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About

Here at the University of Birmingham, I work to develop the language skills of our students and provide encouragement to each and everyone who is interested in the beautiful German country and language.

Biography

I was educated at the University of Nottingham and the Friedrich-Schiller-Universität, Jena in Germany where I graduated with a Magistra Artium degree in Educational Science, German as a Foreign Language, Speech Science and Phonetics. Before and after my graduation I taught German at the University of Nottingham, the University of Warwick and the TU Dresden. Currently, I am working for the University of Birmingham as the DAAD-Lektorin. As such, I am involved mostly with the language teaching part of the teaching curriculum for second and final year students here at Birmingham. Alongside this, I am a personal tutor for a number of students and I supervise some year abroad dissertations.

Teaching

I teach Core German language classes as well as courses on German film, theatre and culture.

During this academic year I will be offering the following courses:

- Politik und Wirtschaft
- Bühne und gesellschaftlicher Alltag nach 1945
- History and its Images seminar
- Landeskundevorlesung
- Textarbeit
- Sprachpraxis 1
- Sprachpraxis 2
- Sprachpraxis 4

Research

- The consequences of demographic change on society and the individual
- Multi-generation housing and intergenerational life
- Language learning - awareness and strategies
- Language transfer and interference
- L3-acquisition
- Phonetics
- Personality and skills development whilst living in a foreign country

Other activities

Extracurricular

I run a voluntary *Gesprächsrunde* for final year students, which takes place most Wednesday afternoons. I am very happy to organise and run a theatre group, workshops about the art of language and speech, reading circles and so on. Please get in touch with me if you are interested in any of these. Additionally, I support events like the *Stammtisch* of the German Society. Please check dates and the venue with the German Society.

If you have any other ideas for promoting German, I would be very pleased to meet with you to discuss them. To find out more about German events in the UK, have a look at **Think German (http://thinkgerman.org.uk/home)**

Consultation

If you are interested in studying in Germany or you would like information on the different scholarships, funding and grants that are available, please contact me for information.

There is a wide range of grants to students, researchers, and academics open to all subject areas. To get an overview of all available funding programmes that are on offer, please refer to the **online overview of DAAD Scholarships (https://www.daad.de/deutschland/studienangebote/sommerkurse/en/)** .

If you are interested in taking a summer course in Germany, the DAAD has made **information available online (https://www.daad.de/deutschland/en/)** . You can find out which course might suit you best and how to apply; come along to see me for any questions you might have. A small number of grant applications can be supported each year by the DAAD.

What is the DAAD?

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- It is a publicly-funded, self-governing, independent organisation of higher education institutions in Germany.
- It has responsibility for promoting international academic relations through various programmes including worldwide exchanges for students, academics and researchers across all disciplines.
- Its motto is: ‘Change by exchange’.
- **Online overview of DAAD scholarships (http://www.daad.org.uk/en/12703/index.html)** .

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