

## PIASTA

### Intercultural Living and Learning

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.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the DAAD and other cooperation partners.

We wish you a wonderful, successful summer semester 2017!

*Your Piasta PhD Team*

## CALENDAR

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Managing Literature with EndNote (en)	Tue, 16.05.2017
Bringing Creativity Back into the Classroom – Using Fun and Motivation to Battle Boredom in Class (en)	Tue, 30.05.2017

### WORKSHOPS II: GAINING CULTURAL, POLITICAL, SCIENTIFIC INSIGHTS

Our Big Fat Indian Wedding – You're Invited! (en)	Sat, 29.04.2017
How Many Have Been Lost at Sea? The Current Migration Situation after the Mediterranean Sea Tragedies (en)	Tue, 04.07.2017

### CULTURAL EVENTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Hamburg Escape Games (en)	Thu, 27.04.2017
"The Woman without a Shadow" – an Amazing Journey through the World of Strauss! (en)	Sun, 07.05.2017
Miniatur Wunderland – View the World from Above! (en)	Sun, 14.05.2017
The World's Best Falafels (en)	Sat, 10.06.2017
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### RECENT CHANGES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

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

Registration starts on 02.04.2017 at 12 noon

## WORKSHOPS I: IMPROVING YOUR SKILLS

### LATEX FOR BEGINNERS! EN

Do you plan to complete academic work this semester? Do you need to write a paper, prepare a presentation, or simply find a better way to organize your in-text citations? Then you should learn more about LaTeX. From structuring documents and inserting plots, photos, over equations, inline math, and tables to creating presentation themes, this software will make your work a whole lot easier.

The aim of this course is to provide you with an overview of the possible applications of LaTeX and to help you learn how to use it yourself. We will achieve this with a brainstorming session, personalized advice, 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!

<b>DATE</b>	Tue, 25.04.2017, 5–7 pm
<b>PLACE</b>	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Shadi Sajedi Shacker
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd">www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd</a>

### MANAGING LITERATURE WITH ENDNOTE EN

As PhD students, we often have to deal with a large number of sources. We can easily end up with thousands of references that aren't properly cited if we don't learn to get organized right at the start of our PhD. We would therefore like to introduce you to EndNote, a helpful and efficient tool that will help you manage your literature. In this seminar, we will learn how to search for literature, organize it, and insert citations in Microsoft Word, which can save us a lot of time during our PhD. We can then discuss and share the experiences we have had with this software. Please bring your laptop with EndNote already installed so that we can begin with the seminar right away!

<b>DATE</b>	Tue, 16.05.2017, 5–7 pm
<b>PLACE</b>	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Yongshun Feng
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### BRINGING CREATIVITY BACK INTO THE CLASSROOM – USING FUN AND MOTIVATION TO BATTLE BOREDOM IN CLASS EN

Several research studies in North America and Europe have shown that at least 45% of undergraduate students feel bored in class because there is a lack of interaction. Have you ever felt that the material you receive in class doesn't retain your interest? Probably! As psychological scientists across the world strive to combat boredom in classrooms, we would like to take the initiative and invite both students and (future) teachers to discuss this issue. However, we promise you that our way of dealing with the issue will be far from boring. Over coffee and snacks, we will discuss the various problems students and teachers face in class. We will try to find meaningful solutions to these problems and suggest innovative methods to motivate students and keep the fun alive in class.

<b>DATE</b>	Tue, 30.05.2017, 5–7 pm
<b>PLACE</b>	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Sadiq Rahman
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### WORKSHOPS II: GAINING CULTURAL, POLITICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSIGHTS

#### OUR BIG FAT INDIAN WEDDING – YOU'RE INVITED! EN

Have you ever been to an Indian wedding? If not, then you have missed one of the world's most fascinating events! Indians are very passionate about their weddings. They are a real celebration of the Indian culture. From food and clothing to traditions such as music, dance, and drama, an Indian wedding can go on for more than ten days! On this evening, we want to give you a glimpse into the breathtaking world of an Indian wedding. We will share insights into socio-religious and cultural aspects as well as the many traditions of Indian marriages. A big fat Indian wedding will be put into a miniature form – and yes, you are invited! If you want to bring your sari, dress, tuxedo, or suit, you are very welcome to dress up for the occasion!

<b>DATE</b>	Sat, 29.04.2017, 5–8 pm
<b>PLACE</b>	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Sadiq Rahman
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd">www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd</a>

### HOW MANY HAVE BEEN LOST AT SEA? THE CURRENT MIGRATION SITUATION AFTER THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA TRAGEDIES EN

For several months now, the European Union (EU) and Germany in particular have been attempting to deal with the growing number of migrants and refugees.

At this themed evening, we want to discuss questions concerning the current situation of refugees and migrants in the EU. We will look at how the political framework has improved and at the new legal tools introduced in the wake of the tragedies at sea. To learn more about this topic, we will watch a documentary about the tragedies on the Mediterranean Sea, where many migrants have already lost and continue to lose their lives. We will finish with a short presentation on the current situation to understand what has since changed. Whether you are conducting research on migration issues, are just interested in the topic, or are a refugee yourself, we invite you to this interesting evening. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

<b>DATE</b>	Tue, 04.07.2017, 5–7 pm
<b>PLACE</b>	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Annalisa Morticelli
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd">www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd</a>

## CULTURAL EVENTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

### HAMBURG ESCAPE GAMES EN

Do you remember that particular thrill treasure hunts gave you as a child? Do you want to experience that again? Then you should definitely join us for a round of escape games. Although the rules are simple – you and your team must escape a room within a set amount of time – it's not going to be easy. To escape, you must have faith in yourself and your teammates' cognitive and technical skills. Trust us – it will be as challenging as it is exciting!

<b>DATE</b>	Thu, 27.04.2017 Group A: 5:45–8:30 pm; Group B: 7:15–10 pm
<b>MEETING POINT</b>	Grindelallee 36
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Ali Eren Beyazyildirim, Yongshun Feng
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## INTERCULTURAL DISCOVERY INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING INFORMED STUDY

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### “THE WOMAN WITHOUT A SHADOW” – AN AMAZING JOURNEY THROUGH THE WORLD OF STRAUSS! EN

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!

<b>DATE</b>	Sun, 07.05.2017, 4–10:30 pm
<b>PLACE</b>	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Annalisa Morticelli
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English (opera in German)
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd">www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd</a>

### MINIATUR WUNDERLAND – VIEW THE WORLD FROM ABOVE! EN

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 Austrian 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.

<b>DATE</b>	Sun, 14.05.2017, 12:30–4 pm (meet at 12 noon)
<b>MEETING POINT</b>	Am Sandtorkai bus stop (line 111)
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Shadi Sajedi Shacker
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<a href="http://www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd">www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd</a>

### THE WORLD'S BEST FALAFELS EN

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.

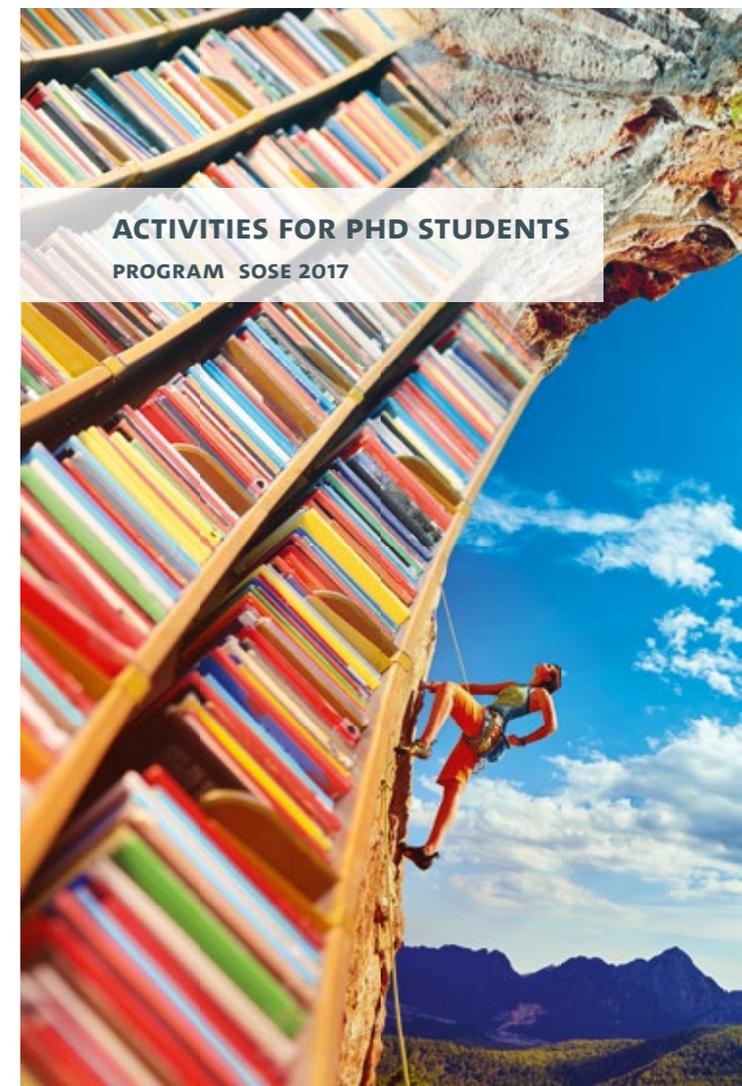
<b>DATE</b>	Sat, 10.06.2017, 3:30–7 pm
<b>PLACE</b>	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Heba Gaballa
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English
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### SCHWARZLICHTVIERTEL – WORLD OF BLACK-LIGHT MINI-GOLF EN

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.

<b>DATE</b>	Sat, 17.06.2017, 12–4 pm (meet at 11:30 am)
<b>MEETING POINT</b>	Hagenbecks Tierpark U-Bahn station exit (U2)
<b>ORGANIZER</b>	Heba Gaballa
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