

International Coffee Talks | Summer semester 2025

Time: 2.00-3.00 p.m. | SSC 1/263

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15.04.2025

FIT without borders: study-related courses for international students

Since the winter semester 2024, there are two new offers for international students at RUB: The onboarding course for new Master's students in English-language degree programs aims to make it easier for students to start their new phase of life and studies here at RUB and to build a social network. The "Study Fit" course for international students from the 2nd semester onwards supports participants in overcoming difficulties in their studies and ensuring long-term academic success.

For several semesters now, the "uniWORKcity" course has also been preparing international students for entering the job market in Germany.

In this Coffee Talk, we would not only like to introduce you to these offers, but also to win you as a partner: Can the courses be credited in your departments? Do you have ideas or offers that can be integrated into the courses? Are there specific groups of students who should take part in the courses as standard?

Speakers: Rebekka Kirsch, Anna Potreck, Natascha Wulff, Mona Serdani, Ulrike Herrlich (International Office)

13.05.2025

Bringing international lecturers to RUB for a semester- How does the DAAD guest lecturer program work?

Are you considering inviting a colleague from an international partner university to the Ruhr-Universität for a semester (or longer) in order to involve him or her in the teaching of a degree program (additional joint research activities not excluded)? The DAAD offers a very interesting funding program that covers the mobility and salary costs of such guests and provides a small budget for events. This program is available in the variants "one-time guest lectureship for one person" and "guest chair over two years with different people", and it is flanked by a supporting university program of the RUB, from which the own contribution to be made in the case of DAAD funding as well as a premium for the host is financed.

In the Coffee Talk, both the DAAD and the downstream RUB program will be briefly presented and tips for a successful application will be given. Of course, there will also be enough time for questions and discussion.

Speaker: Randolph Galla (International Office)

17.06.2025

Welcome Center and Human Resources Department: News on services for researchers

What exactly do the formalities involve for new international (guest) researchers? How do the Welcome Center and the Human Resources Department support guests and take care of all the necessary steps at RUB? We present our services and the processes in this area and are happy to answer all questions relevant to the chairs about the current procedures. We are looking forward to your feedback and ideas.

Speakers: Anna Gopon, Kristin Heidorn, Hanna Kloza, Merit Warhof (International Office)

08.07.2025

How do international students see RUB? Results of the survey “Benchmark international university (BintHo)”

Why do international students choose RUB for their studies? How do they rate the teaching, the organization and the requirements of their degree programme? Which services are particularly important to them? And how do they view the general conditions for studying and living in Germany? These and other topics were surveyed in the DAAD's “Benchmark International University” study. In this Coffee Talk, we will present the results of the survey - specifically for RUB and in comparison to other German universities. Afterwards, we would like to discuss the survey results.

Speakers: Ulrike Herrlich (International Office), Saskia Skonetzki (Department I)