Dear doctoral candidates of the MIN faculty,

Today we would like to draw your attention to a number of networking events. Particularly in times of restrictions due to Corona, online networking bear an unique potential to interconnect across locations and faculties. Two series of events with special potential are the MINGS smooth PhD Talks and the events by the equal opportunity unit named ‘close the gap’. Please see below for details.

We wish you the best,
Your MIN Graduate School

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News of MIN Graduate School

MINGS State of Mind survey
We would like to thank all doctoral researchers who took part in our survey. It is fantastic to receive your direct feedback. More than one quarter of you have already answered questions related to your contentment, e.g., how satisfied you are with your supervisors, colleagues, institution or professional progress. The first results show that one of the biggest issues for most of you is a frustratingly low level of motivation. In part, this is linked to the struggles we all face due to the corona pandemic; on the other hand, it is representative from other comparable studies before the corona pandemic. Your critical comments and remarks represent a valuable resource for us to initiate changes.

The poll is open until 8 April, to receive the link, please contact probe@uni-hamburg.de

Take part in the Nacaps study!
The study examines the working conditions and career paths (even unusual ones!) of doctoral researchers. Its results are very important, for example, for developing further support programs at German universities. The Hamburg Research Academy coordinates the study for the University of Hamburg. If you have matriculated newly as doctoral candidate after 1st December 2018, you have already received an invitation with a personal access code. Using this code, you can access the online survey.

The invitation is sent to your email address in STiNE.
MINGS Smooth PhD Talks: Looking for cooperation? Need for inspiration?

Start mid 2021, 5pm to 6pm, online

Young researchers, who want to think outside of the box, are invited to take part in a new lecture series. Therewith, we want to support a regular, peer-to-peer exchange of ideas between different research areas. Currently, informal conversations with doctoral candidates from other departments are rare occasions. We would like to change this by organizing a low-key, smooth and easy event bridging the gap of subject boundaries. Take the chance, be one of our first speakers in a small and intimate round of people. We are looking for interested doctoral researchers that would like to promote their science, get feedback, receive new ideas and establish contacts for internal or external cooperation on site at the MIN faculty.

For registration and/or questions, please contact: mings@uni-hamburg.de.

WORKSHOPS & NETWORKING EVENTS

HRA doctoral day 2021

15 April 2021, online

You can still register for the doctoral day, the following workshops are still open (two of them are held in English): „Being an international researcher in Hamburg“ (in English), „Promotion – Ein Buch mit sieben Siegeln?“ (in German) und „Campus-Etiquette for PhDs“ (in English). The event takes place as part of the topic for 2020/21: social background and equal opportunities in academia.

Please check here for more information.

MINGS Online Seminar: Good Scientific Practice

19 to 23 April 2021, 4pm to 6pm, online

Do you understand the rules and guidelines for responsible conduct of research? Due to high demand, MINGS offers another online seminar on “Good scientific practice”. We will discuss a broad range of topics, e.g. data management, authorship and the process of publication, mentoring and supervision, conflicts of interest and scientific cooperation. In particular, we will explore the grey areas between good and questionable research practice as well as scientific misconduct.

Sign up for this online event in Geventis.

Enhance your network with the cross-university network “Close the Gap”

Kick-off event “Shutdowns, gaps and research from home – equal opportunities in scientific careers in times of a pandemic”
April 23 2021, 10 am to 12 pm, online

The new cross-university network “Close the Gap” aims to tackle this topic and to bring together researchers of all disciplines faced with similar pandemic-related challenges. The network’s kick-off event entitled “Shutdowns, gaps and research from home – equal opportunities in scientific careers in times of a pandemic” will be held on Friday, April 23, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. via Zoom. After some welcoming speeches and a short lecture, the participants will have the opportunity to get to know each other and network. Please note that this first event will be held in German. If you need support, please send an email to gleichstellung@uni-hamburg.de by April 9.

You can find further information on the internet pages of the Equal Opportunity Unit.

In addition, a cross-university network will be initiated to serve as an exchange platform between experienced and early career researchers which will run until December 2022 to promote involvement. A range of events are offered as part of the network.

MINGS Webinar: Career Planning in Uneasy Times – Stay Focused with an IDP!
27 April 2021, 11 to 12am, via Zoom

Doing a doctorate is never an easy task. It requires a strong commitment for several years, and the route of success, whatever that personally means for you (e.g. professorship, academic management, job outside academia), is mostly full of uncertainties. The current pandemic crisis even increased the pressure that comes along with a doctorate. In this situation, we believe that an old cliché still holds true “If you fail to plan, than you plan to fail”. The MIN Graduate School designed a tool in order to foster your personal planning process right from the start: the Individual Development Plan, or in short, the IDP! In a live online session we will explain the IDP, what it is, why it might be useful for you, and how you can adapt it to your specific needs. In particular, 1st and 2nd year doctoral researchers are recommended to attend the webinar.

Find out more and register here.

The Women’s Career Day
28-29 April 2021, online

The Women’s Career Day is a two-day event that usually takes place twice a year. The idea is to train young female scientist in multiple facets of career-management and also to raise their awareness for different gender issues a career in science might bring along. The workshops deal with interdisciplinary topics and soft-skills and will be useful for the present and future professional career, be that within academia or in business and industry. This year`s workshops will be on “Presentation skills for scientists” and “Resilience & Well-being in Academia”. The workshops are held in English and trainers are carefully selected experts with many years of experience in teaching scientists. The
workshops are accompanied by a keynote event in the evening, which will be a joint online screening of the movie "Picture a Scientist".

Registration is open until 20th of April here.

**MINGS Lunch Break: Mentoring – possibilities for everybody**

25 May 2021, 12 to 1 pm, online

For some doctoral researchers, the route of their career is not entirely clear. Maybe, it never really is. As that might not be the most important thing, it is essential to know what your possibilities are, what instruments could help you and whom to ask. The guided exchange between a more senior scientist or person in industry and the mentee not only helps to get your thoughts on a career clarified, but as well can be a lot of fun and divertissment.

In our MINGS Lunch Break "Mentoring – possibilities for everybody", doctoral researchers will meet two speakers with experience on mentoring programs, their possibilities, limitations and how best to get set up for one.

Learn more and register here.

**Language courses particularly for doctoral researcher**

Kurs Nr. 835 Academic Writing, Niveau B2/C1 Termine: 23.04, 21.05, 09.07 16.00-18.45 Uhr, Onlinekurs,Kimberly Oppenheim

Kurs Nr. 836 Presentation Skills, Niveau B2/C1 Termine: 30.04, 07.05, 14.05, 04.06, 11.06, 18.06, 25.06, 02.07 16.00-18.45 Uhr, Onlinekurs,Kimberly Oppenheim

Alle Kurse sind auf B2/C1 Niveau. Die Einstufung ist per Selbsteinschätzung, allerdings wenn Sie sich einstufen möchten, können Sie einen Onlinetest belegen.

Die Anmeldung erfolgt über das Anmeldeformular. Bitte füllen Sie das Formular aus und schicken Sie es an sz@uni-hamburg.de

**Summer School 2021: Particles, Strings & Cosmology**

5-30 July 2021

Work with leading researchers from Universität Hamburg's Physics Department and DESY to examine theoretical concepts, expand your knowledge and discuss advanced research questions in the Particles, Strings & Cosmology Summer School. All Summer School programs include our supplementary program, focusing on German culture and history. Subject specific classes are delivered through a mix of pre-recorded sessions and live sessions from mondays to fridays from 2 pm to 6 pm Central European Summer Time (CEST).

Application is now open here.
**Job Offers & Fellowships**

**New Call: interdisciplinary events in the Natural Sciences**
The Joachim Herz Stiftung is supporting interdisciplinary events in the Natural Sciences. Please see [here](#) for more details.

*The application deadline is 12 May 2021.*

**Call for Applications:**
Merit scholarships for international students enrolled at Universität Hamburg (deadline 15.04.21)
Degree completion grants for international students enrolled at Universität Hamburg (deadline 01.06.21):
In both cases Nicolai Pudimat is your contact.

**Office hours (Mon 10 am–12 noon) temporarily only by telephone via +49 40 42838 3311**

**Job Offers: Die Joachim Herz Stiftung sucht eine:n Naturwissenschaftler:in als Projektmanager (m/w/d) Naturwissenschaften im Wissenschaftsmanagement**

*Bewerbungsende ist am 16. April 2021*

**Online-Innovationswettbewerb "Bosch Sensortec IoT Innovation Challenge"**
*15. Mai – 30. September 2021*

Für den Wettbewerb kann man sich [hier](#) registrieren. *Bewerbungsschluss ist am 30. April 2021*

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