

# GÖTTINGEN INTERNATIONAL Newsletter

International news and activities

## Argentina Week of the Göttingen Research Campus

From 10-15 June 2013 the University of Göttingen will have an Argentina Week to introduce the German-Argentine cooperation of the Göttingen Research Campus. In these six days there will be various events that address students, scientists and business representatives to the same extent.

The Argentina Week begins on June 10th with an official opening, a welcome by the Argentine Embassy and an Argentine Concert. There will be, among other things, a podium discussion with well-known Argentine and German representatives from the areas of culture, research, and economics. In addition to informative events about studying and living in Argentina, and evenings dedicated to Argentine concerts and movies, there will be a press conference with the Minister for Science and Culture.

Please visit the website for more information and a detailed programme [www.uni-goettingen.de/argentinien](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/argentinien)



**ARGENTINIEN**  
Argentinien-Woche des Göttingen Research Campus  
10. bis 15. Juni 2013

<b>10. Juni</b> 19.00 - 22.00 Uhr	<b>Eröffnung der Argentinien-Woche</b> Kooperationsprojekte am Göttingen Research Campus Konzert "Argentinische Musik des 19. und 20. Jahrhunderts" Empfang der Argentinischen Botschaft Ort: Aula der Universität Göttingen, Wilhelmplatz 1
<b>11. Juni</b> 11.30 - 14.00 Uhr	<b>Studium in Argentinien</b> Studieninformationstag Argentinien Ort: Nordmensa, Grisebachstraße 10
<b>11.-14. Juni</b> 19.00 - 22.00 Uhr	<b>Argentinische Kunst und Kultur</b> Argentinischer Filmabend "El secreto de sus ojos" ("The Secret in Their Eyes") Ort: Zentrales Hörsaalgebäude, Platz der Göttinger Sieben 5, Raum 009
<b>12. Juni</b> 19.45 - 22.00 Uhr	<b>Argentinischer Konzertabend</b> "Tango and Dance" Ort: Aula der Universität Göttingen, Wilhelmplatz 1
<b>13. Juni</b> 19.00 - 22.00 Uhr	<b>Argentinischer Filmabend</b> "El último Elvira" ("The Last Elvira") Ort: Zentrales Hörsaalgebäude, Platz der Göttinger Sieben 5, Raum 009
<b>14. Juni</b> 19.30 - 22.00 Uhr	<b>Argentinischer Konzertabend</b> "Göttingische Musik aus Argentinien - eine Auswahl" Ort: Aula der Universität Göttingen, Wilhelmplatz 1
<b>14. Juni</b> 10.00 - 10.40 Uhr	<b>Wissenschaftskooperation mit Argentinien</b> Eröffnung des Deutsch-Argentinischen Promotionsprogramms mit der Argentinischen Ministerin für Wissenschaft und Kultur, Dr. Gabriele Heinen-Kijalki Ort: Zentrales Hörsaalgebäude, Platz der Göttinger Sieben 5, Raum 006
<b>13.-15. Juni</b>	<b>Deutsch-Argentinischer Wissenschaftsworkshop</b> 13. Juni, 8:30-19:00 Uhr - 14. Juni, 10:00-19:30 Uhr - 15. Juni, 8:30-14:00 Uhr Ort: Zentrales Hörsaalgebäude, Platz der Göttinger Sieben 5, Raum 006

Der Eintritt zu allen Veranstaltungen ist frei

Argentinische Küche vom 10. bis 15. Juni 2013  
in der Nordmensa und der Nordmensa  
des Studentenwerks Göttingen

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## U4: Call for Applications for Mobility of Students and Researchers

The U4 network has funds available to support the mobility of students, PhDs and researchers between the universities of Göttingen, Ghent, Uppsala and Groningen. It aims at promoting the international academic research of doctoral candidates, further developing joint research projects and identifying new areas of cooperation in research, education and management. Several calls for applications will be launched in the upcoming years.

The first call for applications offers funds for the following types of mobility:

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From Göttingen to Ghent, Groningen and Uppsala (Travel and Accommodation):

- Bachelor/Master/PhD Research stay, up to four months
- Master/PhD Conference attendance
- Postdoc/Professor research stay, for 60 days

From Ghent, Groningen and Uppsala to Göttingen (Accommodation only):

- PhD students short-term stay, for two weeks
- Postdoc/Professor short-term stay, for two days
- Postdoc/Professor research stay, for 60 days

The deadline for this call is 15 June 2013.

More detailed information about the amounts of the grants and the forms for application is available at [www.u4network.eu](http://www.u4network.eu).

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## Scientific and Technological Cooperation with Mexico

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research supports the scientific and technological collaboration with Mexico. Current funding programme aims at fostering new joint projects and cooperation. It offers funds for bilateral cooperation between scientists in Mexico and Germany via joint research projects, bilateral workshops, seminars, as well as guest visits of scientists and delegations.

The application is a two-step procedure in which project drafts have to be handed in at first until 31 July 2013. For further information, please refer to [www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/21909.php](http://www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/21909.php)

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## Funding for the Best Researchers from Abroad

Become a host for the best young researchers from abroad! The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation has opened the call for applications for the Sofja Kovalevskaja Award 2013, one of the most valuable academic awards in Germany. With up to 1.65 million Euros per award winner, the prize allows excellent researchers from all disciplines to drive innovative academic research under unique conditions. For a period of five years they can form working groups at an institute of their own choice and pursue their research projects – independently and without administrative constraints.

Applications are accepted from top talents from abroad who have completed their doctoral degree no longer than six years ago. This is an opportunity to contact researchers at the very beginning of their careers, in order to lay the foundation for long-term international cooperation.

The deadline for application submission is 31 July 2013. For more information, please refer to [www.humboldt-foundation.de/SKP](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/SKP).

## EU Funding for Mobility of Young Researchers

“Menschen” is a specific programme within the 7th EU research framework programme, with an overall budget of 4.7 billion Euros. The general aim of this programme is to promote the mobility of young researchers and to establish a “European labour market for researchers” through the specific funding measures of the “Marie Curie Actions”. In order to be eligible to apply for the “Marie Curie Individual Fellowship”, applicants must hold a PhD degree or have at least four years’ experience in full-time research. The research thesis can be chosen freely and individually.

If approved, the project will be carried out abroad at a (non-) European host university.

The funding includes the salary of the researcher and travel expenses, as well as a contribution to the research costs.

The call for applications is open for three different types of fellowships: Intra-European Fellowship (IEF); International Incoming Fellowships (IIF); International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF). There are different guidelines for each of the fellowship types. The application deadline for all three calls is 14 August 2013, 5 p.m. Brussels time.

More detailed information is available at [ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/people).

## A Panel Discussion on Funding Strategies for Young Researchers

The Dorothea Schlözer Mentoring Programme is organising a panel discussion on third-party funding on July 3 2013 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Historical Observatory (Sternwarte). A panel of experts from Göttingen Research Campus will address the challenges and requirements that young researchers face. Five professors from different research fields will provide insights into their experience with funding strategies. Following the panel discussion, participants will be organized into smaller groups, so that experts can answer individual questions. Those who are interested, especially doctoral and postdoctoral researchers, are invited to take part. More information can be found at [www.uni-goettingen.de/mentoringzuk](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/mentoringzuk). For registration, please write an email to [manuela.kaiser-belz@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:manuela.kaiser-belz@uni-goettingen.de).



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## GGNB Career Service



The GGNB Career Service Unit is a recently established service facility of the Göttingen Graduate School for Neurosciences, Biophysics, and Molecular Biosciences (GGNB) that is specifically dedicated to providing services to postdoctoral researchers in the natural and life sciences.

It aims at promoting postdoctoral careers inside and outside academia and at facilitating networking within the postdoctoral community. Postdocs interested in using our new services are welcome to register; the registration is needed to be eligible for our workshops and events, and for receiving career-related information. Further information about the GGNB Career Services can be found at [www.ggnb.uni-goettingen.de/career](http://www.ggnb.uni-goettingen.de/career).

## Lower Saxony Supports Exchange between the Universities of Göttingen, Bremen and Oxford

The universities of Göttingen, Bremen and Oxford can continue their joint exchange programme for postdoctoral researchers. For the next two years, the state of Lower Saxony will sponsor the programme with a total of 366,000 Euro. Postdoctoral researchers in the humanities, social studies and law who are working in the field of the analysis of the state will have the opportunity of spending two and a half years at the University of Oxford and publishing their dissertation as a book in English. The publication of these books by renowned academic publishing houses aims to increase the international visibility of this research. In addition, the researchers have the chance to make new, valuable contacts in the Anglo-American region.

The exchange programme will be supervised by the Lichtenberg-Kolleg of the University of Göttingen. The international selection process for the next group of fellows will start in the coming months. Between 2009 and 2013, the programme called "State of the state: post-national trajectories – a German-British dialogue" received up to one million Euro from the Volkswagen Foundation.

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## A New Double Degree Programme with the University of Stellenbosch

The Faculty of Economic Sciences has had a long-standing partnership with the University of Stellenbosch, one of the most prestigious universities in South Africa. Starting in the Winter Semester 2013/14 it will offer a new opportunity for master's degree students in Development Economics: Students of the new double degree programme from both Göttingen and Stellenbosch will be able to earn their degree in four semesters from both universities. They will spend two semesters at their home universities and the other two semesters at the partner universities. Professors from both universities will supervise the master's theses jointly.

At the end of the programme students will receive both a Master's Degree in Development Economics from the University of Göttingen and a Master of Commerce Degree in Economics from the University of Stellenbosch.

This new cooperation is a big win for students on both continents. Students from Stellenbosch can specialize in agricultural economics in Göttingen. Students from Göttingen will have the opportunity to spend two semesters in one of the most exciting emerging economies, with the possibility of participating in local community projects.



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## New Staff at the International Office

The International Office of the University is happy to welcome Dr. Frank Stiller, Dr. Esther von Richthofen and Marco Lange who joined the team in April/May 2013.

**Dr. Frank Stiller** is the new director of the China Liaison Office of the University of Göttingen in Nanjing. Before joining the University of Göttingen, Dr. Stiller worked as paleontologist at the University of Münster and at the Nanjing Institute of Geology and Paleontology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (NIGPAS) in Nanjing. In 2006 he joined the International Bureau of the BMBF in Bonn, where he was responsible for the cooperation with China and Mongolia in research and education.

**Dr. Esther von Richthofen** took up office as coordinator for EU-cooperation in the International Office of the University. She is responsible for the University's membership in strategic partnership networks within Europe, for relations to existing European partners and for identifying potential new partners for future cooperation. Previously, Dr. von Richthofen worked as the personal advisor to the President of the Humboldt University of Berlin and as a regional officer, where she was responsible for the University's strategic cooperation with Asia.



Dr. Frank Stiller, Dr. Esther von Richthofen, Marco Lange (from the left)

**Marco Lange** is the new coordinator of the U4 network. He is responsible for fostering and developing the cooperation between the well-known universities of Ghent, Göttingen, Groningen and Uppsala in teaching, research and marketing. Previously he worked as a project manager in the network "Stop Climate Change", was responsible for the FP7 project, BENWOOD, organised information and training courses about climate-friendly production methods in Latin America on behalf of the GIZ and coordinated the application of the FP7 project, SMARTWOOD.

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## From Student to Alumnus and Partner



Dr. Nadeem Sheikh, Assistant Professor at the Department of Zoology of the Punjab University (Pakistan) is a Göttingen Alumnus and its devoted ambassador since 2007. Dr. Sheikh earned his PhD in Göttingen in 2004-2006, as part of the Research

Training Group 335 (Clinical, Cellular and Molecular Biology of Internal Organs). After completing his PhD and Postdoc in Göttingen and Harvard, he returned to Pakistan. However, he has come back to Göttingen every year ever since. This time, he was here for one month as a grantee of the Erasmus Mundus Action 2 staff exchange programme, Experts II. He spent two weeks with the administrative staff of the University (mainly the International Office)

and two weeks at the Faculties of Biology and Medicine. The main purposes of his visit were the exchange of best practices in the field of international project management and the definition of research synergy points in the field of biology between the two universities. "As a Göttingen Alumnus I never really lost the connection to Göttingen. In 2011 I was offered the opportunity of being involved in the Experts II project and of eventually becoming its local coordinator in Pakistan. I saw this as a perfect opportunity of promoting the University of Göttingen outside of my personal circle (which I have been doing ever since I graduated) and contributing to the development of scientific cooperation between the universities of Göttingen and Punjab."

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## New Study and Training Partnership with Fudan University

Starting in the Winter Semester 2013/14, the Faculty of Economic Sciences is launching another International Study and Training Partnership Programme of the DAAD. The School of Economics at Fudan University (Shanghai) will offer master's students from Göttingen a wide range of courses in English in the field of East Asian Economics. Master's students from Fudan will be able to select from a wide range of courses in English in Göttingen, in Development Studies, European Integration, and Human Resources. The DAAD programme also supports the exchange of lecturers, encouraging a deeper partnership between both universities.

More detailed information about the programme and application process is available at [www.uni-goettingen.de/en/417360.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/417360.html).



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## New European Project GreenICN Coordinated by the University of Göttingen

GreenICN (Architecture and Applications of Green Information Centric Networking), an EU-funded project, started in April 2013 and is coordinated by the Institute of Computer Science of the University of Göttingen. The administrative project management is done by the EU-Office of the University. Information Centric Networking (ICN) is a new paradigm for the future. GreenICN aims to bridge the gap between research and deployment by taking an application-driven approach with disaster recovery and video delivery as the key applications under consideration. The efforts of the project will foster close cooperation between both industrial and research communities in Europe and Japan. The project duration is 36 months; it is funded in line with the 7th Framework Programme Cooperation ICT-2013 EU-Japan.

The overall funding is approximately 1.5 million Euros from the EU and 1.5 million Euros from Japan. The project consortium consists of six partners from four European countries (University of Göttingen, NEC Europe, CEDEO, Orange Labs Poland, University College London and CNIT/University of Rome) and 6 Japanese partners (KDDI, NEC Japan, Panasonic, University of Tokyo, Osaka University and Waseda University). The latest news concerning the project can be found at [www.greenicn.org](http://www.greenicn.org).

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## Conference “Dynamics of Religion in Southeast Asia”

The area studies network “Dynamics of Religion in Southeast Asia” (DORISEA), which is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research, holds its mid-term conference in Göttingen from 26-29 June 2013. DORISEA focuses on the coexistence of religion and modernity in Southeast Asia, which contradicts Western theories of secularization. The speaker of the research network, Professor Andrea Lauser (Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology) and the coordination office are located at Göttingen University. The network further comprises the universities of Hamburg, Münster, Heidelberg and Berlin (Humboldt University). Twenty-two scholars from Asia, the US and Europe will meet at the DORISEA conference in order to discuss the relationship between religion and modernity in Southeast Asia from the perspectives of “mediality”, “mobility” and “state”. Please find more information about the programme, the presenters and the registration process at [www.dorisea.de/de/node/996](http://www.dorisea.de/de/node/996).



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## International Stammtisch for Researchers

Since the beginning of the year the Welcome Centre has organized an International Stammtisch once a month. This event offers international guest researchers, faculty and staff the possibility to meet, to exchange experiences and to get to know new people. This way, the Stammtisch represents an ideal opportunity for social networking and exchange across disciplinary boundaries for newly-arrived international researchers as well as for those who have already been in Göttingen for some time.

Due to the very positive feedback, the International Stammtisch has now been established as a regular event and will be continued on a monthly basis. The next meeting will be held on 21 June.

For registration, please write an email to [welcome@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:welcome@uni-goettingen.de).

## European Hadron Collider Physics Summer School

The European Hadron Collider Physics summer school, HASCO, will take place for the second time in Göttingen from 07-19 July 2013. Expected are 60 students and 20 lecturers from 20 European universities and the European Center for Nuclear Research CERN in Geneva. Lectures, seminars and tutorials will present the basics as well as special topics in hadron collider physics, in particular the physics of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). After the discovery of a new, Higgs-like particle in July 2012 in the LHC experiments, the physics of the Higgs-boson will be a special focus of the school this year.



For further information and application, please refer to [hasco.uni-goettingen.de](http://hasco.uni-goettingen.de).

## The EU Project AFFECTS Presents New Results for Space Weather Forecast

At the end of February 2013 the EU-FP7 project, AFFECTS (Advanced Forecast For Ensuring Communications Through Space), together with the Royal Observatory Belgium, organised an international workshop in Brussels presenting the latest analysis methods and automatised procedures for the development of reliable space weather forecasts. Based on real-time analysis of data from current space missions, up-to-date solar storm warnings are produced and distributed internationally to safeguard the smooth operation of telecommunication and navigation systems. For the first time, a prototype centre for space weather forecast was set up at the Institute for Astrophysics Göttingen for a TV production of the Bayerischer Rundfunk.

Under the direction of the Göttingen astrophysicist Dr. Volker Bothmer, institutions and enterprises in Germany, Belgium, Norway, Ukraine and the USA are collaborating. Further information about AFFECTS can be found on the project website at [www.affects-fp7.eu](http://www.affects-fp7.eu).



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## Working group “International Forest Regime”

A young working group “International Forest Regime” is conducting political research on international forest-related agreements and policies, being part of the Department of Forest and Nature Conservation Policy. Instructed by Dr. Lukas Giessen and Prof. Max Krott, young researchers are analysing, in a number of PhD projects, the formation and implementation of such international agreements in countries such as Argentina, Bangladesh, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Poland and Sweden. The group also scrutinises the ongoing negotiations on a pan-European forest convention, which stretches from Western Europe to Russia. In this context, the links to global forest, biodiversity, climate and trade arenas of the UN are also being analyzed. To present parts of their results, the group will host an international conference on “Fragmentation of International Land Use Regimes” in Göttingen in June 2014. The group is funded mostly by a DFG-joint project and is further supported by private foundations and scholarships from various sources.

For further information, please refer to [www.uni-goettingen.de/en/350489.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/350489.html).



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## Transferring Conservation Approaches between Eastern and Western European Farmed Landscapes

From 13-15 February 2013, 47 scientists from 21 European countries met in Göttingen for a workshop to discuss transferring conservation approaches between Eastern and Western European farmed landscapes. Countries in eastern Europe tend to have the highest levels of biodiversity, but the lowest levels of research and low levels of protection. In contrast, the West has lost much of its biodiversity, yet has some of the most intensively researched and well-funded conservation and restoration projects. Organised by a team from the Agroecology and Plant Ecology groups from the University of Göttingen, and funded by the Volkswagen Foundation, this was the first international meeting dedicated to east-west differences in farmland conservation. Conclusions from the workshop will inform an opinion paper on the subject being prepared by the organisers, which aims to provoke wider discussion

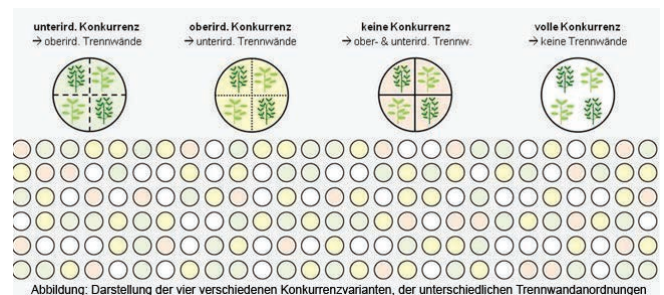
on the topic, potentially forming the basis for further such meetings in the future. For more information, please refer to [eastwest2013.wordpress.com](http://eastwest2013.wordpress.com).



## Research Project "The Impact of Tree Species Diversity on Tree Growth and Herb-layer Diversity"

On 7 May 2013, scientists from the universities of Göttingen and Bolzano presented results from a joint research project in Ponte Vecchio. In the biosphere reserve "Valle del Ticino" the black cherry (*Prunus serotina*), tree species, native to North America, has spread in the last couple of decades, and this more competitive newcomer may displace many native species. Against this background, a junior research group, funded by the Marianne and Dr. Fritz Walter Fischer foundation, has investigated the reasons for the competitive strength of the black cherry (Heike Kawaletz), has quantified the species effects on the functional phytodiversity (André Terwei) and has developed concepts for dealing with affected forests (Peter Annighöfer).

Around 50 experts – and also the founder herself – were informed of the main results of the project during this highly successful knowledge transfer. So far, six papers reporting the results of the project have already been published in international journals.



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## International Mother Language Day at the University of Göttingen

The "International Mother Language Day" is an event held annually on 21 February worldwide to prop up awareness and effective mobilisation of linguistic and cultural diversity, and multilingualism. On this occasion, the Bengali Community in Göttingen organised an international event called "Influence of language on cultural globalisation" on 23 February 2013, which was attended by 80 people of 22 different nationalities. The programme consisted of various presentations, a total of 20 performances (song, poem, dance, instrumental) in 11 different languages and a dinner, which offered 30 international home-made food items.



Foyer international, University of Göttingen and Arbeitskreis Africanisch- Asiatischer Akademikerinnen und Akademiker (AAAAA) partially sponsored the programme.

## More than 270 Erasmus Mundus Scholarship Recipients in Göttingen

The University of Göttingen has been involved in a number of Erasmus Mundus Action 2 projects (EMA2) since 2009. More than 270 scholarship recipients have come to Göttingen since then, among them 73 undergraduates, 80 master's and 61 PhD students, 21 postdocs and 41 staff members from the partner universities.

The University has the highest number of EMA2 coordination and partnership projects among German universities. Göttingen has been coordinating the Asia Regional (EXPERTS) since 2010, the Caucasus (ALRAKIS) and the Central Asia (MARCO) projects since 2011. Apart from that, the University is involved in other 26 EMA2 projects as a partner. In all, the EMA2 projects cover 27 countries in South and Southeast Asia, Central Asia, the Caucasus, the Middle East, the southern Mediterranean region, and Latin America.



For more information, please refer to [www.uni-goettingen.de/erasmusmundus](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/erasmusmundus)

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