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 **TRANSFORM  
4EUROPE**

**8-12**  
MAY

**2023**

**T4EU WEEK**  
AT SAARLAND UNIVERSITY

## INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING COURSE OFFER AND REGISTRATION FOR IT:

### Course offer on campus:

▶ **Obligatory course for students (page 4):**

two alternatives, see options below

▶ **Further courses (page 5–11):**

**Target groups:**

Staff: Please attend as many courses as possible if you are interested. This is the curriculum for your staff week.

Students: You may select further courses you are interested in (no ECTS)

▶ **Online/hybrid course offer (page 13–17):**

**Target group:**

any interested person depending on the particular course.

*Please note: Registration for the online/hybrid courses is also open for members of our new partners.*

## COURSE OFFER ON CAMPUS - OVERVIEW

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Introduction to the foundation of quantum information theory, <b>8:30–12:00 CET</b> , room tba	Introduction to the foundation of quantum information theory, <b>8:30–12:00 CET</b> , room tba	Introduction to the foundation of quantum information theory, <b>8:30–12:00 CET</b> , room tba	Introduction to the foundation of quantum information theory, <b>8:30–12:00 CET</b> , room tba
	Foundations of European Politics, <b>8:30–12:00 CET</b> , Graduate Center C 9.3	Foundations of European Politics, <b>8:30–12:00 CET</b> , Graduate Center C 9.3	Foundations of European Politics, <b>8:30–12:00 CET</b> , Graduate Center C 9.3	Foundations of European Politics, <b>8:30–12:00 CET</b> , room HS003 in E1 3
			UdS American Studies Graduate Forum <b>10:00 CET</b>	UdS American Studies Graduate Forum <b>10:00 CET</b>
	Lecture: Foundations of European Criminal Procedure, <b>10:00–12:00 CET</b> , building B4 1, room 0.23		Course: Multilingualism in international contexts, <b>14:00–16:00 CET</b> , Romance linguistics	
	Portuguese: get to know a global language, <b>10:00–14:00 CET</b> , room tba		Diversity Room – one room for many, <b>12:00–14:00 CET</b> , E1 2, room 0.09	
	Workshop: Continuing Education, <b>14:00–15:30 CET</b> , A42 room 0.15	Workshop: The Secrets of Intercultural Communication, <b>13:00–17:00 CET</b> , Graduate Center C 9.3	Sustainability by Circular Economy and Circular Materials, <b>14:00–16:00 CET</b> , room tba	
Workshop: Intercultural communication for student mobility, <b>13:00–17:00 CET</b> , Graduate Center C 9.3	Europeans in foreign lands, foreigners in Europe in the late Middle Ages, <b>14:00–16:00 CET</b> , building B 3.1 room HS10.14	Towards a sustainable Europe – engineered microbes valorize waste into value, <b>14:00–16:00 CET</b> , room tba	Workshop: Become a Knowledge Entrepreneur Part II, <b>14:30–18:30 CET</b> , building B 2.1 room 1.02	
			Presentation of the project DEPART!Saar and Elastokalorik <b>10:00–16:00 CET</b> , ZeMA Saarbrücken »Halle 10«	
Welcome Reception, <b>17:00–19:00 CET</b> , room tba Official part: <b>18:00 CET</b>	Open Dual Lecture: The software of quantum computing, <b>17:00–18:30 CET</b> , room tba	Workshop: Become a Knowledge Entrepreneur Part I, <b>14:30–18:30 CET</b> , building B 2.1 room 1.02	Transform4Europe Open Dual Lecture, <b>17:00–18:30 CET</b> , room tba	

■ - OBLIGATORY COURSE FOR STUDENTS   ■ - FURTHER COURSES   ■ - HYBRID COURSES

Please have a look at the language courses (page 11) and on our cultural programme (page 18)

## COURSE OFFER ON CAMPUS - DETAILED DESCRIPTION

### OBLIGATORY COURSE FOR STUDENTS:

Tuesday to Friday, **8:30–12:00 CET**

Students: please choose **one** option

#### ► Option 1:

**Obligatory Course for Students:** : Introduction to the foundation of quantum information theory, **09–12 May 8:30–12:00 CET**, *Prof. Dr. Moritz Weber*, room tba , **ECTS: 3**

Quantum information theory is an exciting and modern branch of science right at the intersection of mathematics, computer science and physics. To some extent, it can be seen as the »software« side of quantum computing. It evolved from quantum physics and information theory, but nowadays it is a truly interdisciplinary field of its own. In this lecture, we will give a gentle introduction to quantum information theory in its mathematical formulation and we will discuss the basics of quantum algorithms. Absolutely no knowledge in quantum physics is required nor any deep knowledge in mathematics (apart from some basic linear algebra and analysis). The course will be accessible for second year Bachelor's students or later as well as Master students in mathematics or physics or computer science or any related fields. It will be held in English and you may obtain ECTS for this course, graded or ungraded.

If you choose option 1, please also attend the Open Dual Lecture on the software of quantum computing (Tuesday, **09 May, 17:00 CET**, see page 6)

#### ► Option 2:

**Obligatory Course for Students:** foundations of European Politics, **09–12 May 8:30–12:00 CET**, *Dr. Rosa M. Navarrete*, Political science with a focus on European Integration and International Relations, **09–11 May** Graduate Center (C 9.3), **12 May** room HSO03 in E1 3, **ECTS: 3**

This course aims to provide students with an understanding of the political systems, institutions, and processes that shape politics in Europe. It will cover topics such as the role of the European Union in multi-level governance and the challenges facing Europe today. By the end of the course, students should have learnt about some critical debates in European Politics and how social science researchers have approached them.

## FURTHER COURSES

open for staff and students (without additional ECTS, optional)

### Monday, 08 May

- ▶ **Workshop:** Intercultural communication for student mobility, **13:00–17:00 CET**,  
*Dr. Elisabeth Venohr*, International Study Centre, German as a foreign language, Graduate Center C 9.3

The workshop is aimed at UdS students (BA/MA) and international students (with at least 1 UdS semester abroad, also: TransForm4–Europe students). Experiential Intercultural Communication exercises for interaction in courses/seminars will be offered and Critical Incidents (intercultural moments of irritation) in the university context will be analysed together. This workshop is part of the project »Intercultural Trainings in TransForm4Europe« (International Office, Saarland University).

- ▶ **Welcome Reception, 17:00–19:00 CET**,  
room tba

We warmly invite you to attend our Welcome Reception and get to know the other participants while having some snacks. You will be received by the Vice President for Internationalization and European Relations, *Prof. Dr. Cornelius König* and by members of the project team. The official part starts at **18:00 CET** but you may of course come earlier and do some networking.

### Tuesday, 09 May

- ▶ **Lecture:** Foundations of European Criminal Procedure, **10:00–12:00 CET**,  
*Prof. Dr. Dominik Brodowski*, building B4 1, room O.23

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- ▶ **Portuguese:** get to know a global language, **10:00–14:00 CET**,  
*Prof. Dr. Janett Reinstädler, Anja Wörner, Gianluca Campos Sardo*, room tba

Did you know that Portuguese is spoken by 250 million people across four continents? Or that it is the most spoken language in the southern hemisphere? It's also one of the top 10 most spoken languages worldwide, having continuously gained international significance in the past few decades. The Language Center at Saarland University offers you the opportunity to learn Portuguese, so please don't hesitate and come visit our information stand during the Transform4Europe Week.

- ▶ **Workshop: Continuing Education, 14:00–15:30 CET,**  
*Gesa Heinbach, Diana Casper, Centre for Lifelong Learning, building A42 room O.15*

We invite professionals working in Continuing Education to collect information about structures, legal requirements, target groups, labour markets, and all the other surrounding facts of CE–programs. Getting to know the environment of CE in other countries and universities will be helpful for further cooperation in this field.

- ▶ **Europeans in foreign lands, foreigners in Europe in the late Middle Ages, 14:00–16:00 CET,**  
*Prof. Dr. Cristina Andenna, Maximilian Bacher, building B 3.1 room HS I O.14*

The (trans)formation of a European consciousness had always involved a comparison to and differentiation from what was perceived as non–European. The emergence of accounts by European travellers to the foreign lands of Asia, and the arrival of foreign itinerant groups in the European heartlands in the late Middle Ages reignited this process of negotiation. Students at Saarland University will juxtapose these two phenomena and invite discussion on how the »other« contributes to the formation of the »self«, be it personal or territorial.

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## Wednesday, 10 May

- ▶ **Workshop:** The Secrets of Intercultural Communication: Making the best out of it, **13:00–17:00 CET**, *Jana Stehlíková*, Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen, Graduate Center C 9.3

When we listen to someone, do we hear what they are saying or do we automatically interpret the message through the lens of our culture and what we are used to? And can we remove the cultural lens to become more objective and open-minded? How do our assumptions affect the success of communication and how can we learn to better benefit from the specifics of each individual's cultural heritage? The workshop offers insights into the challenges of living and working in a multicultural environment and, through interactive simulations, presents ways to improve cultural awareness and intercultural communication skills for daily life as well as project management.

- ▶ **Towards a sustainable Europe** – engineered microbes valorize waste into value, **14:00–16:00 CET**, *Prof. Dr. Christoph Wittmann*, Institute of Systems Biotechnology, room tba

The team of the Institute of Systems Biotechnology welcomes takes visitors from academia and administration into the world of biotechnology. We will present our vision of a future bio-based economy which uses smart microbial cell factories to create products of daily life from renewables and even waste streams. We will further take you on a tour through our labs, where you can get a flavor of our research, talk to our scientists, and meet some of our amazing microbes. There, you will have the chance to get hands on and produce your own bio-nylon filament.

- ▶ **Workshop:** Become a Knowledge Entrepreneur Part I, **14:30–18:30 CET**, *Denise Vesper*, building B 2.1 room 1.02

The workshop »Become a Knowledge Entrepreneur« is aimed at both students and employees of each partner university. In the workshop, participants reflect on their own knowledge, skills and abilities and discuss networking strategies. These strategies are then used to develop initial ideas on how to advance social, ecological, and digital transformations.



## Thursday, 11 May

- ▶ **UdS American Studies Graduate Forum**, to be further announced  
*Prof. Dr. Astrid Fellner*

In cooperation with the German–American Institute Saarland, the Chair of North American Literary and Cultural Studies (NamLitCult) at Saarland University (UdS) will hold its annual UdS American Studies Graduate Forum (ASGF) that invites advanced Master students, doctoral candidates, as well as junior scholars to present their current work-in-progress in a workshop-style setting. This year's UdS American Studies Graduate Forum will be integrated into the Seminar Border Studies 2023 »**Borders in Crisis**«, organized by the UniGR–Center for Border Studies at Saarland University, and the VW–project »Borders in Crisis«. The ASGF will offer participants a chance to discuss their research with peers as well as with more advanced scholars. This year, we invite submissions dealing with the construction, representation, and assessment of borders in crisis. **Prof. Dr. Saskia Sassen**, Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology and Co–Chair of The Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University and Centennial visiting Professor at the London School of Economics has accepted our invitation to give a keynote lecture on Borders in Global Crises. (**12 May, 10:00 CET**).

*A call for papers will be published beforehand.*

- ▶ **Course: Multilingualism in international contexts, 10:00–16:00 CET**,  
*Prof. Dr. Claudia Polzin–Haumann, Dr. Christina Reissner*, Romance linguistics

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- ▶ **Diversity Room** – one room for many, **12:00–14:00 CET**,  
*Michelle Fröse–Kuhn and Tamara Wagner*, Equal Opportunities and Diversity Management Unit, E1 2, room 0.09

To make studying and working more accessible for students and employees, the Equal Opportunities and Diversity Management Unit (CDM) has set up a rather innovative offer: the Diversity Room at Saarland University. A variety of equipment makes the room multifunctional for different dimensions of diversity. This idea has been awarded as »Hochschulperle Oktober 2022« in a national competition of higher education institutions by Stifterverband. Today, the Diversity Room is open for visitors between **12:00 and 14:00 CET**, including a short online presentation at **12:00 CET**. Members from team CDM will be happy to answer your questions online and on campus.



- ▶ **Sustainability by Circular Economy**, Circular Materials, and why »our« astronaut, Matthias Maurer, used them for space exploration at the ISS, **14:00–16:00 CET**,  
*Prof. Dr. Frank Mücklich*, Institute for Functional Materials, room tba

Materials researchers are developing high-performance materials from many chemical elements – always for the best possible solar cells, cell phones, cars and all our technical hardware. In this sense, the ongoing shift to sustainability and renewable energy is also a major materials shift. But to achieve this, we must strive for a circular economy with materials systems that can be recycled to reuse them as extensively as possible in order to drastically conserve our resources and also reduce our geopolitical dependence. How can this be achieved? About circular systems we can also learn from astronauts life and space exploration on the ISS, for instance from our former student and now alumni, Matthias Maurer. The lecture gives some insights into the facts and figures of this great human task.

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- ▶ **Presentation** of the project DEPART!Saar and Elastokalorik (smart material systems), **10:00–16:00 CET**,  
*Prof. Dr. Dirk Bähre*, *Prof. Dr. Paul Motzki*, DEPART!Saar, ZeMA Saarbrücken »Halle 10«

This event comprises a technical presentation as well as a technology tour on the topic of smart systems. It will take place at ZeMA. A shuttle service will be provided from Saarbrücken Campus and back.

- ▶ **Transform4Europe** Open Dual Lecture, **17:00–18:30 CET**,  
*Prof. Dr. Michael Byram*, external speaker N. N., room tba

## Friday, 12 May

- ▶ **UdS American Studies Graduate Forum**, to be further announced  
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## During the entire week:

*You may also visit our Transform4Europe information point in the canteen during lunch break hours.*

- ▶ **Flexibly schedulable for staff:** Job Shadowing in the section of personal development management within the Human Resources department, *Dr. Birgit Michel–Dittgen, Vivien Busch*

We open the doors! Join us for a few hours in our daily work and get in contact with our way of working and our processes. We will be happy to discuss topics from our portfolio in which you are particularly interested (e.g. leadership guidelines and leadership training, business coaching, status analyses, employee surveys, employee interviews, occupational health management, occupational integration management, etc.). We can discuss the details in a short get-to-know-video session before the Transform4Europe Week.

**Target group:** colleagues from the partner universities in the fields of HR/personnel/organisational development and occupational health management.

**Time period:** individual arrangement during Transform4Europe Week at Saarland University.

► **Get Ready4Europe** – Learning Languages for T4EU

Mensa, Language Center Stand – Monday to Friday during lunch break hours

European university means European multilingualism. At the Language Center, you'll learn the languages of our T4EU partner countries. Stop by for more details about our services offered or to take part in our Wheel of Fortune quiz!

► **PICTURE THIS...**

Mensa, Language Center Stand – Monday to Friday during lunch break hours

Imagine spending a semester abroad in one of our 9 T4EU partner universities. Where do you see yourself? Take a picture in front of our green screen and we'll transport you there!

► **10 Unis – 10 Languages – 10 Language Tasters!**

*Dr. Peter Tischer*, Language Centre building C 5.4, Course offer below

[https://www.szs.uni-saarland.de/t4eu-week\\_2023.html](https://www.szs.uni-saarland.de/t4eu-week_2023.html)

From Bulgarian to Spanish – The Language Center is offering language tasters in the 10 languages of our 10 T4EU partner universities. Take 45 minutes and discover a new language and – who knows – maybe the destination of your next stay abroad!

**Monday, 08 May**

**16:00–17:00 CET:** Lithuanian, *Dr. Teresè Ringailienė*, online

**17:00–18:00 CET:** Slovenian, *Klara Sumenjak*, online

**Tuesday, 09 May**

**16:00–17:00 CET:** Estonian, *Viktoria Pehk-Ivascenko*, online

**17:00–18:00 CET:** Spanish, *Elena Fernández*, hybrid

**Wednesday, 10 May**

**16:00–17:00 CET:** Portuguese, N.N., hybrid

**17:00–18:00 CET:** Bulgarian, N.N., hybrid

**Thursday, 11 May**

**16:00–17:00 CET:** Dialect from Saarland, *S. Ley*, hybrid

**17:00–18:00 CET:** Italian, *P. Netti*, hybrid

**Friday, 12 May**

**16:00–17:00 CET:** French, *Dr. Chemeta*, hybrid

**17:00–18:00 CET:** Polish, *Barbara Koscieska*, hybrid

## ONLINE AND HYBRID COURSE – OVERVIEW

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Stress-Arousal-Regulation-Treatment (START) – Stress resilience in Times of Challenge, 14:00–17:00 CET			Sustainability by Circular Economy and Circular Materials, 14:00–16:00 CET	
				T4ERI Talk: Our Research and Innovation Alliance, 15:00–16:30 CET
	Open Dual Lecture: The software of quantum computing, 17:00–18:30 CET		Transform4Europe Open Dual Lecture, 17:00–18:30 CET	

Flexibly schedulable:

Workshop Service Learning, via moodle,	Teaching and Learning – Basics in English	Online Learning Skills	Learning and Teaching – Basic Skills
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- ▶ **Workshop:** Service Learning, via moodle,  
*Katrin Arendt*

Service-learning is an innovative teaching and learning format for higher education that combines university learning and community engagement of students in order to improve theory-practice transfer and add value to society. The goal of the workshop is to enable participants to develop a concept for a service-learning course. Contents of the workshop include an introduction to the basics of service-learning, the procedure of planning service-learning courses, as well as legal issues that can arise in service-learning. The workshop modules are provided as interactive learning units on Moodle and should be worked on individually; feedback on the tasks and assistance during the asynchronous working phase are available to all participants.

- ▶ **Teaching and Learning** – Basics in English,  
*Birgit Roßmanith*, higher education expert

This course can be completed asynchronously during the Transform4Europe Week. It is aimed at **teaching staff**. Submission of the task sheets has to be done until **Monday, 15 May, 16:00 CET**.

- ▶ **Online Learning Skills**,  
*Elisabeth Rau*, teaching assistant; supported by *Birgit Roßmanith*, higher education expert

This course is aimed at students. Submission of the task sheets has to be done until **Monday, 15 May, 16:00 CET**.

- ▶ **Learning and Teaching** – Basic Skills,  
*Birgit Roßmanith*, higher education expert, supported by *Elisabeth Rau*, teaching assistant

This course is aimed at international students and comprises an asynchronous online phase in individual and group work (freely and flexible schedulable.) Submission of the task sheets has to be done until **Monday, 15 May, 16:00 CET**.

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- ▶ **Stress-Arousal-Regulation-Treatment (START)** – Stress resilience in Times of Challenge, **14:00–17:00 CET**, *Dr. Eva Möhler, Dipl.-Psych. Andrea Dixius*

This psychological workshop gives insight into the START Program. No previous experience required. START is a structured concept of stabilization and emotion regulation and is based on a culture integrative approach. Compounds of START are derived from elements of dialectic behavioral therapy for adolescents (DBT-A). Also, START focuses on the support of prevention and reinforcement of safety factors and resilience. START is composed as a manual for practice with multilingual translated therapy materials, numerous pictures and audio files and easy to apply. Feasibility and Pilot effectiveness have been established (Möhler and Dixius, 2021), randomized control trials of efficacy are underway.

## Tuesday, 09 May

- ▶ **German for fun** – an introductory course Part I, **10:00–10:45 CET**, *Dr. Oxana Brandes*, International Study Centre Saar

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- ▶ **Diversity Orientation Training, 14:00–16:00 CET,**  
*Carmen Neis, Tamara Wagner, Equal Opportunities and Diversity Management Unit*

What is diversity and what do we do with it in the university environment? The workshop provides an insight into Equal Opportunities and Diversity Management at Saarland University and clarifies basic terms like unconscious bias. Case studies make the explanation tangible.

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*Prof. Dr. Frank Mücklich*, Institute for Functional Materials

Materials researchers are developing high-performance materials from many chemical elements – always for the best possible solar cells, cell phones, cars and all our technical hardware. In this sense, the ongoing shift to sustainability and renewable energy is also a major materials shift. But to achieve

this, we must strive for a circular economy with materials systems that can be recycled to reuse them as extensively as possible in order to drastically conserve our resources and also reduce our geopolitical dependence. How can this be achieved? About circular systems we can also learn from astronauts life and space exploration on the ISS, for instance from our former student and now alumni, Matthias Maurer. The lecture gives some insights into the facts and figures of this great human task.

- ▶ **Transform4Europe** Open Dual Lecture, **17:00–18:30 CET**,  
*Prof. Dr. Michael Byram*, external speaker N. N.

## Friday, 12 May

- ▶ **UdS American Studies Graduate Forum**, to be further announced  
*Prof. Dr. Astrid Fellner*

In cooperation with the German–American Institute Saarland, the Chair of North American Literary and Cultural Studies (NamLitCult) at Saarland University (UdS) will hold its annual UdS American Studies Graduate Forum (ASGF) that invites advanced Master students, doctoral candidates, as well as junior scholars to present their current work-in-progress in a workshop-style setting. This year's UdS American Studies Graduate Forum will be integrated into the Seminar Border Studies 2023 »**Borders in Crisis**«, organized by the UniGR–Center for Border Studies at Saarland University, and the VW–project »Borders in Crisis«. The ASGF will offer participants a chance to discuss their research with peers as well as with more advanced scholars. This year, we invite submissions dealing with the construction, representation, and assessment of borders in crisis. **Prof. Dr. Saskia Sassen**, Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology and Co–Chair of The Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University and Centennial visiting Professor at the London School of Economics has accepted our invitation to give a keynote lecture on Borders in Global Crises. (**12 May, 10:00 CET**).

*A call for papers will be published beforehand.*

***Please have a look at the language courses (page 11) and on our cultural programme (page 18)***

- ▶ **T4ERI Talk: Gender and Diversity in T4ERI** – advances of the project, **15:00–16:30 CET**,  
*Teresa Amido*

This talk takes place in the framework of the T4ERI project, the sister project of T4EU in charge of the research and innovation part of the alliance. T4ERI's plans, results and future plans will be presented in the form of an online round table discussion where the participants will have a voice in shaping the future of the alliance's initiatives in research and innovation. The link and more details about the talk will be shared soon.

## CULTURAL PROGRAMME (OPTIONAL)

### Monday, 08 May

**Pub crawl with ZiS** (center for international students), 20:00 CET

### Tuesday, 09 May

**Campus tour**, 12:15–14:00 CET

**Barbecue Evening with ZiS** (center for international students), 19:00 CET,  
August Wilhelm Scheer Graduate Center (Building C 9.3) (costs covered)

### Wednesday, 10 May

**Dinner in Saarbrücken**, 20:00 CET (no costs covered)

### Thursday, 11 May

**International students meeting (ZiS)**, 19:00 CET (one free drink)

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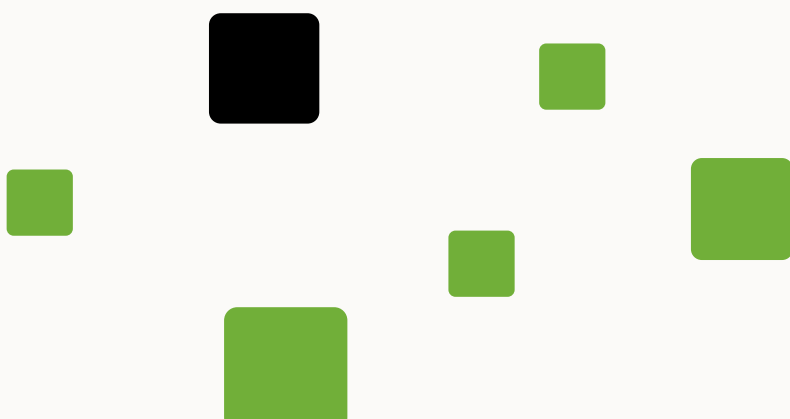
**Field trip** to the iron and steel works »Völklinger Hütte« as a place of industrial transformation in Europe, 14:00 CET (costs covered), meeting point Saarbrücken Central Station

**ZiS International celebration** with karaoke, 19:00 CET,  
Forum International (no costs)

**Please also note:**

**09–11 May:** Street Food Festival on Campus

Please also have a look at the **programme for Saarland University's activities for its 75th anniversary** taking place during this week.





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