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› Behind the Scenes – Understanding German Research Institutions

Date:	Wednesday, 22 April 2020, 10 am to 1 pm
Organiser:	Graduate Centre
Location:	Graduate Centre, Schlossplatz 6, Room 001
Enrolment:	http://go.wwu.de/9h-jb

German research landscape might be confusing to junior researchers, particularly to international academics. Understanding the higher education system is a precondition for navigating it successfully. Find out about different research institutions, such as universities, research associations and companies - not only as research partners but also als possible employers after your academic qualification. Using University of Münster as an example for German universities and funding schemes you will also learn more about your direct research environment with regard to third party funded projects and the cooperation between universities and other research institutions.

› Self-leadership for Postdocs

Date:	Tuesday, 12 May 2020, 9:30am – 4:30 pm
Organiser:	Graduate Centre
Location:	Café Couleur, Wilmergasse 2
Information:	http://go.wwu.de/9h-jb

In order to lead others, you need to learn to lead yourself and evolve. Self-leadership means looking at yourself and understanding your own attitudes, habits and beliefs as well as your strengths, experiences and skills. Becoming aware of your preferences and best options, and taking charge of your own reactions, decisions and ways of communicating is a vital first

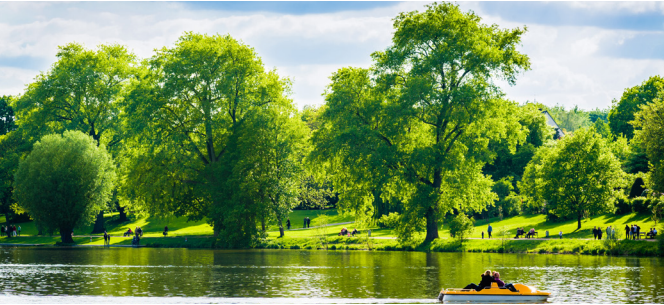


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step to becoming an effective leader. This workshop offers you a chance to reflect your different roles, what you want to achieve and practise the process for taking charge of yourself. It is designed for those who have the ambition to become better leaders and communicators, as well as have the confidence to make decisions that are more balanced.

› Family Summer Fest UKM Sommerfestival 2020

Date:	Saturday, 6 June 2020
Organiser:	UKM
Location:	Albert-Schweizer-Campus 1, Dekanatgarten
Enrolment:	oprea@stw-muenster.de

Enjoy a spring afternoon outside with various attractions for kids and their parents on the the lawn in front of the SchlossAlbert-Schweizer-Campus. Among other offers, there will be an inflatable jumping castle, a balloon clown, games and makeup for kids. Sausages on the grill, a cake buffet and drinks are available too .

› Africa Festival – African Market

Date:	Wednesday, 10 until Sunday, 21 June 2020
Organiser:	Africa Cooperative e.V. Münster
Location:	Various locations and courtyard of the municipal building (Rathaus-Innenhof)
Information:	www.afrika-kooperative.blogspot.de

The Africa festival features various readings and concerts, culminating in a weekend market in the internal courtyard of the town hall. There you will find traditional craftwork, colourful fabrics, exotic food, live music and entertainment for kids.

› Intercultural Lunch - Let's eat & talk: Returning to your homeland after your doctorate – opportunities and challenges

Date:	Monday, 18 May 2020, 12-2 pm
Organiser:	Graduate Centre
Location:	Graduate Centre, Schlossplatz 6, Room 001
Enrollment:	http://go.wwu.de/9h-jb

We are inviting you to talk about your vision for the future after the doctorate over a sandwich. This gathering is a perfect opportunity to talk with others about things that await you in your home country after earning the doctoral degree. We will discuss the options after gaining the doctoral title: staying in Germany, going back home or maybe there's another alternative? Let's eat and talk to each other.

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› Soccer tournament (For students and PhDs only)

Date:	Saturday, 15 June 2020, times to be announced
Organiser:	Die Brücke (International Office)
Location:	Café Couleur, Wilmergasse 2
Enrolment:	mingchun.xu@wwu.de

Summer is on its way and it's time for our annual soccer tournament. Die Brücke warmly invites you to form a team and participate!

› Summer Festival of the Foreigners Student Union

Date:	Saturday, 11 July 2020, 3 pm until midnight
Organiser:	ASV (Ausländische Studierendenvertretung = Foreigners Student Union)
Location:	Schlossplatz
Information:	www.asv.ms

This popular event attracts over 5000 visitors each year. Clubs and communities from different countries present their music, traditions and original food. This is one of the highlight's of the summer

› Negotiation skills – leading focused discussions with confidence

Date:	Wednesday, 1 July 2020, 9am – 5 pm
Organiser:	Graduate Centre
Location:	Graduate Centre, Schlossplatz 6, Room 001
Enrollment:	http://go.wwu.de/9h-jb

As researchers, you spend a large part of your working day negotiating workloads, resources, materials, priorities, terms and conditions, etc. This training is a well-balanced combination of interactive and practise sessions that offer the opportunity to practise the skills needed to becoming more confident in conducting negotiations. After receiving short theoretical input, you will prepare and practise a negotiation with a key partner. We will mainly focus on the solution-focused approach of leading conversations based on the Harvard Negotiation Principles. For future reference, participants will receive a PDF file of the training content complete with pictures taken during the training.

› Useful Links of our Partners

You can find more interesting events of our partners here:

- › **Graduate Centre:** This is the central office for PhD students and Post-Docs at Münster University. They offer tips, advice and workshops on academic qualifications as well as life in Münster. Under the following link you can find their current events: <https://www.uni-muenster.de/GraduateCentre/Programm/index.html>
- › **Safir:** Safir is the University of Münster's research funding support. They offer advice and counselling on how you find funding for your research, may it be a project or a research stay abroad. Do not hesitate to contact them with any question you may have regarding finding funding. Apart from personal advice they also offer seminars and talks on finding funding on a regular basis. You can find the dates for those here: <https://www.uni-muenster.de/Safir/>
- › **Dual Career Service:** The Dual Career Service helps partners of visiting academics to improve their professional profile and prepare job interviews, while searching an occupation in Münster. It also informs about other meaningful activities as language courses and professional training. Follow this link for more information: <https://www.uni-muenster.de/karriere/en/career.html>
- › **Die Brücke:** This is the international centre of Münster University, which offers a varied programme for students and PhDs. You can find their events here: <https://www.uni-muenster.de/DieBruecke/veranstaltungen/index.html> or on their Facebook Page.
- › **Social Affairs Office of the Student Support Services:** We recommend these events especially to families. Throughout the semester and during the semester breaks they offer varied activities accompanying festivities as Carnival, Easter and Christmas and many trips in the surroundings. You can find their programme here: <https://www.stw-muenster.de/de/sozialberatung/veranstaltungen/>
- › **University Sports department:** The university sports department offers 115 different courses for any taste and moves more than 20.000 people weekly... Find out more about the right activity for yourself here: <https://www.uni-muenster.de/Hochschulsport/en/>

› More...

During the year, the city of Münster offers a lot of tournaments we can't list here, for example several sports events, the Send and the Christmas markets. Moreover, many districts as the Kreuzviertel, Südviertel, Mauritz West and Hiltrup have their own little festivals. Find more events here: <http://www.muenster.de/stadt/tourismus/en/events.html>

› Events for International and German Academics and Families

Summer Semester 2020



› Regular Events and Services

› Monthly Academics: Every 4th Friday

Date:	Once each month as announced via newsletter
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location:	Alexander-von-Humboldt-Haus Hüfferstraße 61, 48149 Münster
Enrolment:	support.academics@uni-muenster.de

With the “Monthly Academics”, we provide the opportunity of an open gathering for International and German academics and their families. During the event normally a short lecture is held by a visiting or German researcher of the WWU or a special topic is presented. Afterwards we offer the opportunity to network with a small snack. You'll find more information about the single events on the next pages.

› German “Stammtisch” - German Conversation Group

Date:	Once or twice each month 5-6:30 pm
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office) and WWU Language Centre
Location:	Alexander-von-Humboldt-Haus Hüfferstraße 61, 48149 Münster
Enrolment:	support.academics@uni-muenster.de

During our monthly “Stammtisch”, you can practice your German in an informal environment with a moderator from the WWU Language Centre, discussing different topics with fellow researchers. Coffee, tea, and soft drinks will be provided by the Welcome Centre. The single events are announced through the newsletter and on the black boards on the guest house premises.

› Welcome Centre Consultation Hours & Tutor Service

Date:	Monday, 9.30 to 11.30 am and Thursday, 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm or by appointment
Location:	Hüfferstraße 59, Room 104, 48149 Münster
Appointment:	audrey.busch@uni-muenster.de;
Link:	www.unimuenster.de/forschung/en/wissenschaftler/beratung/index.html

In the open reception hour of the Welcome Centre, Mrs Audrey Busch offers individual counselling to international academics on topics such as bureaucratic issues, financing your stay, and family support. For particularly complex matters, you can also make an appointment with the Tutor Service at support.academics@uni-muenster.de in order to obtain assistance in the procedures at the Foreigners’ Registration Office.

› Current Events of the Welcome Centre

Welcome weeks (March-April 2020)

› Guided Tour of Münster for postdocs and professors

Date:	Sunday, 29 March 2020, 11 am to 12:30 pm
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location:	Schloss-Haupteingang (main entrance castle)
Enrolment:	support.academics@uni-muenster.de

For those who just arrived (or others who didn’t have time yet to discover the centre), this walking-tour will illustrate the highlights of historical Münster. The tour will be in English and the attendance is limited to 25 people, so please register as soon as possible to participate.

› Presentation of university services for internationally mobile researchers with cooperation partners

Date:	Thursday, 23 April 2020, 4 pm to 6 pm
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location:	Alexander von Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment:	audrey.busch@uni-muenster.de

The Welcome Centre and various partners from WWU, such as the Graduate Centre, the Language Centre and the University Sports department will present their portfolio for international researchers. Afterwards we will offer you some coffee, tea, and biscuits, while giving you the chance to mingle with the other guests.

› Weekend Workshop German

Date:	Friday, 24 April 2020, 3 to 6 pm and Saturday, 25 April 2020, 10 am to 1 pm
Organiser:	Language Centre in cooperation with Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location:	Alexander-von-Humboldt Haus, Hüfferstraße 61, Room 139
Enrolment:	support.academics@uni-muenster.de

This intensive German course for intermediate beginners (from level A2) will give you a head start to conversation in German and train you in some grammar basics, while providing a fun experience. We will work around the topic of a visit at the market, including asking for directions, and actually on the second day you will prepare a fruit-salad with the ingredients you bought.

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› Guided Tour through the Botanical Garden

Date:	Sunday, 17 May 2020 from 10.30 am until noon
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location:	Entrance of the Botanical Garden
Enrolment:	support.academics@uni-muenster.de

Explore the beauty of spring and the diverse flora in the botanical garden in a guided tour by one of its employees. Afterwards, those who wish can gather for a self-organised pick-nick on the lawn behind the castle. The attendance is limited.

› Monthly Academics “On Humboldt’s traces to the East” in cooperation with...

Date:	Friday, 10 June 2020, 7 to 7 pm
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location:	Alexander von Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment:	support.academics@uni-muenster.de

In this special edition ... with member of German foreign ministry. The talk will be followed by the possibility for a discussion with contributions from the audience. To finish we will offer you a small snack and time to network.

› Monthly Academics...

Date:	Friday, 26 June 2020 from 5 pm to 7 pm
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location:	Alexander von Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment:	support.academics@uni-muenster.de

..... The talks will be followed by a Q&A session. At the end there is time to network with a small snack.

› Radtour / Cycling tour

Date:	Sunday, 28 June 2020 from 5 pm to 7 pm
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location:	Alexander von Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment:	support.academics@uni-muenster.de

We will explore the City of Münster and the Münsterland by bike.

› Summer BBQ with Member of the WWU Rectorate

Date:	Friday, 10 July from 4.30 pm to 7pm
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office)
Location:	Alexander-von-Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment:	support.academics@uni-muenster.de

The Summer BBQ is a traditional moment to say good-bye to those of you leaving and welcome the new arrivals. A member

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of the WWU rectorate will join us for a greeting. Weather allowing we invite you to gather in front of the Humboldt clubhouse with a nice selection of grilled goods and salads enjoying the interesting conversation between International and German guests.

› Monthly Academics Summer Programme

Date:	Friday, 28 August 2020, 5 to 7pm
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office), with the Inner Wheel Club Münster
Location:	Alexander-von-Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment:	audrey.busch@uni-muenster.de

In this smaller-scale edition of the Monthly Academics we present an overview of leisure time activities in Münster during the summer for individuals and families. We will have flyers and information about everything from outdoor sports to culture and places to go out. Hot and cold drinks are offered with some cookies.



› “Peace Summit” – Presentation of the International Peace Prize of Westphalia

Date:	Thursday, 17 September and Friday, 18 September 2020, 5 to 7 pm
Organiser:	Welcome Centre (International Office), with the Rectorate of the WWU
Location:	Alexander von Humboldt-Haus, Hüfferstraße 61
Enrolment:	support.academics@uni-muenster.de

On the occasion of the International Peace Prize of Westphalia, the Rectorate of the WWU is organising the first “MünsterSummit” on 17 and 18 September, in cooperation with the prize donors, the Economic Society of Westphalia and Lippe e.V.. The plans envisage a series of events based on the sustainability goals defined by the UN and tailored to the prize winners as readings, concerts or panel discussions. In this framework the Welcome Centre plans to award a peace and conflict research-related project as part of the DFG funded initiative “MünsterPeace Research Prizes”.

› International Office – Welcome Centre

Our mission is to offer assistance and advice to international academics and their hosts, before, during and after their stay in Münster, regarding generic topics such as:

- › Immigration & residence formalities
- › Financing your stay
- › Developing your career
- › Accommodation
- › Family & childcare support
- › Dual Career
- › Language Courses & Tandems
- › University Sports

WWU Partners

Graduate Centre, SAFIR, Language Centre, Human Resources, Family Service Office & Dual Career Service

External Partners

City of Münster (Foreigners’ Registration Office, School Office, Family Bureau), Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Student Support Services at WWU (Studierendenwerk)

We maintain the guesthouses of the WWU, providing 110 apartments available for our international guests and their families in central locations in Münster.

We are looking forward to seeing you!
Your Welcome Centre Team

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