT'S TEA TIME! [EN](#)

Are you fed up with tea that contains more additives than ever before? And you don't want to use crappy substitutes like Winter Wonderland Tea and the such? Don't fret. We have the real stuff. Tea is said to have first been cultivated in southwest China and north-

ern Burma. Today, we distinguish between six different types of tea, their variations resulting from how the tea leaves are processed. Are you able to tell the difference between the many types of tea? Join us for a workshop dedicated to taste and Chinese tea culture. Discovering the rich history of tea cultivation and consumption, we will brew tea the traditional way, learn to drink it "properly," and engage in a whole lot of smelling, tasting, and experiencing.

DATE	Sun, 05.11.2017, 4–6 pm
MEETING POINT	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
ORGANIZER	Fang Liu
LANGUAGE	English
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-graduate

ATTENTION, COFFEE LOVERS [EN](#)

Have students ever succeeded without coffee? We doubt it. Whether you prefer your coffee dark and bitter like David Berman, sweet like President Theodore Roosevelt, or have a thing for a coffee-chocolate mix like Voltaire, we can certainly agree that coffee is "a must-have drink" to start the day and survive struggles like dissertation writing. What better place is there to learn about coffee than Hamburg? In fact, Hamburg's Speicherstadt is still the world's largest trading center for coffee. And it's where the Kaffeemuseum Burg (Burg's coffee museum) is located. This museum is operated by the Burg family, a family that has owned coffee shops and roasting houses in Eppendorf since 1923. The museum features a huge collection of everything related to coffee, including traditional roasters, a variety of espresso machines, and much more. During the one-hour tour, we will get an introduction into the history of coffee production. We will learn how beans are cultivated, harvested, and processed and then enjoy a cup of the final product at the museum's very own café.

DATE	Sun, 26.11.2017, 1–3 pm
MEETING POINT	tba
ORGANIZER	Ayu Savitri Nurinsiyah
LANGUAGE	English
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-graduate

THAT'S ART? [EN](#)

Join us for an afternoon at the Kunsthalle (art museum) and be stunned by works from the middle ages and romanticism to impressionism and more contemporary artists. We get to decide what part of the art exhibit we want our tour guide to focus on, whether it's Casper David Friedrich's work or the upcoming exhibition of Anita Rée's creations. We will let you know as soon as we have more details.

DATE	Thu, 11.01.2018, 5:15–7:30 pm
MEETING POINT	Kunsthalle (main entrance)
ORGANIZER	Annalisa Morticelli
LANGUAGE	English
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-graduate

CEVICHE: A LATIN AMERICAN DELICACY [EN](#)

Originally from Peru, where it is considered an integral part of the country's culture and identity, ceviche has since spread throughout Latin America. It doesn't come as a surprise then that there are quite a few variations of the dish. However, at some point of the culinary struggle, it has been agreed upon that its basic ingredients are fish and lemon or lime juice. But apparently, that is where the commonalities end. Ecuadorians usually have theirs with shrimp and tomato sauce while Mexicans prefer to have the dish with a tostada. And that's not to mention the wide variety of different spices and ingredients that are often included such as onions, corn, chili pepper, coriander, cucumber, and many more. Join us on a cooking adventure, learn to prepare ceviche, and discover the savory flavors of Latin American cuisine.

DATE	Thu, 18.01.2018, 5–7 pm
PLACE	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
ORGANIZER	Monica Rodriguez de Luna
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SURPRISE ACTIVITY: HAMBURG PLANETARIUM [EN](#)

Does your research stress you out? Are you fed up with writing? Join us for a trip to the planetarium. Planetarium Hamburg, housed in a 1915 water tower and one of Europe's most visited and the world's oldest "star theater," just underwent major renovations and reopened its doors to the public. However, at this point we won't tell you what show we are going to see. We hope you will be excited about and surprised with the selection.

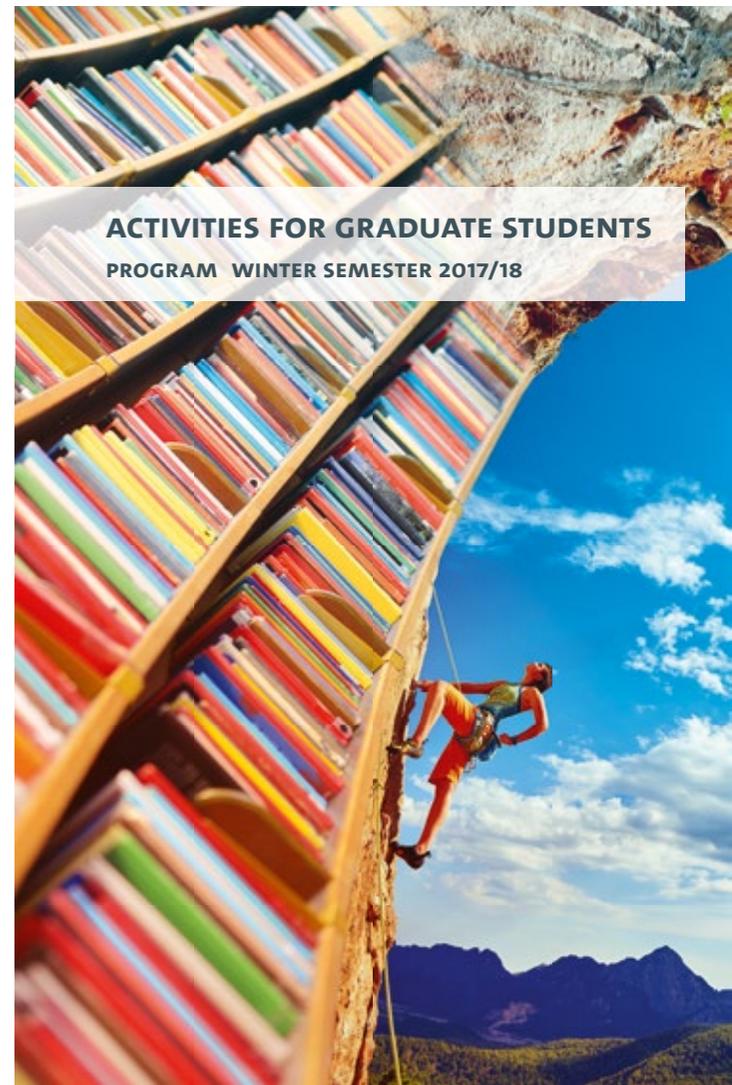
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