

## Dear International Researchers of the University of Cologne,

The staff of the Welcome Centre of the International Office is glad to present to you our current newsletter. We will provide you with useful information about cultural events and everyday life on campus and in the city of Cologne. The newsletter will be published every semester.



### Easter 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> of April

Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter is the culmination of the Passion of Christ, preceded by Lent, a forty-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance. The last week of Lent is called Holy Week, which contains the days of the Easter Triduum. These include Maundy Thursday (also known as Holy Thursday), commemorating the Last Supper and its preceding foot washing, as well as Karfreitag (Good Friday), commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus.

While Maundy Thursday is no statutory holiday, Good Friday (14.04.) as well as Easter Monday (17.04.) are. Easter customs vary throughout the Christian world, but attending sunrise services, exclaiming the Paschal greeting, clipping the church and decorating Easter eggs, a symbol of the empty tomb, are common motifs. Additional customs include egg hunts, the Easter Bunny, and Easter parades, which are observed by both Christians and some non-Christians.

## News



### The International Office at the SSC

The International Office is based in the Students' Service Center (SSC) Universitätsstr. 22a, 50937 Köln. You will find us on the first floor in room no. 1.210 / 1.211 during our usual service hours: All weekdays except Wednesday 9am – 12pm and by appointment.

### Extending your stay

In order to benefit from our services and receive all the information you need, we kindly ask you to inform us in the event that your stay is extended. We require this information in order to keep you updated on any events, and to avoid your name being removed from our mailing list. Therefore, we kindly ask you to send us an email if any alterations regarding the duration of your stay occur.



## Upcoming Holidays in May and June

### International Workers' Day

The first holiday in May is on the very 1<sup>st</sup> of May: International Workers' Day (also known as May Day) is a celebration of the international labour movement. May 1<sup>st</sup> is a national holiday in more than 80 countries besides Germany.

### Christi Himmelfahrt

The second holiday, Christi Himmelfahrt takes place shortly hereafter on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. The Feast of the Ascension commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is one of the ecumenical feasts (i.e., universally celebrated) of Christian churches, ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter, and Pentecost.

### Pfingsten

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, Pfingsten (Pentecost) is celebrated. It consists of two days, Pfingstsonntag and Pfingstmontag (5<sup>th</sup> of June

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### Fronleichnam

Fronleichnam takes place on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. The Feast of Corpus Christi (Latin for "the body of Christ"), is a Latin rite of liturgical solemnity celebrating the tradition and belief in the body and blood of Jesus Christ and his real presence in the Eucharist. After mass, there is often a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, which is generally displayed in a monstrance. The procession is followed by the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The above mentioned holidays are official, which is why

## Concerts

### Collegium musicum → dates 2017

The Collegium musicum of the University of Cologne creates and represents the musical aspect of the university. It is open to students and employees of the university as well as to the musically inclined general public and offers a range of opportunities to enjoy music – by joining one of the various concerts or as part of the ensemble. Upcoming concert dates are listed below:

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of April | 8pm | Auditorium, UoC**

***Italia! A journey into the world of the early Baroque***

Concerto Barocco Dresden | Selected works by Monteverdi, Uccellini, Merula Landi a.o.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of Mai | 8pm | Auditorium, UoC**

**Temnòmena: Philosophie**

A musical comparison of *Serenade after Plato's Symposium* (1954) and Haydn's Sinfonie Nr. 22 Es-Dur *Der Philosoph*  
CoGNiMUS Kollektiv

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of Mai | 8pm | Auditorium, UoC**

**High in Paradise – musikalische Weltfluchten**

Recital of Songs by Bach, Duparc and Mahler as well as Adele and David Bowie

*Linda Hergarten* | Rabih Lahoud | Jori Schulze-Reimell

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> of May | 8pm | Auditorium, UoC**  
**Vocalsensemble EMMA & Jazzchor UoC.**

Concert with the Vocalensemble EMMA & the Jazzchoir | Dietrich Thomas

all institutions, shops, and supermarkets are closed. As Christi Himmelfahrt and Feast of Corpus Christi always fall on a Thursday, it is quite common to take Friday off as well for a short vacation. These Fridays are a so-called “Brückentage” (bridge days), as they fill the gap between a holiday on a Thursday (or Tuesday), and the weekend.



## Welcome reception for International Students and Guest researchers 13<sup>th</sup> of April → 2016 date?

The Kölner Studentenwerk and the Cologne Universities invite you to an official welcome reception at the historical town hall on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2015 at 4pm. Contact persons from the Cologne's various higher education institutions as well as of the City of Cologne will provide you with useful information during the reception. Prior to the reception you will have the opportunity to participate in a tour of the city with a guide.



## Other Concert Highlights in Cologne

8<sup>th</sup> of May

Natalie Imbruglia | Gloria Theater, Köln

24<sup>nd</sup> of May

Udo Lindenberg | ISS-Dome, Köln

5<sup>nd</sup> of June

Tim Bendzko | Lanxess Arena, Köln

5<sup>th</sup> of June

Depeche Mode | Rheinenergiestation

1<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> of June

Phil Collins | Rheinenergiestation

23<sup>th</sup> of June

2Raumwohnung | Gloria Theater, Köln

27<sup>th</sup> of June

Elton John | Lanxess Arena, Köln

## Fun activities in Cologne



## Kirmes in Deutz 14<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> of April

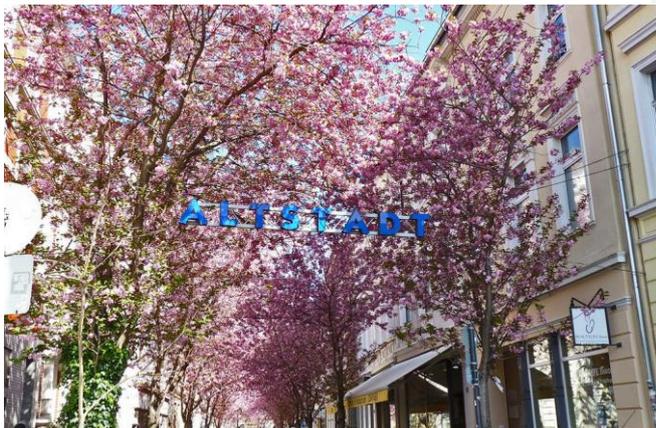
A spring fair right by the Rhein. Don't miss these 16 days of fun this spring. The fair opens its doors from Monday through Friday at 2pm and closes at 11pm. On Sundays and holidays the fair opens at 11am and you can enjoy the stands, food, and rides until 11pm. Traditionally, there are fireworks on the opening day as well as the last Saturday of the fair



## Art Cologne 2015 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> of April

ART COLOGNE is the world's oldest art fair for modern and contemporary art of the 20th and 21st century. Today's fair annually invites approximately 200 international galleries to showcase painting, sculpture, photography, prints, multiples, installations, performance and moving image art in the city of Cologne, cultural center of the Rhineland region and beyond. The origins of today's ART COLOGNE go back to the year 1967, when Cologne-based gallerists Hein Stünke and Rudolf Zwirner initiated the first Kunstmarkt Köln.

For further information please refer to:  
<http://www.artcologne.de/ART-COLOGNE/index.php>



## Cherry Blossom Avenue in Bonn Mid – April

Bonn's famous Heerstrasse, also called "Cherry Blossom Avenue" is an absolute must-see in the middle of April. For about two weeks the street is blooming with gorgeous pink blossoms. The street is found in hip Nordstadt neighborhood, in the city center, only 5 minutes from famous Beethoven's House. The ornamental Japanese cherry blossom trees were

The fair grounds are easily accessible by subway. Line 7 takes you right to 'Deutzer Freiheit'.

## Circus Roncalli

07<sup>th</sup> of April – 01<sup>nd</sup> of May



From April to May the city centre of Aachen (Blücherplatz) will be the site of one of the most famous circuses in Germany. Celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the circus will present a new program with the title "Journey to the rainbow". Tickets are available from 29,80 €. <http://www.roncalli.de/>

## Street Festivals



## Streetfood Festival

13<sup>th</sup> May

Launched in 2014, the Streetfood-Festival takes part every month in various cities in Germany, including Cologne. For 2€ entrance fee you can spend a nice day out and experience all different kinds of food from around the world. The next date is set to be on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The

planted in the 1980's. Every spring it becomes another popular attraction in the beautiful historic city of Bonn. Bring your camera!



### Rhein in Flammen 6<sup>th</sup> of May

For the 31<sup>st</sup> time “Rhein in Flammen” (Rhine on fire) will take place at the Rhine shore in Bonn. With rides, music, food, and one of the biggest fireworks in the area the celebration is one of the most visited open-air events in the region. For more information please refer to <http://www.rhein-in-flammen.com/bonn/bonn.html>

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festival takes place in Ehrenfeld, at JACK IN THE BOX e.V.



### Kirschblütenfest in Bonn

23<sup>rd</sup> of April

On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the famous “Cherry Blossom Avenue” in Bonn also hosts a street festival. You can enjoy music, food, drinks, a lively atmosphere and shop at the flea market. Best of all: You are surrounded by the beautiful pink blossoms.

### Le Bloc at the Belgium Quarter 10<sup>th</sup> of June



Le Bloc – the fashion event of the summer. For the 9<sup>th</sup> time designers and shop owners in the Belgischen Viertel will open their doors until midnight and show off their shops, studios, and showrooms. There is music, drinks, and a great fashion show put on by the designers and store owners of the Belgischen Viertel. A street festival not only for fashionistas.

### Südstadtfest

11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> of June

## Cologne 28<sup>th</sup> of April – 7<sup>th</sup> of May

11 Days, 57 events, 14 world premieres, 1000 choristers and more than 73 hours of new music, classical jazz, pop and world music.

EIGHT BRIDGES | Music for Cologne has taken place at the beginning of May every year since 2011 with contemporary music at the heart of its program. Each year it focuses on a different theme, inviting festival-goers to explore the music of our age and thrilling them with new sounds that they might not otherwise experience. EIGHT BRIDGES | Music for Cologne 2017 takes "Ton. Satz. Laut" (Ton, Sentence, Sound) as its theme. For more information check the website: <http://www.achtbruecken.de/de/>



## phil.COLOGNE – International Festival of Philosophy 6<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> of June

This celebration of thinking and being meets philosophical questions of our time with profound discussions. The organizing team of phi.COLOGNE invited many inspiring, diverse and exciting thinkers including:

Events will take place at the Brunosaal (Klettenberggürtel 65, 50939 Köln). For more information please refer to: <http://www.philcologne.de/>



In June, the neighbourhood "Südstadt" turns into one big street party. Taking place annually, it is always a big spectacle with bands, street food, fashion shows, a flea market and more. These festivities go on for two days.

## Reminder

### Stammtisch – Regulars' Table

Feel free to drop by our International Guestscholars Stammtisch - a regular get-together of the international academics of the University of Cologne! This is a great opportunity to get to know other international researchers in a less formal environment and to exchange some experiences and thoughts. It is a chance to chat about all sorts of topics, such as your own projects, networking, and career opportunities – or to just spend a nice evening together with a group of colleagues from different faculties.

Usually, we will join the meeting of the international PhD students at "Die Wohngemeinschaft", a nice bar located on Richard Wagner Straße (Line 1,12,15 stop "Rudolfplatz", Line 1 stop "Moltkestr."). In case we change the location, you will be informed by email. The Stammtisch takes place every last Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Please note that we cannot offer any drinks or food, everybody has to pay for themselves

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## Japan Day 20<sup>st</sup> of May

Since 2002 the city of Düsseldorf and its Japanese citizens have been putting on a Japan Day, showcasing Japanese culture and lifestyle. It starts around noon and ends after sunset with very impressive fireworks. With a wide spectrum of activities, food, and entertainment this day has become a highlight with more than 750.000 visitors in 2016. The program includes Japanese musicians (koto players, J-Pop and J-Rock bands), martial artists, an introduction into the tradition of Sake, the possibility of trying a kimono, as well as an introduction into the traditional bon dance. Many admirers of the Japanese cutler dress up as their favourite Manga characters therefore the mix of tradition and trends is a big part of this day. For more information please visit: <http://www.japantag-duesseldorf-nrw.de/>

Cologne's vibrant art scene makes it one of the Rhineland's major cultural centres. It is home to over 30 museums and hundreds of galleries and exhibitions range from local ancient Roman archaeological sites to contemporary graphics and sculpture.

As a special service to all of Cologne's residents, the city offers complimentary access to all museums on the first Thursday of each month! All you need to bring with you is your ID or any other document proving that you are a resident of the city of Cologne. Until 10pm, you are free to browse the spectacular collections of Cologne's museums.

For more information, visit the website: <http://www.museenkoeln.de/portal/pages/753.aspx?s=753>

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**Welcome to Cologne**  
**New Guestscholars arriving at our**  
**University**

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[www.guestscholars.uni-koeln.de](http://www.guestscholars.uni-koeln.de)

## Preview

### International Get Together – Save the date: 7<sup>th</sup> of July → 2016?

We are happy to announce the VIII. International Get-Together-Afternoon for International Researchers and Fellows at the University of Cologne. The event will take place on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July and will be organised by the International Office / Albert's International Assistance.

You will receive further information as well as an invitation email in time before the event.

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