



Universität  
Bremen

From Cotuitelles to Joint Programmes –  
Challenges and Opportunities

# Staff Week at Bremen University

21. – 23. September 2021





## Dear colleagues and guests,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Staff Week „From Cotutelles to Joint Programmes – Challenges and Opportunities“ at the University of Bremen.

Our Staff Week aims at bringing together and connecting experts with different functions and from different backgrounds who are involved or interested in the administration and initiation of joint programmes at the doctoral level. Together, we will create scope for discussing the vision behind joint programmes and discover the opportunities that open up both for institutions and for individuals.

The Staff Week will also give you the chance to gain an insight into the University of Bremen. Founded in 1971, the University of Bremen is proud to celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. A mid-sized university with 320 professors and around 19,000 students, the University offers a large spectrum of subjects, e.g. 100 different study programmes and is considered the science center of North Western Germany. As a founding member of the YERUN network and one of the YUFE (Young Universities for the Future of Europe) partners, the University of Bremen is reaching out for even more international cooperation than in the past and our staff week will give valuable impetus on the way towards this goal.

**The Staff Week team**

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### Venues:

Building Hörsaalgebäude „Keksdose“, Room HS 2010,  
Building SFG, Room 0140

### Street Address:

Universitätsboulevard 15 and  
Enrique-Schmidt-Strasse 7  
28359 Bremen

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“Joint Programmes at  
Doctorate Level in a European  
university network:  
Linking Education and Research  
towards the  
European Education Area”  
(LINK EDU-RES)

Time	Topic	Location
9:30	<p><b>Official Welcome</b>                      Prof. Dr. Eva-Maria Feichtner,                      Vice President International and Diversity,                      University of Bremen</p> <p><b>Introduction</b>                      - Overview and objectives of the Staff Week                      - Netiquette</p>	Hybrid: Room HS2010 and Zoom
9:45	<p><b>Getting to know each other –                      polls and questions</b>                      Barbara Hasenmüller, Deputy Director                      International Office, University of Bremen</p>	Hybrid: Room HS2010 and Zoom
10:00	<p><b>Key note 1: Vision</b>                      Chair: Prof. Dr. Eva-Maria Feichtner,                      University of Bremen</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Amaya Mendikoetxea, Rector,                      Universidad Autónoma de Madrid                      (video message)</p>	Hybrid: Room HS2010 and Zoom
10:45	Coffee break	
11:00	<p><b>Key notes 2: (legal) framework</b>                      Chair: Prof. Dr. Eva-Maria Feichtner,                      University of Bremen</p> <p>“Progress, challenges and findings as                      regards Output 3”                      Dr. Lavinia Kortese, Maastricht University</p> <p>“Legal challenges in implementing                      cotutelles at Bremen University”                      Saskia Ria Schneider, Legal Office,                      University of Bremen</p>	Hybrid: Room HS2010 and Zoom
12:00	Lunch break	Café Unique
13:00	Campus walk / Virtual tour	Outside Room Room HS2010 / Video link

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14:00	<p><b>Round Table Discussion I</b>                      „On the way towards joint doctoral degree                      programs - steps and stops“  <b>Participants:</b>                      - Prof. Dr. Jutta Günther, Vice President                      Research, University of Bremen                      - Prof. Dr. Marcus Callies, Dean of Faculty 10                      English Linguistics, University of Bremen                      - Prof. Dr. Philippe Meers, Chair of Antwerp                      Doctoral School, University of Antwerp                      - Prof. Dr. Patrick Sachweh, Dean of Bremen                      International Graduate School of Social                      Sciences (BIGSSS), University of Bremen</p>	Hybrid: Room HS2010 and Zoom
15:00	End of day 1	
17:00- 18:30	City walk	Meeting point: Roland, market square, Bremen
19:00	Dinner	Katzencafé, Schnoor 23

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9:30	<b>Coffee &amp; chat: Meet your peers</b> - Legal challenges (Saskia Schneider, Legal Office, University of Bremen) - Support staff for international researchers (Janna Wilbers and Julia Holz, Welcome Center, University of Bremen) - Researcher development and PhD support services (BYRD team, University of Bremen) - Gender perspective in doctoral education (Dr. Lisa Spanka, perspektive promotion, University of Bremen)	On Campus only: Room SFG 0140
10:00	<b>Welcome and overview of day 2</b> Dr. Marie Sander, BYRD, University of Bremen	Hybrid: Room SFG 0140 and Zoom
10:05	<b>International doctoral education: Insights from graduate schools and doctoral programmes</b> Chair: Dr. Marie Sander, BYRD, University of Bremen  Part 1: Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) (Dr. Christian Peters, Managing Director at BIGSSS, University of Bremen) Part 2: Graduate programmes in Marine Sciences: GLOMAR and MarMic (Dr. Christina Klose, Programme manager GLOMAR, University of Bremen)	Hybrid: Room SFG 0140 and Zoom
11:15	Coffee break	
11:30	Part 3: University of Essex: 'Deep Partnership' Approach to Joint Doctoral Programmes (Prof. Sanja Bahun, Dean, University of Essex)	Hybrid: Room SFG 0140 and Zoom
12:00	Lunch break	Mensa on Campus

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14:00	<b>Round Table Discussion II: Making it work. How to conduct PhD research at more than one institution. A discussion among supervisors, researchers, and coordinators</b> Chair: Dr. Imke Girßmann, BYRD, University of Bremen <b>Participants:</b> - Prof. Andrew Canessa, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Essex - Dr. Katharina Kitzinger, Postdoctoral Researcher, Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology - Nicholas Mouttotos, PhD, Faculty 6 Law, University of Bremen - Dr. Pieter Spooren, Director, Antwerp Doctoral School	Hybrid: Room SFG 0140
15:00	End of day 2	
18:00	Official Dinner	Ratskeller, Am Markt

*“Joint Programmes at Doctorate Level in a European university network: Linking Education and Research towards the European Education Area”*



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9:30	<b>Working groups</b>	
	<b>Working group 1 (on Campus only):</b>	Room HS2010
	<p><b>“The Future of Doctoral Supervision. How do we support good supervision across institutions and borders?”</b> (Dr. Marie Sander, BYRD, University of Bremen)</p> <p>Doctoral candidates pursue their own independent scientific research while being supervised by experienced researchers. The quality of this supervision has a direct impact on the success of a doctoral project. This Staff Week Working Group therefore aims to exchange perspectives on regulations and support practices of doctoral supervision across institutions. Our first goal is to provide an overview of measures assisting supervisors and doctoral researchers that are already established at participating universities. Secondly, we will discuss how to encourage and strengthen good supervision practices when research is conducted at more than one institution and/or guided by advisors from several institutions.</p>	

**Working group 2 (digitally):** Online Zoom  
**“Marrying top-down and bottom-up: Achieving organically grown cooperation at the doctoral level”** (Dr. Christian Peters, BIGSSS, University of Bremen and Margaux Kersschot, PhD, University of Antwerp)

Cooperation at the level of doctoral education develops in different ways. On the one hand, it can grow organically by partners with matching research interests finding themselves and wanting to collaborate. The typical co-tutelles are one example of this bottom-up type of collaboration agreements. Often, they require massive administrative management, as each contract may have to be negotiated separately. At the same time, at the institutional level, framework agreements and joint programmes can be established, like for example within the YERUN network.

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	<p>Different challenges arise in this situation where collaboration is stimulated in a top down process in order to create a binding framework of procedural patterns: How to get researchers’ buy-in? How to streamline the frameworks according to different legal and organizational conditions? How to find reliable partners with whom to collaborate?</p> <p>In an interactive format, the workshop aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- identify areas of administrative and scientific collaboration - and where they have to overlap,</li> <li>- define good practice models on both sides (admin and science),</li> <li>- discuss strategies of research management about how to communicate frameworks, benefits, chances and conditions and</li> <li>- look for ways to find reliable partners, both in home and partner universities.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Working group 3 (digitally):</b>	Online Zoom
	<p><b>“Integrating mobility into different formats of doctoral education”</b> (Prof. Anney Lax, Deputy Dean, University of Essex)</p>	
11:00	Coffee break / “transfer time”	
11:30	<p><b>Closing discussion:</b> Challenges and opportunities identified, open questions, next steps                      Chair: Dr. Pieter Spooren, Director, Antwerp Doctoral School  <b>Farewell</b>                      Staff week team “From Cotutelles to Joint Programmes”, University of Bremen</p>	Hybrid: Room HS2010 and Zoom
12:30	End of day 3	
13:00	Lunch break	Café Unique
14:00	Optional: Visit of Marum	MARUM, Leobener Str. 8
19:00	Dinner	Haus am Walde, Kuhgrabenweg 2



# How to find your way on the campus



## Hotels

### 7THINGS - my basic hotel

Universitätsallee 4  
28359 Bremen  
Tel.: + 49 (0) 421 / 696 77 377

### Hotel Atlantic - Universum

Wiener Str. 4  
28359 Bremen  
Telefon: + 49 (0) 421 / 944 888 535

### Hotel Munte am Stadtwald

Parkallee 299  
28213 Bremen  
T: + 49 (0) 421 / 22 02 - 605

## Restaurants

### Katzencafé

Schnoor 23  
28195 Bremen  
Telefon: + 49 (0) 421 / 326621

### Bremer Ratskeller

Am Markt  
28195 Bremen  
Telefon: + 49 (0) 421 / 321676

### Haus am Walde

Kuhgrabenweg 2  
28359 Bremen  
Telefon: + 49 (0) 421 / 212765

## Getting to the University

**By car:** When coming by car from A1 highway, change at the “Bremer Kreuz” onto the A27 highway in the direction of Bremen-Bremerhaven. Leave the A27 at exit “Universität / Horn-Lehe” and head towards “Centrum / Universität.”

Ample parking is available on campus and at the University Technology Park. There is a parking fee of 1 € per day on the outer parking zones and 1.50 € per day in the underground car park.

### Travel information to the campus:

You can get to the University of Bremen conveniently by tram, provided by Bremer Straßenbahn AG (BSAG). Catch the no. 6 tram towards “UNIVERSITÄT” and get off at the stop “Universität / Zentralbereich” (university / central campus area)

# Impressum

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