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Dear alumna, dear alumnus, dear DAAD friends,

Welcome to the 22nd edition of the DAAD Australia newsletter!

In times of economic difficulties, intercultural communication and exchange become more important than ever. Our world is becoming increasingly globalised and growing ever closer together, and exchange and understanding between cultures are becoming more common as well as more important because of it.

The DAAD is continuing its mission of promoting academic exchange and intercultural experiences, and this edition of our newsletter will again bring you many examples of cooperation and joint increase of knowledge that brings us all forward, together.

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As we continue to brave the "tyranny of distance" between Australia and Germany, we've once again made this newsletter or Rundbrief respectively a mix of English and German, which we hope will be interesting for everyone. We'd love to hear your feedback and comments on all aspects of the newsletter!

Enjoy!



Ahil, Elisabeth, Frieda & Andreas

New Vice and President for the DAAD and other changes at the German Embassy, the German Consulate-General, the Goethe-Institut and the DAAD

The DAAD has a new president! Professor Dr Margret Wintermantel, President of the German Rectors' Conference ('Hochschulrektorenkonferenz', HRK), will be the new President of the DAAD from 1 January 2012 onwards. As well DAAD will have a new Vice-President: Professor Dr. Joybrato Mukherjee, President of Justus Liebig University of Gießen. Margret Wintermantel and Joybrato Mukherjee were elected by a large majority at the General Assembly of the representatives of all 235 member higher education institutions and 125 member student bodies of the DAAD. Since Prof Dr Sabine Kunst stepped down in February 2011 after having been appointed Brandenburg's Minister of Higher Education and Research, long-standing Vice-President Prof Dr Max G. Huber took over the official duties. With Prof Wintermantel's election, a woman will be heading the world's largest academic exchange organisation for the second time.

Margret Wintermantel studied psychology and publishing at Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz from 1966 to 1970. In 1972, she gained her Dr. rer. nat. in psychology; in 1986, she completed her Habilitation (professorial qualification) in psychology at the University of Heidelberg. Before being elected HRK President in March 2006, Wintermantel had already been HRK Vice-President for Research and Junior Scientists and Scholars and, from 2000 to 2006, President of the University of the Saar. She is also a member of numerous national and international bodies.

Prof. Joybrato Mukherjee studied English language and literature, biology and education science at RWTH Aachen from 1992 to 1997. In 2000, he did his doctorate in English linguistics at the University of Bonn and completed his Habilitation in English philology in 2003. Before Mukherjee, who was 36 years old at the time, became President of the University of Gießen in December 2009, he had already been Vice Dean of the Department of Languages, Literature and Culture there from 2004 to 2008 and First Vice-President from 2008 to 2009.



DAAD Secretary General Dr. Rüländ (l.) und Vice President Prof. Huber (r.)

congratulating Prof. Wintermantel and Prof. Mukherjee on their election. Photo: Daniela Schmitter

More changes at German institutions in Australia:

- *German Embassy in Canberra*: Ambassador Dr Michael Witter has left Australia in August. His successor Dr Christoph Müller took up his duties in September. His new deputy will be Matthias Sonn.
- *German Consulate-General in Sydney*: Consul General Hans Gnodtke has left as well and has been replaced by Hans-Dieter Steinbach. His new deputy is Anne-Kirsten Wohlleben.
- The *Goethe-Institut Australia* has a new director: Dr Arpad Sölter is replacing Klaus Krischok. A farewell party for Klaus Krischok and the welcome for Arpad Sölter was held at the Goethe-Institut in Sydney on August 25.
- Here at the *DAAD*, we'd like to introduce our new intern: Frieda Grashoff is studying law at Ruhr-University Bochum and is currently completing the fifth semester of her law degree at Macquarie University in Sydney. As part of her units she will support out team until November.

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With a deadline of September 30 (date of receipt at DAAD in Sydney), the following programmes are open for applications:

Study Scholarships for Graduates of All Disciplines

Excellent-qualified graduates of all disciplines holding a first degree (Bachelors) who seek to complete a postgraduate or Master's degree course at a German higher education institution can apply for a 10-month scholarship. Scholarships may be extended to 22 months.

Please note that applicants should have received their last degree no longer than six years before the application deadline and that stays will run from April/October of the following year.

More information: <http://ic.daad.de/sydney/graduates.htm>

Research Grants for Doctoral Candidates, Young Academics and Scientists

Research grants provide young academics and scientists with an opportunity to carry out a research project or a course of continuing education at a German university or non-university research institute as follows:

- research projects at a German university for a doctorate in the home country
- research projects or continuing education without aiming for a formal degree/qualification

Excellent-qualified graduates holding a (research) Masters / Honours degree should hand in a convincing and well-planned research or continuing education and training project.

This grant is available in two categories, short-term stays (1 to 6 months) and long-term stays (up to 12 months), which can be extended up to 24 months. Stays of up to 6 months may run from March 2012, stays of more than six months may run from April.

Please note that applicants should have received their last degree no longer than six years before the application deadline; PhD students should have started their PhD no longer than three years before the application deadline. Applicants with a PhD applying for a long stay should have finished their PhD no more than two years prior to application, and applicants with a PhD applying for a short stay should have finished their PhD no more than four years prior to application.

More information: <http://ic.daad.de/sydney/researchDAADships.htm>

Scholarships for Artists

These study scholarships aim to provide foreign applicants from the field of Fine Art, Design, Film, Music and Architecture as well as Drama, Direction, Dance and Choreography with an opportunity to complete a course of extension studies, without gaining a formal degree or qualification, at a German state (public) or state-recognised higher education institution.

Scholarships are generally awarded for 12 months, though extensions of up to 24 months are possible. Stays may run from October 2012.

Please note that applicants should have received their last degree no longer than six years before the application deadline.

More information: <http://ic.daad.de/sydney/artists.htm>

Study Visits for Academics

Our study visits for academics aim to enable lecturers from the fields of Fine Art, Design, Film, Music, Architecture as well as Performing Arts (Drama, Direction, Dance, Choreography, etc.) to apply for a supported study visit for the purpose of artistic cooperation with a German host institution.

To qualify for support under the study visits for artists program, applicants must be lecturing at a higher education institution in their home country. A well-planned and convincing project is an important selection criterion. The application papers must be

accompanied by written confirmation of academic supervision or confirmation of agreement having been reached with a German institution of higher education.

Depending on the applicant's work schedule, the study visit will last between one and three months, to run from March of the following year

Please note: DAAD support for study visits by artists can only be awarded once in any three-year period.

More information: <http://ic.daad.de/sydney/artists.htm>

Research Stays for University Academics and Scientists

These grants and scholarships aim to provide foreign academics and scientists working in higher education or at research institutes with an opportunity to carry out a research project at a state (public) or state-recognised higher education institution or non-university research institute in Germany.

Excellent-qualified academics and scientists holding a PhD and working in higher education or at a research institute in their home country should have a convincing and well-planned research project for 1 to 3 months.

Excellent-qualified academics and scientists holding a PhD and working in higher education or at a research institute in their home country should hand in a convincing and well-planned research project for a stay to run from March 2012.

More information: http://ic.daad.de/sydney/academics_and_scientists.htm

Re-invitation Program for Former Scholarship Holders

Former holders (of scholarships of over 6 months) may apply for a re-invitation to Germany to complete a research or work project at a state (public) or state-recognised higher education institution or non-university research institute for 1 to 3 months.

They must have a well-planned research or work project to be completed during their stay in Germany and provide proof of a workplace being provided at the host institute.

Please note that support for a re-invitation can only be awarded once in any three-year period.

Stays may run from March 2012.

More information: <http://ic.daad.de/sydney/reinvitation.htm>

If you have any questions about these programs or your applications, please do not hesitate to email us on daad.australia@gmail.com!

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Changes to some of our Scholarship Programmes

There have been some small but important changes to some of our scholarship programmes this year.

- The "**Study Scholarships for Graduates of All Disciplines**" programme has been extended to include the first or second year of a postgraduate or Master's programme in Germany, provided the final degree will be gained at the home university. This programme now also serves combined and joint degree courses.
- The "**Study Scholarships for Artists and Architects**" programme has been extended to include funding for postgraduate degree courses of up to two years leading to a degree.
- The "**Re-Invitation Programme for Former Scholarship Holders**" is now open to former scholarship holders working outside the academic/science sector. To maintain contact with Germany, former DAAD Research Grant or Study Scholarship holders with funding for more than six months and former GDR (East German) Scholarship holders who studied in Germany for more than six months may apply for a re-invitation. Funding is available for research and working projects at a state or state-recognised (public) university or a non-university research institution. Former graduates working outside the science sector may also apply for funding to cover a working stay at another institution in business or industry, administration, culture or media.

In unserem Stipendienangebot gibt es dieses Jahr ein paar kleine, aber dafür umso wichtigere Veränderungen:

- Das Programm "**Stipendien für Graduierte aller wissenschaftlichen Fächer**" wurde erweitert: Es kann nun auch das erste oder zweite Jahr eines Aufbau- oder Masterstudiums in Deutschland absolviert werden, wenn der Abschluss an der Heimathochschule erworben werden soll.
- Das Programm "**Stipendien für Künstler und Architekten**" wurde erweitert: Es können nun auch bis zu zweijährige Aufbaustudiengänge mit Abschluss gefördert werden.
- Das Programm "**Wiedereinladungen für ehemalige Stipendiaten**" wurde für die Förderung von Aufenthalten nicht wissenschaftlich tätiger ehemaliger Stipendiaten geöffnet.

Research in Germany: Science Tour 2011 – Apply now!

Application deadline: October 9, 2011

Tour dates: December 4 to 10, 2011

The DAAD is inviting scientists and administrators from medical schools, universities and research institutions to participate in a tour on medical research and graduate education in Germany.

The tour will focus on three current issues in modern health care:

- personalised medicine
- neurodegenerative diseases
- cancer research

However, due to the broad range of institutions involved, we expect the tour to be valuable to participants with more general interests as well.

The tour will provide an overview of cutting-edge research at German universities, hospitals, research institutions and companies, as well as on graduate education in medicine and related disciplines. Comprehensive information on funding opportunities for cooperation in education and research will also be provided.

Currently, visits to the following institutions are planned:

- **Universities** (including their medical schools): LMU Munich, Eberhard Karls University Tübingen, Heidelberg University
- **Research Institutions:** Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry (Munich), Hertie Institute for Clinical Brain Research (Tübingen), Fraunhofer Institute for Interfacial Engineering and Biotechnology (Stuttgart), European Molecular Biology Laboratory (Heidelberg), German Cancer Research Center (Heidelberg)
- **Companies:** Roche Diagnostics (Penzberg)

Who can apply?

The announcement addresses researchers and administrators attempting to initiate close cooperation with German colleagues, either in their specific research area or at an institutional level.

Typically, the participants in this programme are senior scientists, researchers and administrators; they are policy-makers in national agencies and other experts in the fields of science and higher education. Applicants should be in a position to initiate and to manage major projects in cutting edge research or education cooperation. They should not have recently participated in another information trip to Germany. German language skills are not essential, as the programme will be in English.

How do I apply?

The application deadline is October 9, 2011.

To apply, please fill in the online application form: <http://research-in-germany.de/coremedia/generator/dachportal/en/h-formularbaukasten/science-tour/74528/science-tour-2011.html>

Please note that at the end of this document you will need to upload a letter of motivation and your CV including a list of publications.

What will my costs be?

The DAAD is responsible for the organisation and implementation of the tour and will be at your disposal during your stay and for follow-up. All programme-related costs in Germany (accommodation, travel, most meals) will be borne by the DAAD. International travel is at the participants' expense.

Programme background

The Science Tour is part of the initiative "Promote Innovation and Research in Germany", funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. Under the brand "Research in Germany – Land of Ideas", various activities aim at strengthening and expanding R&D collaboration between Germany and international partners.

Each year, the DAAD hosts delegation tours for foreign scientists. During visits to renowned research institutions, universities and corporate R&D facilities, scientists are introduced to the German research landscape and get to know German colleagues from the same area of expertise. In addition, they can learn about funding opportunities for cooperation in education and research in order to initiate new cooperation in research and at an institutional level. Feedback from previous tours demonstrates the effectiveness of this approach.

More info: http://www.research-in-germany.de/74586/2011-09-01-science-tour-2011-health-research-in-germany_sourcePagelId=8240.html

If you have **any questions**, Anne Knab (knab@daad.de) will be happy to help you.

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RISE-Programm ausgeweitet + Neue Runde für 2012!

Das Interesse an der diesjährigen, ersten RISE weltweit-Runde war extrem positiv: Anfang dieses Jahres konnten 247 deutschen Studierende für Sommerpraktikumsaufenthalte in 22 Ländern der Welt ausgewählt werden. Insgesamt gab es 643 Praktikumsangebote aus 34 Ländern.

RISE weltweit ermöglicht es deutschen Bachelor-Studierenden im Bereich der Natur-, Ingenieur- und Lebenswissenschaften, aber auch angrenzenden Disziplinen, Forschungspraktika an Hochschulen und außeruniversitären Forschungseinrichtungen auf der ganzen Welt zu absolvieren. Internationale Kontakte und Partner könnten also potentielle Mentoren und Betreuer für einen gut ausgebildeten deutschen Praktikanten im Sommer 2012 werden.

In der zweiten Hälfte des vergangenen Jahres war das ursprünglich unter dem Namen "RISE in North America" bekannte Forschungspraktikumsprogramm des DAAD für deutsche Bachelor-Studierende in "RISE weltweit" umgewandelt worden. **RISE** steht für **Research Internships in Science and Engineering**.

Die Zahlen für Australien können sich sehen lassen – hier waren Angebot und Nachfrage neben dem Interesse aus und an den USA weltweit am höchsten. Insgesamt wurden aus 252 Bewerbungen auf 156 Angebote 59 KandidatInnen ausgewählt (25 Frauen und 34 Männer), die sich wie folgt verteilen: Australian National University 6, RMIT University 5, University of Sydney 5, Monash University 4, University of Adelaide 4, University of Queensland 4, University of Western Australia 4, Macquarie University 3, Queensland University of Technology 3, University of Melbourne 3, University of New South Wales 3, University of Newcastle 3, Victoria University 3, Charles Sturt University 2, Flinders University 2, Neuroscience Research Australia 2, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) 1, La Trobe University 1, University of Southern Queensland 1.



Für die nächste "RISE weltweit" Runde im Sommer 2012 ist eine Wiederbewerbung als Anbieter bei RISE weltweit möglich. Anbieter können einfach das Angebot aus dem letzten Jahr in der Datenbank aktualisieren und auf 2012 umschreiben, da alle Daten von 2011 noch vorhanden sind.

Das Zeitfenster zum Einstellen von weltweiten Praktikumsplätzen in der Online-Datenbank ist 10. Oktober - 27. November 2011.



Information on RISE in English

After the very successful start of RISE worldwide – with the DAAD supporting almost 250 projects by funding undergraduate German students to work as research assistants – the award-winning program is returning in 2012. Research groups, laboratories and doctoral students can apply to host a motivated and well-qualified student from Germany as a research intern in 2012. You are invited to submit project offers on www.daad.de/rise-programs.

The German intern will assist in research and lab work. The students with academic training in the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences, engineering, or a closely related field, receive a DAAD

scholarship to help cover living expenses and travel costs.

RISE worldwide is supported by the Federal Republic of Germany through funding from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

Program Requirements

You are a professor, a postdoc or PhD student, employed by or affiliated with an accredited academic institution or a non-profit research institution, working in the field of natural sciences, earth sciences or engineering. You agree to supervise and support the assigned student in local administrative matters, with finding accommodation and possibly with recreational activities. We highly recommend integrating PhD students into the project although this is not mandatory.

Scholarship for German students

The intern will receive a monthly allowance, a travel subsidy (both depending on the target country) as well as health, accident and personal liability insurance.

Why should you participate?

You will...

- have an assistant for your experimental work,
- develop your soft skills and skills in personnel management, which are of special importance to PhD students,
- establish and/or strengthen contacts with German universities and the German research landscape,
- extend your professional relationships for lifelong networking.

How does RISE worldwide work?

- Researchers from accredited universities and non-profit research institutions register online and submit project offers, including a one-page project description. DAAD posts the internship offers in a database on its website.
- German applicants register online to review the project offers. They apply from December through mid-January to a maximum of three projects.
- The German applicants' profiles are checked for eligibility by DAAD staff and are then activated to be reviewed online by the researchers.
- The prospective hosts are asked to provide DAAD with a list ranking the most qualified applicants.
- On the basis of these ranking lists, the academic credentials of the students, and the demand for a project, DAAD makes its final decisions, notifies successful hosts, and awards scholarships in March.

Duration: 6 weeks to 3 months; earliest starting date: June 1, 2012

Submission of project proposals: October 10 to November 27, 2011, at www.daad.de/rise-programs.

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Scholarships available in the Humanities

The **Australian Academy of the Humanities** is offering up to ten **Travelling Fellowships** of up to \$4,000 for research abroad in the coming year to improve the capacity of Australian scholars to conduct research in all parts of the world. They are available to permanent resident scholars in Australia working in the field of the Humanities who require access to resources held overseas. Travel must be for a minimum of two weeks.

- The **Ernst Keller European Travelling Fellowships** are available to scholars who are researching European topics or studies. Preference will be given to early career researchers and researchers in German studies; however, researchers in other European topics are eligible for the Fellowship and are welcome to apply.
- For the **David Philips Travelling Fellowships**, preference will be given to proposals that contribute to the advancement of knowledge of racial, religious or ethnic prejudice. Applications from researchers of South African history are particularly welcome; however, researchers with other areas of geographical interest are also encouraged to apply.

Open for applications in early 2012. Further Information:

<http://www.humanities.org.au/Grants/InternationalProgrammes/HumanitiesTravellingFellowships.aspx>

German Universities through the Eyes of Foreign Students & Graduates

The latest results of two surveys reveal that Germany's excellent educational system, high level of personal safety and affordable tuition were cited by foreign students and graduates as the three main reasons for pursuing higher education in Germany. The results were collected by two major student mobility surveys: the "**International Student Barometer**" and "**Student Pulse**". Commissioned by the university consortium GATE-Germany, a joint initiative of the DAAD and the German Rectors' Conference (HRK), these surveys give German universities solid data on where and how best to reach and build lasting ties with their target groups.

Of the 160,000 international students at 46 German universities polled in 2010, 94% rated the reputation of German academic degrees as good to very good. Germany ranks fifth behind the UK, USA, Australia and Canada as a potential study abroad destination. The two surveys also clearly demonstrate the importance of a well-structured university website. Websites with clear-cut information and personal appeal have proven critical in attracting students. The survey also revealed personal safety as a decisive factor in selecting a study destination.

The surveys also report that foreign students want service-oriented support available on arrival. Transparent requirement profiles, regular feedback on performance, and continuous support are services and characteristics that influence the choices of high-performing students and young researchers. The survey states that practical help in entering a profession is of great value to international students. Dr Irene Jansen, Director of GATE Germany and DAAD Communications and Marketing Director comments: "We have to become more open and target-focused in handling the expectations of foreign students. This is a challenge that German universities must meet head-on."

To read the full interview with Irene Jansen, please visit: www.daad-magazin.de/18160/index.html

For further information on the International Student Barometer (ISB) poll (in German), please visit: www.gate-germany.de/isb

Neues DAAD-Lektorat in Adelaide

Mehrere Jahre haben wir darauf hingearbeitet, erst mussten wir die University of Adelaide überzeugen, dann das nötige „Kleingeld“ beim DAAD auftreiben, aber es hat sich gelohnt! In Zukunft wird es 3 DAAD-Lektoren auf diesem Kontinent geben, das ist ein deutlich positives Signal an die Universitäten – der DAAD ist bereit, noch mehr in die deutsch-australischen akademischen Beziehungen zu investieren – und nach der Streichung der Germanistensemesterstipendien ein gutes Signal an die Germanistik in Australien. Und South Australias traditionsreiches einziges German Department bekommt eine neue kräftige Brücke zur deutschen Germanistik und zur DaF-Szene.

Two Events in Canberra - Science Circle Canberra and Symposium: 'Austlit' behind the wall

Science Circle

The German Embassy is forming a Science Circle in Canberra. This is a joint German-Australian initiative and seeks to bring together interested scientists and academics. It will not necessarily concentrate on the natural sciences – representatives from all faculties are welcome, provided they share an interest in relations with the German science world.

The Science Circle will hold its inaugural meeting at the Australian National University in the early evening of **4 October 2011**. The Circle is delighted to announce that **Dr Katrin Amian**, head of the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand desk at the **Alexander von Humboldt Foundation** in Bonn, as the first speaker.

Symposium: 'Austlit' behind the wall – Australian literature in the German Democratic Republic

Friday, **30 Sep 2011**, University of New South Wales at **ADFA**, South Lecture Theatre 2

Convenor: Associate Professor Nicole Moore, English Program, UNSW@ADFA

Registration Free RSVP: Shirley Ramsay, s.ramsay@adfa.edu.au

The German Democratic Republic was a closely surveyed literary marketplace, where writing, reading and publishing were put in the service of the socialist state. Books were considered the blocks with which a new, truly socialist German state could be built and their publication was closely scrutinised by the Ministry of Culture, which ruled a stratified network of publishers, allocated paper and hard currency, and, most importantly, subjected each new title to a rigorous approval process.

From 1950, some of Australia's most important writers were published in this unique setting: Frank Hardy, Marcus Clarke, Katherine Susannah Prichard, Xavier Herbert, Dorothy Hewett, Walter Kaufmann, Thomas Keneally, Patrick White and many others. Some of them forged close connections with their East German publishers. Hardy and Hewett visited the GDR several times; Kaufmann lived there. Often, their work appeared in high print runs and saw several reprints. Stretching to 1990, when a translated collection of Judith Wright's poetry became the last Australian title released by an East German publisher, the forty years of Australian titles published in the GDR form an alternative canon, a shadowy literary archive that rewrites Australia's postwar cultural history from behind the iron curtain.

Funded by the Group of Eight, the DAAD and the University of New South Wales, this day-long seminar brings together an international team of literary scholars and book historians from Australia and Germany to map this unique chapter in the offshore life of Australian literature in the postwar period. Why and how was it made to matter to readers behind the wall? What were the effects in Australia?

Energy and Resource Efficiency in Manufacturing Workshop hosted by the Joint German-Australian Research Group (JGARG)

Report by Suphunnika Ibbotson

An "Energy and Resource Efficiency in Manufacturing" Workshop was hosted by the Joint German-Australian Research Group (JGARG) "Sustainable Manufacturing and Life Cycle Management" on June 8th, 2011 at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) in Sydney. The research group is a synergetic cooperation of the Life Cycle Engineering & Management Research Group at UNSW and the Product- and Life-Cycle-Management Research Group from Technische Universität Braunschweig in Germany.

The workshop was welcomed by Associate Professor Philip Mathew, the Head of School, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, UNSW. Dr Andreas Jäger, Director of the DAAD information Centre introduced the collaboration between Germany and Australia. An honorary guest attending the workshop was the German Consul-General in Sydney, Mr Hans-Günter Gnodtke, along with guests from various manufacturing industries and service organisations.



Photo: Supachai Vongbunyong



Introduction by Dr Andreas Jäger
Photo: Supachai Vongbunyong

Latest JGARG collaborative research and industrial practices of energy and resource efficiency were highlighted by experts from academia and industry. Associate Professor Sami Kara and Professor Christoph Herrmann presented interesting perspectives of the energy and resource efficiencies in manufacturing in Australia and Germany respectively.

In addition, Dr Tina Dettmer talked about Life Cycle Assessment as a methodology to assess the environmental impacts of a product life cycle. Dr Suphunnika Ibbotson gave a presentation concerning the global manufacturing supply chains and their impact in terms of the embodied energy and the carbon footprint. Dr Sebastian Thiede illustrated a systematic approach for modelling energy efficiency of a manufacturing plant. Finally, Mr Bernard Kornfeld, a Senior Manager from Baxter Healthcare Inc. was invited to share the experiences of Baxter Healthcare energy and water efficiency practices.

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Willkommen in der DAAD-Familie: Hirschfeld-GastprofessorInnen

Seit dem Wintersemester 2008/2009 besteht am Institut für Englische Philologie der **FU Berlin** die **Ludwig Hirschfeld-Mack-Gastprofessur**, die vom DAAD, dem Fachbereich, dem Institut und der australischen Botschaft in Berlin getragen wird.

Die Gastprofessur soll – semesterweise wechselnd – mit anerkannten auswärtigen Wissenschaftlern besetzt werden und dazu dienen, den akademischen Austausch zwischen Australien und Deutschland zu erweitern. Sie verstärkt damit den schon vorhandenen starken Fokus des Instituts auf Australienstudien und Postcolonial Studies.

Die Gastprofessur wurde nach Ludwig Hirschfeld-Mack benannt (geb. 1893 Frankfurt am Main, gest. 1965 in Sydney). Hirschfeld-Mack war Mitglied der Bauhaus-Bewegung und emigrierte 1936 nach Großbritannien, bevor er 1940 als so genannter "enemy alien" nach Australien gebracht wurde. Nach einer Internierungszeit in Tatura wurde er "Head of Art" an der renommierten Geelong Grammar School. Durch seine Lehre übte er einen großen Einfluss auf Kunst und Design im Nachkriegs-Australien aus. Der Lehrstuhl wurde mit Einwilligung seiner Familie nach ihm benannt, um den interdisziplinären Auftrag seiner Lehrenden, deren Bekenntnis zur Rolle der Kultur auf die Öffentlichkeit und den zentralen transkulturellen deutsch-australischen Aspekt des Projekts herauszustellen.

Die Dozenten der Ludwig Hirschfeld-Mack-Gastprofessur:

- Sommersemester 2011: Professor Anna Elizabeth Haebich (Senior Research Fellow, Curtin University) und Lyn McCredden (Deakin University, Melbourne)
- Wintersemester 2010/2011: Peter Snow (Monash University)
- Sommersemester 2010: Devleena Ghosh (Associate Professor, University of Technology Sydney)
- Sommersemester 2010: Andrew McCann (Associate Professor of English, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, USA; davor University of Queensland und University of Melbourne)
- Wintersemester 2009/2010: Philip Mead (Professor, University of Western Australia)
- Wintersemester 2008/2009: Stephen Muecke (Professor für Cultural Studies, University of Technology Sydney)

Become a Member of the Australian DAAD Alumni Association!

The Australian DAAD Alumni Association is growing – read the following message from the chair of the association and become a member today! (application form attached)

Dear fellow DAAD alumni,

Many of you will recall the DAAD Alumni Conference in Sydney in March 2010, attended by about 175 Australian DAAD alumni, hosted and generously funded by the DAAD, which was a great success. At the conclusion of this Conference a decision was made by those present to found an Australian DAAD Alumni Association, and an interim executive was elected.

Together with a small “Alumni-Treffen”, the first annual Executive meeting was held at the Sydney Goethe Institute in April 2011. The Executive elected Alexander Daniel as Deputy Chair, Geoff See as Secretary, and Chrischona Schmidt as Treasurer. (Herman Beyersdorf, who was elected as Chair last year remains in this position until the planned AGM of members next year.)

It was decided to set the membership fee at \$30 per annum, with a concessional fee for students, unemployed and retirees of \$20. We are now finally in the position of sending out membership application forms, and appeal to you to join as a member.

As we are now starting just after mid-year, it was decided to make the first membership period from July 2011-December 2012, ie. nearly 18 months.

We need members (and members’ contributions) initially to set us on the path of incorporation. Subject to your participation, we are hoping to have a fully incorporated Association by the end of this year, and we are planning to have an AGM in March/April next year, together with a DAAD gathering or small conference with an academic/ cultural as well as social content.

The DAAD is very supportive of the creation of Alumni Associations all over the world, and I think you will appreciate that the DAAD Office in Bonn is more likely to offer financial and other support in areas where there is an active Association representing alumni.

I would like to conclude by appealing to you to support the DAAD Alumni Association, by becoming a paid up member, and helping us to grow and become an active Association.

Herman Beyersdorf
Chair
July 2011

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Reminder – AAvH Meeting on 30 September

The Australian Association of von Humboldt Fellows will hold its biannual meeting from Friday, September 30, to Sunday, October 2 this year at the [Neuroscience Research Australia](#) in Randwick (Sydney).

We already have invited our DAAD alumni to attend the AAvH-DAAD Joint Friday Session. We have a contingent of 40 alumni and **still can offer 10 entries**.

Academic Workshop & Glühweinfest

On Friday, 3rd June 2011, an interesting and fun DAAD Alumni Event was held at the Goethe-Institut in Sydney. As part of the DAAD-AAvH Mentoring and Research Ambassador Scheme, an academic workshop on research skills for PhD students and other academics, held by DAAD alumna Ruth Rentschler, was followed by a “Glühweinfest” on the institute’s spacious balcony.

The workshop, under the headline “Doctoral studies & academic research work: how to get started - in a structured way”, talked about how to approach and structure a good PhD thesis, how to conduct an effective literature search, gave an overview of and explained key elements of research methods and instructed participants on how to write good academic journal articles.

Professor Rentschler is the Chair in Arts Management and Marketing at the School of Management and Marketing at Deakin University in Melbourne and was awarded with the Faculty Award for Outstanding Research and the Faculty Award for Best (PhD) Supervisor.

The dresscode for the themed Glühweinfest – open to all alumni and friends of the DAAD – was “Bavarian Belles & Beefcakes”, and participants were asked to wear anything German, particularly Bavarian. As this was only a partially-funded event, everyone was kind enough to chip in and bring a bottle of red wine or a plate of sweet or savoury snacks like cookies, cake, pies etc.



Andreas Jäger, Ivan Adnan
Photo: Wellett Potter

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The Mad Square: Modernity in German Art 1910–37

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney (6 August - 6 November 2011)

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne (25 November 2011 - 4 March 2012)

This major international exhibition presents three decades of German modernism, leading up to and following the turbulent Weimar Republic. From the 1910s until the late 1930s Berlin, and other German cities, were vibrant centres of creativity and innovation, from which avant-garde movements blossomed: Expressionism, Dada, Constructivism, Bauhaus and New Objectivity. The movements were linked by artists’ shared interest in radical experimentation across all areas of the visual arts including painting, sculpture, graphic art, photography, film and the decorative arts. Over 200 works by artists such as Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, George Grosz, Otto Dix, Max Beckmann, Käthe Kollwitz and their contemporaries reveal the fascinating and complex ways in which artists responded to the forces of modernity. This important and insightful exhibition emphasises the legacy of innovation left by the Weimar Republic on art and culture over the decades. Our alumna Jacqui Strecker is the curator of this exciting exhibition. Don’t miss out!

The Enemy at Home – The Story of German Internees in World War I in Australia

Book and Exhibition by Nadine Helmi and Alumnus Gerhard Fischer

From 7 May to 11 September, this exhibition at the Museum of Sydney told the story of nearly 7000 people of German and Austrian descent interned as “enemy aliens” in Australia during World War I. Andreas Jäger took his highest-level German language class from Sydney University to the exhibition for a personal guided tour with Nadine Helmi, playwright, theatre director and curator of the exhibition.



Kuratorin Nadine Helmi mit Studenten der Sydney University

Photo: Theresia Blaschek

While the students were shocked by a piece of Australian history that so far nobody had told them about, let alone taught them in school, they were equally stunned by the emergence of a functioning, highly sophisticated society in the camps.

Even if you missed out on the exhibition, you can still get hold of the book by DAAD alumnus Gerhard Fischer and Nadine Helmi, via the following link: <http://www.goethe.de/ins/au/lp/ver/vme/en8027813v.htm>

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The first solar boat expedition around the globe

On Sunday, 29 May 2011, a very special event was held in Brisbane: The Swiss Australian Academic Network (SAAN), the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Queensland Government invited alumni and friends to discover the MS TÜRANOR PlanetSolar on a guided tour of the world's largest solar vessel. This boat is an initiative between France, Germany and Switzerland. Its only Australian stops were Brisbane and Cairns. After the one-hour tour, there were drinks with the crew.



Planet Solar in Brisbane Photo Chrischona Schmidt

In addition, there was an open discussion with crew members at the Queensland University of Technology on Wednesday, 1 June 2011.

The catamaran measuring 31 metres in length and 15 metres across, is powered exclusively by solar energy and will circumnavigate the globe entirely without the use of traditional fuels. She started from Monaco on 27 September 2010.

For more information on the vessel visit www.planetsolar.org

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Language on the Move

One of our DAAD research ambassadors and mentors, Prof Ingrid Piller, Professor of Applied Linguistics at Macquarie University, has co-created [Language on the Move](#), a website devoted to multilingualism, language learning and intercultural communication in a transnational world. The site's focus is on the way in which language intersects with consumerism, family life, globalisation, tourism, identity, migration and social justice. It offers both resources such as peer-reviewed research as well as research-oriented blogs.

Recent posts about Germany include [The cult of personal responsibility](#) about ads for a campaign to speak German and [Turkish alphabetisation for German integration](#). You can also find *Language on the Move* on [Facebook](#).

Mentoring Programme Update

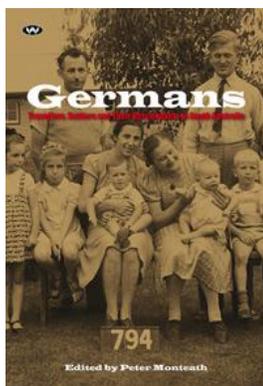
Our Mentoring Programme is up and running, with a few notable first results: So far, we've had two meetings (one general one on mentoring programmes in the German-Australian context, and one specifically on the organisation of a PhD project. In addition, we are currently matching up mentors and mentees, with a great result of four pairings so far.

If you are interested in becoming a mentee, gaining valuable advice, enhancing your networking skills, getting involved in the global academic community and learning how to plan an academic career, please drop us a line on daad.australia@gmail.com.

Similarly, if you are interested in becoming a mentor, sharing your experience and gain access to new networks, please also drop us a line on daad.australia@gmail.com.

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Bücher von Alumnus Peter Monteath

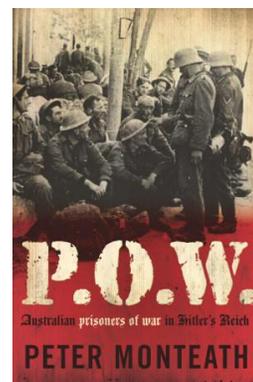


Our alumnus Peter Monteath has recently edited a book about the Germans in South Australia as well as written one about Australian POWs in Germany in the Second World War, published by Pan Macmillan in Sydney.

You will find more information on the links provided:

<http://www.wakefieldpress.com.au/product.php?productid=879&cat=12&page=4>

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BY THE WAY ...**Shanghai-Ranking: TU München beste deutsche Uni**

Um weitere neun Plätze emporgestiegen auf dem besten deutschen Platz ist die Technische Universität München (TUM) im weltweiten Universitätsranking der Shanghai Jiao Tong University („Academic Ranking of World Universities“, ARWU). Damit festigt die TUM ihre Position unter den Spitzenuniversitäten der Welt und schafft es als einzige deutsche Universität in die Top 50. Im Fächerranking sind die TUM-Chemie und -Informatik deutschlandweit führend, in den Forschungsfeldern schafften es die TUM-Ingenieurwissenschaften als einzige deutsche unter die Top 100 weltweit.

Das Shanghai-Ranking 2011 platziert die TUM auf Rang 47 (Vorjahr 56). In Deutschland folgen die Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (54) und die Universitäten Heidelberg (62), Göttingen (86), Bonn (94) und Frankfurt (100). Deutsche technische Universitäten folgen auf Plätzen oberhalb 200.

Das Shanghai-Ranking nimmt seine Bewertung im Wesentlichen aufgrund der Zahlen und Zitationsrate der wissenschaftlichen Veröffentlichungen, der Veröffentlichungen in den führenden naturwissenschaftlichen Zeitschriften Nature und Science sowie der höchsten Auszeichnungen wie zum Beispiel Nobelpreisen oder Fields-Medaillen vor.

Wir haben bereits in Newsletter 18 in Frage gestellt haben, ob diese Methode den deutschen Universitäten gerecht wird. Wir gratulieren umso mehr der TU München und den weiteren deutschen Universitäten ganz herzlich zu diesem Ergebnis!

Mehr Informationen: <http://www.arwu.org/index.jsp>

Bericht der European University Association zum Thema Rankings und ihrer Bedeutung, einschließlich eingehender Besprechung der einzelnen Rankings: http://www.eua.be/pubs/Global_University_Rankings_and_Their_Impact.pdf

Aufnahme des Zwei-Plus-Vier-Vertrags in das Weltdokumentenerbe

UNESCO-Generaldirektorin Irina Bokova hat am 25.05.2011 den Zwei-Plus-Vier-Vertrag in das Register des Weltdokumentenerbes aufgenommen. Zusammen mit dem Vertrag wurden 14 weitere Dokumente registriert, die den Bau und den Fall der Berliner Mauer dokumentieren.

Der Zwei-Plus-Vier-Vertrag ebnete den Weg zur Herstellung der Einheit Deutschlands. Er wurde am 12. September 1990 von den beiden deutschen Staaten und den vier Siegermächten des Zweiten Weltkrieges in Moskau unterzeichnet und gilt als Sternstunde der Diplomatie: 45 Jahre nach Kriegsende wurden friedlich und einvernehmlich die offenen Fragen des völkerrechtlichen Status' Deutschlands geregelt. Dazu zählten vor allem die endgültige Festlegung der Staatsgrenzen und die Wiederherstellung der uneingeschränkten Souveränität Deutschlands einschließlich des Rechtes auf freie Wahl der Bündnisse.

Wie alle völkerrechtlichen Verträge der Bundesrepublik Deutschland wird auch der Zwei-Plus-Vier-Vertrag im Politischen Archiv des Auswärtigen Amtes verwahrt. Das Politische Archiv umfasst insgesamt 27 Regalkilometer an Verträgen und Akten des deutschen Auswärtigen Dienstes seit 1870. Es steht jedermann im Rahmen des Bundesarchivgesetzes zur Benutzung offen.

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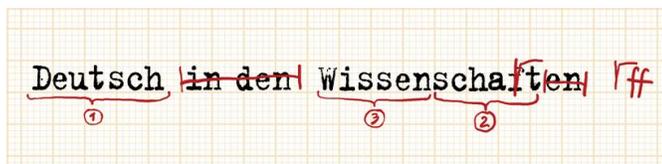
German Studies Association of Australia**German Studies Association of Australia (GSAA)
Conference in November 2011**

This conference, hosted by the German Program at the School of Languages and Comparative Cultural Studies of the University of Queensland, Brisbane, will take place from 30 November – 2 December, 2011 at the University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus, Brisbane, Australia.

The conference is entitled *Intercultural Encounters in German Studies* and features the following confirmed keynote/plenary speakers: Professor Andreas Gardt (Universität Kassel), Professor Ryoza Maeda (Rikkyo University, Tokyo) and Professor Timothy Mehigan (University of Otago, Dunedin).

In addition, the conference will feature papers from all areas of German Studies, among them the following topics: German Studies in Global Contexts, The History of German Studies in Australia, Intercultural Perspectives on Gender and Identity in German Literature and Film, Narratives of Travel, Encounters between German-Speaking and Eastern Intellectual Traditions, Interculturalism and Social Movements in the German-Speaking World, Minority German-Speaking Communities, The German Language in Australia, Intercultural Methodology and Praxis in German-Language Teaching and many more.

For more information and to register, please go to: <http://www.slccs.uq.edu.au/indextesting.html?page=145546&pid=70702>



Creative competition “German for Science”

English is written and spoken more and more often in scientific and academic communication – internationally speaking, the proportion of German-language scientific publications is on the decline. To emphasise just how important German is as a language of science and as a means of accessing the world of science and scholarship that exists in Germany, DAAD and Goethe-Institut are running an international creative competition.

The two institutions are calling upon young graphic and media designers, copywriters, scholars, students and friends of the German language in Germany and abroad to take part in a competition of ideas. Whoever submits the most convincing advertising slogan or the most appealing poster motif for “German in the Sciences” will have a chance to win one of three cash prizes. The first prize will be presented at the conference of the same name, which will take place at the Zeche Zollverein in Essen on 10 November 2011.

For centuries, German played a key role in the history of science, not least thanks to the inventiveness of German researchers. Even today, in certain disciplines German is still considered an important language, one in which ground-breaking scientific findings are published. Knowledge of German provides access to an attractive higher education landscape offering excellent teaching and research.

The DAAD and the Goethe-Institut – the competition’s initiators – have long battled for multilingualism in science and scholarship. In staging the creative competition “German for Science”, their aim is to draw attention to questions about the relationship between German and science:

- What role do languages play in academic work?
- How are German science and scholarship perceived internationally?
- How can academic multilingualism be achieved?

In the “German for Science” creative competition, entrants can let their imaginations run wild in their attempts to portray the future of German in science – be it in the form of a sketch, a witty advertising slogan or a sophisticated poster design. The Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft is supporting the campaign with prizes worth 5,000 Euros in total.

The first prize is 3,000 Euros plus a trip to Essen to attend the award ceremony. Winners of the second and third prizes will each receive 1,000 Euros. The winners will be named as the original creator of the ideas, both on the Internet and as part of a planned series of posters which will be used at universities to advertise German as a language of science. All entries must be received by 16 October 2011 at the latest. For more information and details of competition terms and conditions, visit

<http://www.goethe.de/lhr/prj/diw/pwb/enindex.htm>

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€7 billion boost for research and innovation



The European Union currently funds the largest single research programme on the planet – the Seventh Framework Programme – with a budget of more than €53 billion for the period 2007-2013. EU Member States have put research and innovation at the top of the European political agenda. On 19 July, Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, announced nearly €7 billion to kick-start innovation through research. The European Commission's biggest ever such funding package, under the EU's Seventh Framework Programme for Research (FP7), is expected to create around 174,000 jobs in the short-term and nearly 450,000 jobs and nearly €80 billion in GDP growth over 15 years. In order to build on the success of the current Seventh Framework Programme for Research, the Commission proposed on 29 June a 46 per cent increase in research and innovation funding under the 2014-2020 Multi-annual Financial Framework, and intends to further streamline and simplifying research and innovation funding under the new Horizon 2020 programme which will begin in 2014.

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/900>

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Exhibition: Vienna: Art & Design, Klimt, Schiele, Hoffmann, Loos, Melbourne Winter Masterpieces 2011

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