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#Specialedition / Meet the next generation

Dear all,

On May 6, we invited all current PhD candidates to a digital PhD Onboarding event: Through short self-presentations we learned about their research-topics and some personal fun facts. Using a photo of the actual world map hanging in the HoP Lounge, we got an overview of the cultural diversity among the CRC and places of research, studies and *Fernweh* (see below). We also had a look on the skills, resources and interests that are helpful within the work at the CRC and that the new PhDs contribute. During the second part of the evening the PostDocs joined the meeting to further strengthen our initiated buddy-system: Each new person at the CRC is matched with a more experienced buddy, to make for a smooth entry and transition. Thanks to Christine Röhr and Jakob Egetenmeyer for initiating this! Finally, we had some speed dating where we got together in more relaxed, informal ways to connect and to talk further.

Petra Schumacher welcomed all new colleagues with three flowers:

the flower of enthusiasm 🌻 ,

the flower of openness 🌸 and the

flower of personal growth 🌺

A beautiful bouquet of flowers for starting a new job- and also for continuing the second funding phase of the CRC together 🌺 .



Area A



Maria Lialiou, PhD in A01.

Originally from Thessaloniki, Greece, where she got her BA in Linguistics, Maria's studies led her over Potsdam (MA in Experimental & Clinic Linguistics) to the CRC.

Fun fact: Maria loves dogs (her dog lives in Greece), but even more she loves cleanliness. Latest corona hobby:

skateboard 🛹

Malin Spaniol, PhD in A02.


Malin is from Osnabrück, Germany, where she got both her BA and MA in Cognitive Science.

Fun fact: Malin owns a donkey that lives in the south of France and enjoys the ☀️ there.

Janne Lorenzen, PhD in A07.

Born on Sylt, Germany, she moved to Kiel for her BA (Linguistics & English studies). Janne moved to Würzburg for her MA (General and Applied Linguistics).

Fun fact: Janne loves dogs (her dog lives on

Sylt),  and Canada, where she lived for a while.

Feedback

Maria Lialiou

"I really liked the event, it was a fun evening! I am very glad that I had the opportunity to meet the PhDs and the PostDocs in this relaxed setting. I enjoyed all parts of the event and especially the speed-dating. And as a new PhD, I found it very helpful because I had the opportunity to meet and chat with my new colleagues, at least in virtual reality and not only via e-mails."

Area B





Iga Kościółek, PhD in B01.

Coming from Poland, Iga currently lives in Berlin, Germany. She got her BA and MA in Slavic Languages at Humboldt University Berlin.

Fun fact: Iga practices an asian martial art 🥋

Mandy Lorenzen, PhD in B02.

Mandy got her MA (African languages) at the University of Kiel, where she also lives at the moment. Her last research trip took her to Uganda.

Fun fact: "no coffee, no me" ☕☕☕

Tiago-Augusto Duarte, PhD in B04.

Tiago did his BA (Portuguese and English Studies) in São Paulo, Brazil, which is also his hometown. He got his MA (English Linguistics) at the University of Tübingen.

Fun fact: Tiago is a cat person. His white cat stayed in 🇧🇷.





Katharina Gayler, PhD in B05.

As she was student assistant in project A03, some CRC members may know Katharina already. She completed her BA and MA (General linguistics) at the University of Cologne and hopes to be able to go on field research in Papua soon. 🌴 🏠

Barbara Zeyer, PhD in B06, worked as student assistant in C02.

Barbara got her BA (English & French studies) in Göttingen, then moved to Cologne to complete her MA in Linguistics. Fun fact: absolute dog person without having a dog. Therefore, in addition to her research goals, she is aiming for the title "dog mum" 🐶

Simon Fries, research assistant / PhD in B08.

Simon studied Linguistics in Cologne and already worked as student assistant in project B03. With his enthusiasm for Baltic languages and the region he now starts in project B08.

Fun fact: weakness for philosophy and indoarian prosody. 🙌



Thiago Santos, PhD in B09.

Thiago is from Maceió, Brazil, where he still lives at the moment. He is an interpreter of Libras (Brazilian sign language) and was lecturer of Libras at the Federal University of

Alagoas, Maceió, before he joined the CRC.

Fun fact: Besides sign language, Thiago

loves the theater 🎭👏

Feedback 🎤

Barbara Zeyer

"In my opinion, the Onboarding event was really helpful and a great way to (virtually) meet my fellow PhD-students. It was nice to learn some (fun) facts about each other through which you can connect. Although zoom meetings can be quite exhausting, I enjoyed this particular meeting and time flew by because of the many different activities that were planned. Also, it was nice to meet some of the Postdocs prior to the big CRC-day the following day so you don't feel completely lost in a meeting with tons of unknown faces."

Area C





Lisa Gerks, PhD in C02.

Lisa got her BA in Bielefeld, her MA in Osnabrück (Language in Europe). She studied and traveled a lot in Spanish speaking countries, e.g. Costa Rica. Fun

fact: Lisa likes horse riding 🐾

Derya Çokal, Postdoc in C04, starting in September.

Coming from Gaziantep, Turkey, Derya earned her PhD at Middle East Technical University (METU) in Turkey. She worked and lived in the UK and the US. Currently she works in Barcelona, Spain, at Pompeu Fabra University.

Fun fact: Derya is an avid runner and fitness enthusiast. She also enjoys watching British crime dramas 🕵️

Christopher Saure, PhD in C05.

Born and raised in a rural area, Christopher moved to Wuppertal to complete his BA and MA (German & English linguistics) at the University there.

Fun fact: He would like to visit the Bahamas

🇧🇸 (especially if the weather in Germany does not improve soon)



Yuting Li, PhD in C06.

Some of us know Yuting as student assistant in project C06 already. She is currently finalizing her master's thesis before taking up her PhD in C06.

Fun fact: Yuting can host parties, is a great

contact person for food-related topics and
collects (mainly 2 €) coins 🤪



Magdalena Repp, PhD in C07, where she worked as a student assistant before. Magdalena got her BA and MA at the University of Cologne. For her PhD about the German pronounsystem she remains in Cologne at the CRC. She uses [Twitter](#). Fun fact: During her time in Cologne Magdalena became a Carnival fan (Jeck) 🤪 Latest corona hobby: Chess

Anything new coming up?

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