Dear Doctoral Students,

In the summer semester of 2017, we once again have the opportunity to welcome you to an exciting program of events for current and prospective PhD students, a program we developed within the framework of a DAAD project.

This booklet contains information about workshops, informative talks, cultural events, and leisure activities that can help you on the path toward your degree. This program aims to supplement your daily academic life. We hope that you can learn new things, make new contacts, and broaden your horizon with a rich spectrum of intercultural events.

The program is open to all German and international students at Universität Hamburg who are pursuing a PhD or would like to.

This booklet contains information about workshops, informative talks, and group activities. You will also have the opportunity to complete some code sampling. Please bring your own laptop with LaTeX already installed (free download available) so that we can begin working with this valuable tool right away. We look forward to seeing you!

Registration starts on 02.04.2017 at 12 noon

Recent changes and online registration

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**THE WORLD’S BEST FALAFELS**

Would you like to have a different kind of Tuesday evening? Then why not join us at the opera? This is a unique and exciting experience that everyone should have at least once in their lives. It is also the perfect occasion to wear that elegant dress or suit that has been hanging in your closet! Before we go to the Hamburg State Opera, we will welcome a special guest, Matteo Bernardini, a young Italian director who is an expert on opera and theater. He will give a short presentation to help us better understand the opera's storyline, characters, and meaning. We will then see "The Woman without a Shadow" by the German composer and orchestra conductor Richard Strauss. Join us on this intercultural evening for a presentation in English and an opera in German. Let's enjoy this night full of art and music together!

**DATE**
Sun, 07.05.2017, 4–10:30 pm

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

**ORGANIZER**
Annalisa Morticelli

**LANGUAGE**
English (opera in German)

**REGISTRATION**
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**SCHWARZLICHTVIERTEL – WORLD OF BLACK-LIGHT MINI-GOLF**

Are you tired of playing normal mini-golf? Then let's spice the game up a bit with mystic light shows and music. Join us on a trip to the black-light district in Hamburg, the Schwarzlichtviertel. We will experience a thrilling combination of special effects and interactive games. Let's dive into mysterious glowing black-light in a submarine and discover a unique form of mini-golf. And afterwards, you will have the opportunity to relax over coffee and snacks.

**DATE**
Sat, 17.06.2017, 12–4 pm (meet at 11:30 am)

**MEETING POINT**
Hagenbecks Tierpark U-Bahn station exit (U2)

**ORGANIZER**
Heba Gaballa

**LANGUAGE**
English

**REGISTRATION**
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**MINIATUR WUNDERLAND – VIEW THE WORLD FROM ABOVE!**

Life as a PhD Student can be tough. Sometimes you just need a day off from studying and working on your thesis. A visit to the world's largest model railway is one of the best ways to escape your daily routine for a few hours and is definitely not only for train enthusiasts. From the mountain forests of the Harz to Hamburg, from the desert in Las Vegas to the Alpine Alps, and from the HSV Arena to Hamburg Airport, Miniatur Wunderland allows you to experience the world from above without having to travel too far. Join us for an exciting afternoon of travel around the globe.

**DATE**
Sun, 14.05.2017, 12:30–4 pm (meet at 12 noon)

**MEETING POINT**
Am Sandtorkai bus stop (line 111)

**ORGANIZER**
Shadi Sajedi Shacker

**LANGUAGE**
English

**REGISTRATION**
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**THE WORLD’S BEST FALAFELS**

Want to sample the world’s best falafels? Some say that the best falafels are to be found in Egypt. Why not find out for yourself and join us to learn how to prepare genuine Egyptian falafels. Get ready for a Middle Eastern atmosphere that includes music, snacks, and drinks, and look forward to meeting new people who share your love of cooking. And guess what? We will reveal a secret recipe that has been passed down to us from our ancestors through several generations of falafel makers. Don’t miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity; join us – and don’t forget to bring your takeaway box. We look forward to cooking together and to enjoying some real falafels with you.

**DATE**
Sat, 10.06.2017, 3:30–7 pm

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

**ORGANIZER**
Heba Gaballa

**LANGUAGE**
English

**REGISTRATION**
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