

From Cotutelles to Joint Programmes –  
Challenges and Opportunities

# Staff Week at University of Bremen

1 – 3 April 2020

Venue: Building SFG, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor: Rooms 2040, 2060, and 2070, Lobby  
Street Address: Enrique-Schmidt-Strasse 7, 28359 Bremen

Part of the Erasmus+ Project:  
"Joint Programmes at Doctorate Level in a European university network: Linking Education and Research towards  
the European Education Area" (LINK EDU-RES)

**DAY 1****Wednesday, April 1, 2020**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
9:00	Registration	SFG 2060
9:30	<b>Official Welcome</b>  Prof. Dr. Bernd Scholz-Reiter, President, University of Bremen  Prof. Dr. Eva-Maria Feichtner, Vice President International and Diversity, University of Bremen  Overview and objectives of the Staff Week	SFG 2040
10:15	<b>Key Note 1: The Vision</b>  "Joint programmes at doctorate level: challenges and opportunities"  Prof. Amaya Mendikoetxea, Academic advisor to the YERUN network, Senior Lecturer in English Philology, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid  Chair: Prof. Dr. Eva-Maria Feichtner, Vice President International and Diversity, University of Bremen	SFG 2040
11:00	<b>Who is Here? Meet your Peers</b>  Barbara Hasenmüller, Deputy Director International Office, University of Bremen	SFG 2040
11:30	Coffee break	SFG 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Lobby
11:45	<b>Key Notes 2: The Legal Framework</b>  "A comparison of doctoral regulations across institutions: Progress, challenges and preliminary findings" Lavinia Kortese LL.M., and Ruben Tans LL.M., Maastricht University  "Legal challenges in implementing cotutelles at the University of Bremen" Saskia Ria Schneider, Law Office, University of Bremen  Chair: Prof. Dr. Eva-Maria Feichtner, Vice President International and Diversity, University of Bremen	SFG 2040
12:45	Lunch break	SFG 2060 / 2070

14:00	Campus walk	Outside SFG entrance
14:45	<b>Round Table Discussion I</b> "On the way towards joint doctoral degree programmes – steps and stops" Chair: Dr. Christian Peters, BIGSSS, University of Bremen	SFG 2040
	<b>Participants:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prof. Jutta Günther, designated Vice President Research, University of Bremen</li> <li>- Lavinia Kortese, LL.M., ITEM / Maastricht University</li> <li>- Prof. Philippe Meers, Chair of Antwerp Doctoral School, University of Antwerp</li> <li>- Prof. Dr. Manfred Radmacher, Faculty 1/Physics/Engineering, University of Bremen</li> <li>- Prof. Dr. Bernd Zolitschka, Chair of the doctoral committee Dr. rer. nat. at Faculty 8, University of Bremen</li> </ul>	
15:45	Coffee break	SFG 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Lobby
16:00	<b>Table Topics: Experts meet Experts</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Legal challenges (Saskia Ria Schneider, Law Office, University of Bremen)</li> <li>- Support staff for international researchers (Janna Wilbers, Welcome Center, University of Bremen)</li> <li>- Researcher development and PhD support services (Dr. Marie Sander, Bremen Early Career Researcher Development)</li> <li>- Perspectives on gender dynamics in doctoral education (Dr. Lisa Spanka, perspektive promotion, University of Bremen)</li> </ul>	SFG 2040 / 2060
16:45	<b>Wrap Up &amp; Highlights</b> –	SFG 2040
17:15	Chair: Dr. Andrea Gottlieb, UBremen Project Coordinator, University of Bremen	
19:00	Official dinner	Ratskeller

TIME	TOPIC	LOCATION
9:00	<b>Welcome and Overview of Day 2</b>	SFG 2040
9:30	<b>International Doctoral Education: Insights from Graduate Schools and Doctoral Programmes</b> Chair: Dr. Marie Sander, BYRD, University of Bremen	SFG 2040
	<b>Institutions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) (Dr. Christian Peters, University of Bremen)</li> <li>- Glomar/ MarMic (Dr. Christina Klose, University of Bremen)</li> <li>- tbc (YERUN Partner University)</li> </ul>	
11:00	Coffee break	SFG 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Lobby
11:15	<b>Round Table Discussion II:</b> "Making it work. How to conduct PhD research at more than one institution." A discussion among supervisors, doctoral candidates, and coordinators Chair: Imke Girßmann, BYRD, University of Bremen	SFG 2040
	<b>Participants:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prof. Dr. Christian Freksa, Faculty 3, University of Bremen</li> <li>- Dr. Christiane Glöckner, MarMic, MPI</li> <li>- Katharina Kitzinger, Cotutelle PhD Candidate, University of Bremen</li> <li>- tba (YERUN Partner Universities)</li> </ul>	
12:30	Lunch break	Café Unique
13:30	<b>Afternoon Session: Working Groups</b>	Individual rooms:
16:30	<b>Working Group 1:</b> "The future of doctoral supervision. How do we support good supervision across institutions and borders?" (Dr. Marie Sander, BYRD, University of Bremen)	SFG 2060 SFG 2040
	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.	SFG 2070

13:30	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.	Individual rooms:
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16:30		SFG 2060
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	<b>Working Group 2:</b>	
	“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. 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?	
	In an interactive format, the workshop aims to:	
	<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:</b> Open topic (N.N.)	
	Coffee provided in rooms	
16:30	<b>Wrap Up &amp; Highlights</b>	SFG 2040
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17:00	Chair: Dr. Andrea Gottlieb, UBremen Project Coordinator, University of Bremen	
19:00	Dinner	Don Carlos

# DAY 3

Friday, April 3, 2020

TIME	TOPIC	LOCATION
9:30	<b>Welcome and Overview of Day 3</b>	SFG 2040
9:40	<b>Conclusions Presented by the Working Groups</b> Chair: Dr. Andrea Gottlieb, UBremen Project Coordinator, University of Bremen	SFG 2040
10:45	Coffee break	SFG 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Lobby
11:45	<b>Closing Discussion:</b> "How do we proceed from here? Challenges and opportunities identified, open questions, next steps" Chair: Dr. Pieter Spooren, Director, Antwerp Doctoral School	SFG 2040
12:15	<b>Farewell</b> Dr. Andrea Gottlieb, UBremen Project Coordinator, University of Bremen	SFG 2040
12:30	Lunch break	Mensa
15:00	<b>City Walk</b>	Meeting point: Roland Statue, Am Markt, 28195 Bremen
17:00		

## VENUE

