

PIASTA

Intercultural Living and Learning

Dear Doctoral Students,
In the winter semester of 2016/17, 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, and cultural and free-time activities that can help you on the path toward your degree. This program supplements 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 winter semester 2016/17!

Your Piasta PhD Team

CALENDAR

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

The Amazing Story of Our Universe: The Big Bang Theory (en)	Sat, 29.10.2016
The Art of Starting Out: How to Network during Your PhD (en)	Tue, 22.11.2016
Getting Things Done and Managing Your Time (en)	Mon, 16.01. and Tue, 17.01.2017

CULTURAL EVENTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

A Night at the Opera (en)	Tue, 01.11.2016
Moving beyond Speech (en)	Sat, 05.11.2016
Visit to Bremen: A Medieval Christmas Fairytale (en)	Sat, 10.12.2016
Learn to Cook a Chinese Dish for Christmas (en)	Sat, 17.12.2016
An Outing to the Tropical World Adventure Aquarium (en)	Sat, 21.01.2017

RECENT CHANGES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-program

Registration starts on 16.10.2016 at 12 noon

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

THE AMAZING STORY OF OUR UNIVERSE: THE BIG BANG THEORY EN

Have you ever thought about the story of our universe? And have you always wanted to understand exactly what the big bang theory is? At this event, we will learn about the story of the universe in three parts: the early universe, the middle period, and the recent universe. Afterwards, we will take a little tour through the Hamburg observatory and if the weather allows, we will view the sky through a telescope. Join us on this starry evening to learn about the big bang theory in a fun and easy way.

DATE	Sat, 29.10.2016, 5–9 pm
MEETING POINT	Bergedorf train station, in front of the McCafé
ORGANIZER	Shadi Sajedi Shacker
LANGUAGE	English
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

THE ART OF STARTING OUT: HOW TO NETWORK DURING YOUR PHD EN

Would you like to improve your networking skills or make the right contacts for your future career? Whether you are a presenter at a conference, a participant at a seminar, or just an enthusiast at a workshop, networking might open up huge opportunities for your future. But what is it that stops us from taking the first step? In this workshop, we will talk about tips and tricks that will help you understand the art and science of effective networking. So get ready to cruise through your PhD with enviable networking skills and useful contacts around the globe.

Please don't forget to bring your business cards, questions about networking, and lots of positive energy!

DATE	Tue, 22.11.2016, 5–7 pm
PLACE	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
ORGANIZER	Sadiq Rahman, MA in English literature
LANGUAGE	English
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

GETTING THINGS DONE AND MANAGING YOUR TIME EN

A PhD is a marathon, not a sprint. The sheer number of tasks that need to be completed can sometimes be overwhelming. Being able to set goals, prioritize tasks, and remain motivated are skills essential to making progress and getting your PhD.

Depending on the needs of the participants, we can cover any or all of the following topics:

- goal-setting techniques
- prioritizing tasks to stay efficient
- balancing potential returns and motivations
- decision-making
- focusing on the jobs that need to be done and seeing the bigger picture

DATE	Mon, 16.01. and Tue, 17.01.2017, 9:30 am–5 pm
PLACE	DESY Campus in Bahrenfeld: Building 99 (CFEL), Seminar Room III, Luruper Chaussee 149
ORGANIZER	Rob Thompson
LANGUAGE	English
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd
COOPERATION	IMPRS UFAST – International Max Planck Research School for Ultrafast Imaging & Structural Dynamics

CULTURAL EVENTS AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA EN

Would you like to have a different kind of Tuesday evening? Come with us to the opera! This is an extraordinary and exciting experience which everyone should have at least once in their lifetime. 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 together, we will have a special guest, a young Italian who used to work as an assistant director at a theater. He will give a short presentation to help us better understand the opera's storyline, characters, and meaning. We will see Giuseppe Verdi's "Rigoletto," one of the most beautiful and popular operas ever. If there are any program changes, we will inform you on our website well in advance.

Join us on this intercultural evening with a presentation in English, an opera in Italian, and German subtitles. Let's enjoy this night full of art and music together!

DATE	Tue, 01.11.2016, 5–9 pm
MEETING POINT	Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)
ORGANIZER	Annalisa Morticelli
LANGUAGE	English
FEE	tba online
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

MOVING BEYOND SPEECH EN

Our everyday lives are full of sounds and music. What would happen if we lost these?

If you want to find out more about what it would be like to go through life without being able to hear, join us on a visit to the "Moving beyond Speech" exhibition. You will be provided with highly effective sound protectors before entering a world of silence in which deaf guides lead you through the exhibition. Experience a world without sounds or voices. The art of nonverbal communication becomes essential, and you will quickly learn to speak with your hands and listen with your eyes. Let the silence inspire you!

After visiting the exhibition, we'll exchange thoughts over some cake and coffee. We look forward to meeting you!

DATE	Sat, 05.11.2016, 12 noon–3 pm
MEETING POINT	Meißberg train station (U1), Willy-Brandt-Straße exit
ORGANIZER	Shadi Sajedi Shacker
LANGUAGE	English
FEE	6 €
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

VISIT TO BREMEN:

A MEDIEVAL CHRISTMAS FAIRYTALE EN

Would you like to step back in time to the Middle Ages? You won't even need a time machine. In December, on the maritime promenade of the Weser River, a little door opens to reveal a special surprise – it's like walking through an Advent calendar! Throughout the Schlachte-Zauber Christmas Market, the paths leading to stands with traditional handicrafts and medieval-style taverns are marked with wood fires and torch lights. The wintry air is filled with the warming scent of smoked fish and freshly baked bread. Walking past the tower fortifications and imposing wooden palisades, you will feel as if you had stepped back into the Middle Ages. Join us on this adventure ... the Schlachte-Zauber Christmas Market is waiting for you!

DATE	Sat, 10.12.2016, 11:45 am–8 pm
MEETING POINT	Hamburg Central Station, in front of Burger King
ORGANIZER	Yingjie Fan
LANGUAGE	English
FEE	8 €
REGISTRATION	www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

International Welcome Week 04. – 07.10.2016

Events and activities for master's and doctoral students

Tue, 04.10., 8:30 pm, U St. Pauli
Hamburg by Night: Sankt Pauli (en)

Wed, 05.10., 8:30 pm, Altona train station
Hamburg by Night: Altona (en)

Wed, 05.10., 8:30 pm, Rentzelstraße 17
Hamburg by Night: Sternschanze (en)

Thu, 06.10., 6:30 pm, Rothenbaumchaussee 34
International Doctoral Students' Night (en)

Registration

Starting on Monday, 26.09.2016
You can register for the events online at
www.uni-hamburg.de/welcome

LEARN TO COOK A CHINESE DISH FOR CHRISTMAS EN

Do you want to cook something special for dinner this Christmas? Why not add a Chinese dish to your Christmas dinner menu? It would definitely be a nice treat for your family and friends. Chinese food is famous all over the world and you may be impressed by its surprising range and variety of ingredients. In this cooking class, you will have the opportunity to learn how to cook three of the most popular dishes in the wide range of delicious Chinese cuisine. We will cook red braised pork, scrambled eggs with tomatoes, and garlic cabbage (for vegetarians). Come join us and fill your home with flavorful spices this Christmas. Let's gather together on this winter day and enjoy some delicious food!

DATE Sat, 17.12.2016, 6:30–8 pm

PLACE Rentzelstraße 17, conference room (ground floor)

ORGANIZER Zhao Yao and Zheng Yajie

LANGUAGE English

FEE 2.10 €

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

CHILDREN We try to organize this event so that students can bring their children. If you would like to bring your children, please send us an email right after you register! We will look into the possibilities and costs for children who want to participate.

AN OUTING TO THE TROPICAL WORLD ADVENTURE AQUARIUM EN

Would you like to have a break and go on an adventure in another world? Imagine yourself up close to some of the most exotic animals in Hamburg: free-flying African birds and dangerous animals from the wild such as Nile crocodiles and king cobras. You might hold your breath while gazing through the panoramic windows to watch sharks swimming in the largest seawater tanks in Europe. We invite you to join us on an outing to the Tropical World Adventure Aquarium, where you can explore underwater animal life. On this unique adventure, you will discover more than 14,300 animals on land, in the sea, and in caves, and you will plunge into breathtaking underwater worlds. Afterwards, we will have time to have coffee, and we can sit, relax, and talk about our experience.

We are excited about this underwater adventure at the Tropical World Adventure Aquarium but even more excited to meet you!

DATE Sat, 21.01.2017, 10 am–8 pm

MEETING POINT Hagenbecks Tierpark train station (U2), Tierpark exit

ORGANIZER Heba Gaballa

LANGUAGE English

FEE 6 €

REGISTRATION www.uni-hamburg.de/piasta-phd

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