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the RUBiss Newsletter of the International Office

Dear Students!

We are happy to be able to send you the new issue of the RUBiss Newsletter!
The newsletter for international students at RUB is published twice per semester.

We inform you about current activities and offers from the International Office and other university facilities and provide an overview of important dates in the summer semester 2018.

Have a sunny and successful summer semester 2018!
Your RUBiss Team – RUB international student services

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INTERNATIONAL OFFICE SERVICES

In the summer semester 2018, many different offers from the International Office await you. The RUBiss team hopes you will enjoy our activities and events and looks forward to your active participation. Your presence at Ruhr-Universität is an enrichment for our international campus!

SEMESTER PROGRAMME

The RUBiss Team publishes a semester programme every semester with a list of various events, workshops and excursions. **International and German students** will be present at all of the events and you will have the opportunity to meet many new people. Some highlights of the semester programme for the summer semester are already presented to you in this newsletter.

[Here you can find the semester programme for the summer semester 2018 online.](#)

INTERNATIONAL WELCOME

At the beginning of every semester, we invite all new international students to our International Welcome to welcome you to Ruhr-Universität Bochum. An informal reception will be accompanied by a “market of opportunities” where various university institutions introduce themselves and their offers for international students at information stands. This should make the start of your studies easier for you.

Tuesday, 17 April 2018 at 4 pm in the Veranstaltungszentrum (VZ) below the canteen in hall 2b.
The participation is free of charge.

[Please sign up here for the International Welcome.](#)

SPRACHCAFÉ – LANGUAGE PRACTICE MEET UP

Stop by the Sprachcafé (Language Practice Meet Up) and use the possibility to talk, practice, and discover a new foreign language in a relaxed setting and most of all have fun. The Sprachcafé opens every Monday during the lecture period between 5 and 9 pm. In the Max-Kade-Hall you will be able to follow your passion for languages and get to know other interested international and German students.

The principle behind the Sprachcafé is simple: pick the “island” of the language you want to practice and there you can chat to other learners and native speakers. Our Language Guides are on hand if you need any assistance. Feel free to join a group where your native language is being spoken – by doing so you will be helping other learners. Or perhaps you'd like to be Language Guide yourself?

Every Monday starting at 5 pm in Max-Kade-Hall, Laerholzstraße 82, 44801 Bochum.
The participation is free. A registration is not necessary.

[Come and visit the Facebook page of our Sprachcafé!](#)

HIKING TRIP: BURG ALTENA

Our hike will take us about 15 kilometres through the landscape of the Sauerland. Along slopes and cliffs, through woods, with a beautiful view of Burg Altena. The next day, after a night at the oldest youth hostel of Germany in Burg Altena, we will go to the Sorpesee and have a ship tour as well as time to explore the lake or to take a swim.

Information: Journey there and back by coach. Overnight accommodation with breakfast. Appropriate footwear and perhaps a rucksack, enough snacks, refreshments and clothes for changing are recommended.

Saturday 16 June to Sunday 17 June 2018, meeting point 10.15 am at the bus station below the Unicenter.

Price 40€ (regular), 35€ (with ESNcard)

Registration at the International Office (SSC 1/225) until 4 June 2018. Waiting number "Events".

CULTURE EVENING – PAKISTAN

Do you know the population of Pakistan? 207.8 million people live in Pakistan and 72 of them study at Ruhr-Universität Bochum! Take part in the Pakistani night and familiarise yourself with its culture, music and traditional dances and celebrate diversity together with your fellow students.

Thursday, 5 July 2018, starting from 6 pm, EuroEck

Participation is free of charge. Registration is not necessary. Open to all RUB students.

INTERNATIONAL COURSE CATALOGUE

The "International Course Catalogue" contains information about lectures and seminars taught in English and other foreign languages, as well as information about Ruhr-Universität Bochum's international master programmes.

It is designed for international students, staff and all those wishing to attend courses taught in English at RUB. It contains descriptions of each course with the amount of credit points available, it helps international students organise their semester timetables and provides useful contact information for the various faculties at the university. All courses are open to exchange students and students of related subjects.

[You can find the international course catalogue online.](#)

STARTsmart

Where can I find my new favourite place on campus? How long can I work besides my studies? And who can help me with applications? How do I write seminar papers and essays in Germany? Where can I get involved besides my studies? And how do I find my way around in Germany?

Find answers to all these questions together with your fellow students and register now for STARTsmart, the freshers' course for international students. In a group of about 30 students from all over the world, you will attend weekly events that will help you to find your way around at RUB

and in Germany. If you participate regularly, you will receive a confirmation of participation at the end of the semester. The course is held in German.

Registration is possible until 22 April 2018.

[You can find an insight into the program and the possibility to register here.](#)

INTEGRA – STUDY PREPARATION FOR REFUGEES

In summer semester 2018, the Integra programme with special preparatory courses for refugees will start again. This semester about 140 participants will start with the Integra-12 programme. 20 volunteer teachers and interns could be won again in this semester to teach 8 hours of German classes in the programme.

40 participants of the Integra-12 programme will advance to the intensive Integra-24 programme in the summer semester. They will attend the intensive German courses of the Department of German as a Foreign Language (DaF) 5 days per week.

In addition to the German courses, systemic and social integration is an important component of the programme. In various preparatory workshops and events, the participants will get to know the university system.

The Sprachcafé Integra will again take place in the EuroEck every Wednesday during lecture period from 5 to 8 pm from 02 May 2018. Every second Wednesday there is a special theme night with games, music and films.

The next application phase for the Integra programme starts on August 1, 2018.

[Further information about the Integra programme can be found here.](#)

STUDY ABROAD INFO EVENTS – “WEGE INS AUSLAND”

Are you planning to spend a semester studying or carrying out an internship abroad? If so, you can find out more at the information sessions offered by the International Office.

25 April 2018, 12 to 2 pm in HZO 80: Exchange and Scholarship programmes at Ruhr-Universität (Europe)

27 June 2018, 12 to 2 pm in HGB 80: Exchange and Scholarship programmes at Ruhr-Universität (worldwide/USA, Australia, Asia, Latin America)

Students from all faculties and years may attend the sessions. The sessions are also especially interesting for first or second year students.

[More information about studying abroad.](#)



SERVICES AT RUHR-UNIVERSITÄT

Many institutions at RUB – in addition to the International Office – have exciting offers for international students. Here are some important themes and dates for the summer semester 2018.

DEPARTMENT GERMAN AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (DAF)

Do you want to improve your German language skills during your studies or exchange in Bochum? A broad range of German language courses at different levels are offered at Ruhr-Universität and in Bochum.

The Department German as a Foreign Language (DaF) is part of Ruhr-Universität Bochum. As the most important language course provider, it offers preparatory courses as well as courses during the semester at different levels. Credit points can be gained for the DaF courses and they prepare you for your “TestDaF” which is a language proficiency test.

Registration in person is necessary for the courses during term time. The registration dates for the summer semester 2018 are:

Wednesday, 11 April 2018, from 10 am until 3 pm

Thursday, 12 April 2018, from 10 am until 3 pm

Location: Universitätsstraße 90 (Campus line U 35: Stop “Wasserstraße”)

You must register personally, even if you have taken courses with us during the previous semester. Consultation and placement take about an hour in total. **Lessons start on Monday, 16 April 2018.**

[Information about the German courses during term time.](#)

CAREER SERVICE

The Career Service of Ruhr-Universität Bochum supports students in the organization of practically oriented studies and the entry into the professional world. The Career Service offers a wide range of information, events, courses, lectures and workshops, as well as personal advice.

Events in summer 2018

08 May 2018, Presentation Skills and Public Speaking, 10 am to 5 pm, Oase, room 6

12 June 2018, Self-Presentation for Assessment Center and Job Interview, 10 am to 5 pm, Oase, room 6

For most events registration is required. Simply send an email including the following data to careerservice@rub.de: First and last name, email address, study subjects, desired degree, desired seminars, matriculation number.

[A variety of other events of the Career Service can be found here.](#)

SCHREIBZENTRUM – WRITING CERNTRE

RUB's Writing Centre aims to professionalise the teaching and learning of scientific writing for students at RUB. In summer semester 2018 the Schreibzentrum offers diverse mini-workshops that might be interesting for international students too.

[The offers for writers who write in a foreign language or whose mother tongue is not German, can be found here.](#)

In order to register for one of these workshops, please send an email with your name, your telephone number and the course, which you would like to attend, to schreibzentrum@rub.de. Alternatively, you could receive a personal coaching. The writing centre does not offer a correction of texts but it accompanies and gives you advice during your writing process. To arrange a personal coaching please write an email to Ulrike.Lange@rub.de.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

The **University Library** is open Mondays to Fridays from 8 am to 12 am, Saturdays from 11 am to 8 pm and Sundays from 11 am to 6 pm.

You are not yet familiar with the library system of Ruhr-Universität and need an introduction? On the following dates, there will be 60-minute introductions on how to use the library in English from 12.15 till 1.15 pm:

25 April 2018, 18 May 2018, 19 June 2018, 11 July 2018

[Please register for the guided tours on this website.](#)

UNIVERSITY SPORTS

Would you like to be active in your free time? Then the offers of the "University Sports" are just right for you! Create a healthy balance to everyday university studies and work life – around 80 sports are available for you to choose from. The offers consist of fitness and ball sports, swimming, diving, climbing, ballet, running clubs, sailing and much more. Moreover, the university-run gym "Unifit" is at your disposal in the centre of Bochum, where you can attend individual training programmes in state-of-the-art facilities on an area covering 1,100 m².

[Here you can find an overview of all sport activities.](#)

You need to register for all courses with University Sports Bochum. The registration for the summer semester 2018 already started. First you need to buy a sports card (€18 for students; valid for one semester). The costs for the courses vary from course to course.

In the week from 9 till 15 April 2018 you can visit most courses without registering to try these out. On 16 April, 20% of the places in these courses will be unlocked for registration.

You require a German bank account to register online. [Detailed instructions on how to register.](#)

If you have any questions or do not have a German bank account, you can visit University Sports Bochum during the designated office hours.

[Office hours of University Sports.](#)

PROJECT „GEMEINSAM – STUDIES FÜR FLÜCHTLINGE“

The project “Gemeinsam – Studies für Flüchtlinge” of the AStA (General Students’ Committee) aims to ease participants into everyday life on campus and to provide support organising their future studies. Sport, music and cooking events are also on the schedule.

As a buddy, you help the participants to inform themselves about the possible courses of study and to master the bureaucratic hurdles during enrollment. You support your buddies concerning all questions related to their studies and Ruhr-Universität and you help them to find the necessary information and advice.

[You want to become a buddy for prospective refugee students? All information can be found here.](#)

RUB ARTS AND CULTURE INTERNATIONAL

The project RUB Arts & Culture International is a cooperation of Muisches Zentrum and inSTUDIESplus at Ruhr-Universität Bochum.

The next events of RUB Arts and Culture international are:

EuRUBvision Contest on 4 May 2018 from 7 to 10 pm, Muisches Zentrum RUB

This event is all about the Eurovision Song Contest. You can vote on the best video clip from the last 40 years of ESC history and students present live acts, dance and music. Information and registration at euRubvision@rub.de.

„OPEN STAGE – The floor is yours!“, Muisches Zentrum, Universitätsstraße 150, 44801 Bochum
Tuesday, 7 pm on 24 April | 08 May | 05 May | 19 June | 03 July | 17 July

Students and researchers from Bochum and around the world are invited to play on the open stage. Present your specific cultural knowledge in heterogeneous forms and formats of showing and telling. With lecture performances, powerpoint-karaoke, lip-synching and music-gigs as well as dance and other Do-it-Yourself-formats.

[For more information, visit the Facebook page of RUB Arts & Culture International.](#)

UNIVERSITY SUMMER FESTIVAL

Many different live bands, street food stands and a varied supporting programme await you at Ruhr-Universität’s summer festival. As every year, one highlight is the Firework, which is fired above of the Audimax at about 10.45 pm.

30 May 2018, starting from 4 pm, campus of Ruhr-Universität Bochum

[Further Information about the programme can be found here.](#)

FURTHER SERVICES

Get to know Bochum and Germany! In Bochum and the surrounding area there are many interesting events and projects in which you can participate. Here you will find a small selection for the summer semester 2018. Have fun!

SCHAUSPIELHAUS BOCHUM THEATRE FLATRATE

Bochum's **Schauspielhaus** is one of the most renowned theatres in Germany and is a highlight in the Ruhr area. With a mixture of classical and experimental theatre, there is something for every taste. RUB students can visit the regular theatre performances at the Schauspielhaus as many times as they like – and for free!

The tickets can be reserved at the box office at the Schauspielhaus up to three days before the performance with the keyword "Theaterflatrate". The collection of reserved tickets is only possible up to 30 minutes before the start of the respective theatre performance and only with a valid student ID at the box office.

[Further information about the theatre flat rate can be found here.](#)

In addition to Schauspielhaus, numerous other theatres such as [PRINZREGENT-THEATER](#), [ROTTSTR. Theater](#) and [Theater Total](#) offer an attractive, avant-garde and wide-ranging programme in Bochum.

EXTRASCHICHT

Every year in the Ruhr area a one-day cultural festival takes place under the name "ExtraSchicht – The Night of Industrial Culture". Visitors can visit about 500 different events in over 20 different cities – from classical music to theater, comedy and special tours to fireworks. The events take place at more than 45 former industrial sites.

Costs: until 16 May 12 € (early bird discount), afterwards 20 €

Inclusive: free entry to all venues as well as the use of extra shuttle buses between the cities.

30. June 2018, 6 pm to 2 am, different venues in the Ruhr area

[Further information about the Extraschicht as well as the venues and the programme can be found here.](#)

BOCHUM TOTAL

From **19 till 22 July**, the music festival "**Bochum Total**" will take place in Bochum around the Bermuda3Eck. With an average of 700,000 visitors, Bochum Total is one of the largest music festivals in Europe – for free and outdoors. Bochum Total sees itself as a rock and pop festival and focuses on progressive and original music.

19 till 22 July 2018, various stages in the city centre of Bochum

[Here you can find further information about the line-up at Bochum Total.](#)

RETROSPECTIVE

Some of our events have already taken place during the semester break. Here you will find a short review of the most important activities of the International Office.

ORIENTATION DAYS (O-DAYS)

Just like at the beginning of every semester, RUBiss hosted orientation events for new international students in the summer semester 2018:

The Orientation Days took place between 5 and 7 April 2018, where approx. 200 students took part. During the O-Days local students, acting as “Campus Guides” introduced the newcomers to their subjects, supported them for formalities and provided them with an insight into campus life.

[More information about the O-Days.](#)

Would you like to welcome new international students at Ruhr-Universität and help them with their first steps yourself? For each semester, the RUBiss team is looking for new Campus Guides. We are very happy about your commitment and support!

[Here you can find all information about our campus guides programme.](#)

GRANT OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

More than 40 international students applied for a graduation grant for the summer semester 2018. The selection committee of the International Office will decide over the grants in the mid of April. The scholarships are funded by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) from funds of the Federal Foreign Office. The graduation grants are offered every semester.

[Further information about the graduation grants of the International Office can be found here.](#)



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