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# DEADLINES & DATES



## RÜCKMELDUNG WINTER SEMESTER 2024/25

You can re-enroll for the 2024/25 winter semester until August 15 via HISinOne. For more information, please consult the [website of the Service Center Studium](#).

## SATURDAY OPENING KG IV Library

Funded by the *Projektmittelwettbewerb: Innovatives Studium 2024* (SVB funds), the KG IV library can open on Saturdays in July/August. The application for the extended opening hours was jointly submitted by the FS Anglistik, FS Geschichte, FS Politik, FS Soziologie, and the library itself.

When? July 6 - August 31 | 10 am – 7 pm

You can find more information on the KG IV library [here](#).

## COURSE REGISTRATION AND ALLOCATION PERIODS FOR THE 2024/25 WINTER SEMESTER

**Course registration and allocation** for the 2024/25 winter semester begins on **Monday, July 22**. You can find general information on course registration at the English Department [here](#) and detailed instructions for registration on HISinOne [here](#).

Courses with open spots will be **added after the second allocation period** for:

- General education requirements (*Ergänzungsbereich*)
- M15 – *Wissensvertiefung* (courses from Cultural Studies)
- M5 – *Kulturwissenschaftliches Ergänzungsmodul*

⚠ **Students who did not get a spot in a mandatory course should simply register again during the second registration period.** ⚠

### Lectures and Colloquia

First come, first served

July 22 – Oct. 13

### Seminars, Practicals, and Tutorials

#### First registration period

July 22 - 18

First allocation process

July 29 Aug. 8

#### Second registration period

Aug. 5 - Sept. 22

Second allocation process	Aug. 15 - 16
Third allocation process	Sept. 23 - 27
Waitlist processing	Oct. 4 – 18
<b>Remaining Open Spots</b>	
First come, first served	Apr. 13 – 14
<b>Hardship Claims (Härtefallanträge)</b>	
Scheduling conflicts etc.	July 22 – 28
Regular	Aug. 17 – Sept. 22

Please find information on waitlist processing and hardship claims on our [website](#).



## NEW FACE AT THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

**Dana Serditova**



Hi everyone,

It is debatable how much of a new face I am in the English department, as I've just completed my PhD here, but I am very happy to introduce myself in a new capacity. Starting in October, I will be working as a postdoc under Prof. Kortmann and teaching two courses this winter semester: *Introduction to Sociolinguistics* and *Linguistic Variation in Urban North America*. My [PhD](#), titled "Salience in New Orleans English," aimed to identify and describe several features of New Orleans English, such as the PIN~PEN merger, /I/-vocalization, and /aɪ/-monophthongization. Consequently, my research interests revolve around sociolinguistics, (socio)phonetics and

phonology, and all things language variation and change. I have studied dialectal features in North America, England, and Australia, so my research has a broad geographic scope. My postdoc project will be situated at the intersection of sociolinguistics and speech technology and will be conducted in collaboration with researchers from Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Hochschule Düsseldorf, and Newcastle University. It aims to investigate how users adapt their speech when they interact with dialect-sensitive versus neutral automatic speech recognition (ASR) systems. You are welcome to contact me with research project ideas in sociolinguistics, dialectology, phonetics and phonology, ASR, human-machine interaction, AI-induced language change, and other similar fields.

I look forward to meeting many of you in *Introduction to Sociolinguistics* or *Linguistic Variation in Urban North America* in October! Until then, feel free to say hi by sending me an [email](#).

As they say in New Orleans, y'all take it easy,

Dana Serditova

# OPPORTUNITIES



## ERASMUS+

### OPEN SPOTS SOMMER SEMESTER 2025

OPEN PLACEMENTS LEFT FOR

**ERASMUS+**  
during  
**Summer '25**

Deadline: 12 August

We have available spots for:  
**Aberdeen, Birmingham,  
Sheffield, Guildford, Iasi,  
Lyon, Santiago de  
Compostela and Lleida.**

first come  
first serve

Email your CV and your top three  
priorities to:  
[erasmus@anglistik.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:erasmus@anglistik.uni-freiburg.de)

Attention students! 🗣️

We still have open spots for an ERASMUS+ exchange during the summer semester 2025 that we would love to fill! Send your CV and a list of your priorities to Christina ([erasmus@anglistik.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:erasmus@anglistik.uni-freiburg.de)) until August 12. First comes first serve! For further information see [here](#).

## STUDENT ASSISTANT FOR IES Abroad

If you are someone who believes that variety is the spice of life, then keep reading! As Student & Staff Assistant at IES Abroad, you will work with an international team of staff and provide support to American students who have grown up all over the world. Your responsibilities will include a wide range of office work along with hands-on activities and field trips aimed at integrating students in Freiburg.

Time Frame: Position is to be filled as soon as possible, ideally with a commitment of at least 1 year. 5 –7 hours per week with set shifts in the morning or afternoon; flexibility required for special events

Responsibilities:

Administrative Tasks:

- Staff the Front Office during morning / evening shifts (incl. opening / closing the office)
- Assist students and faculty with any issue or task in the absence of core staff
- Support core staff with the preparation of materials for students and courses
- Update online student learning platforms, such as Moodle, with current information for students
- Perform routine maintenance tasks to ensure a tidy, inviting space for students and faculty

## Orientation, Field Trips and Other Events:

- Participate in and support with all aspects of student orientation week at the start of each semester (August 26 – September 1, 2024; January 14 – 19, 2025; February 24 – March 2, 2025)
- Aid students as they adjust to a new environment and support them throughout their stay
- Cooperate with core staff to organize student events and field trips, which staff assistant may also be asked to participate in

## Required Skills/Qualifications:

- Enrollment at an institution of higher education or equivalent establishment
- Fluent in English and German (written and spoken)
- Good organizational skills and strong computer skills (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Sensitivity to cultural differences, ideally with experience living/studying abroad
- Inclusive attitude and ability to deal with many people at once
- Patience and a sense of humor

Find out more about our programs on our [website](#).

## Applications:

To apply, please send your resume along with a cover letter detailing why you are interested in this position to: [kjors@iesabroad.org](mailto:kjors@iesabroad.org)

## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

### ***Global Studies Program***

The Global Studies Programme, initiated in 2001, is a two-year master's degree programme. The main objective of the programme is to study various cultures and regions within the social sciences, focusing on the Global South. The GSP is conducted jointly by the University of Freiburg (Germany), the University of Cape Town (South Africa), Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi, India), FLACSO Argentina (Buenos Aires) and Chulalongkorn University (Bangkok). Within the GSP, students learn to approach the world and globalization from various regional perspectives and disciplines, comprising sociology, political sciences, anthropology, and cultural geography. The programme's global and multicultural experience is enhanced by the diversity of its students who study at different places around the world together. Each group comprises students from all parts of the world. The programme received many high-ranking awards including the BMW Group Award for Intercultural Learning (2004) and the Top Ten International Master's Programme title by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft (2006). In 2011 these successes were confirmed again with the reaccreditation of the GSP in Germany. Since 2001, more than six hundred and fifty students from over sixty countries on all the continents have participated in the programme. From mid-April the programme begins every year with the summer semester in Freiburg. In their second semester, students can choose between FLACSO Argentina in Buenos Aires or Cape Town University, while for their third semester students have the choice between Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi or Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. In the fourth semester, students return to Freiburg for their MA thesis and final examination. The application deadline for the GSP intake of 2025 is November 30th, 2024. The online application

portal is only open from September 15th 2024 to November 30th 2024. Between September and November there will be two virtual information events for everyone interested in the programme, more information and the exact dates will be published on our website.

For further information on the programme and the application requirements please check the [GPS-Website](#) or send an email to [gspinfo@mail.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:gspinfo@mail.uni-freiburg.de).

**Interdisciplinary, international, and intercultural**

The Global Studies Programme is a two-year Master program initiated in 2002.

The mission of the program is to study social sciences in various cultures and regions, focusing on global dynamics from the unique perspective of each location.

It is conducted jointly by the University of Freiburg (Freiburg), the University of Cape Town (Cape Town), FLACSO Argentina (Buenos Aires), Chulalongkorn University (Bangkok), and Jawaharlal Nehru University (New Delhi).

**Application**

The application period is from September 15th until November 30th of each year. Submit your application via the online application platform of the University of Freiburg, HISiONE: <https://www.uni-freiburg.de/hisone/>

**Requirements:**

- Faculty degree in a relevant discipline
- CV, motivation letter, and research proposal
- Proficiency in English (IELTS 6.5)

You can find further details and a step-by-step guide on our website. Applications will be considered until November 29th.

**Website and contact:**

[www.gsp.uni-freiburg.de](http://www.gsp.uni-freiburg.de)  
[uni@uni-freiburg.de](mailto:uni@uni-freiburg.de)  
[gspinfo@mail.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:gspinfo@mail.uni-freiburg.de)

**What will I learn?**

In the Global Studies Programme you will:

- acquire theoretical knowledge in social areas of research, politics, economics and cultural interrelations in globalization;
- critically analyze problems of daily life in a global context and to participate in the globalized world;
- engage with current topics and interdisciplinary research and form a sound understanding;
- work on your own thesis, the theoretical and empirical foundations from different disciplines, especially from the Global South, team projects, and conduct research projects, and write a research proposal;
- conduct independent research projects, possibly in cooperation with other students, social movements, social entrepreneurs, and more.

**3 continents - 5 universities - 1 life-changing experience!**

**Overview**

<b>Degree:</b>	Master of Arts in Social Sciences (M.A. Social Sciences) with FLACSO Argentina or an equivalent degree with 120 ECTS
<b>Time Period:</b>	Study 1. April of each year, but possible in spring semester of two years later
<b>Fees:</b>	tuition fees apply, exact amount for each location is stated on our website
<b>Language:</b>	English (medium/low/upper) optional (first language preferred)
<b>Form of study:</b>	Full-time (five semesters)
<b>Timeline:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1st semester at the University of Freiburg (Oct - Jan)</li> <li>2nd semester at FLACSO Argentina or the University of Cape Town (Feb - Jun)</li> <li>3rd semester at JKU (Jul - Oct) or Chulalongkorn University (Thailand) / Jawaharlal Nehru University (India)</li> <li>4th semester in Freiburg (Spring) - potential 5th semester in Freiburg</li> </ul>
<b>Discipline involved:</b>	Sociology, Political Sciences, Human Geography, and especially political science
<b>Current prospects:</b>	International relations, NGOs, activism, politics, charities, media, government
<b>Modules:</b>	International, Global Governance, Cultural Studies, Interdisciplinary

**Participating universities**

**STUDENTISCHER ESSAYWETTBEWERB**  
**"Demokratie auf dem Rückzug?"**

**ESSAY WETTBEWERB**

**DEMOKRATIE AUF DEM RÜCKZUG?**

Die Demokratie steht global unter Druck. Aktuell gibt es weltweit mehr autokratische als demokratische Staaten. Nur knapp ein Drittel aller Menschen leben in einer Demokratie. Immer mehr Menschen zweifeln an der Lösungskompetenz demokratischer Modelle und finden autoritäre Politik attraktiv.

Studierende sind eingeladen, in einem Essay die akademische Preisfrage zu beantworten, wie sich die Demokratie gegenüber autoritären Herausforderungen behaupten kann. Prämiert werden Texte, die sich mit der Zukunftsfähigkeit von Demokratie auseinandersetzen, Ursachen für den Rückgang von Demokratiequalität untersuchen oder die Bedeutung kritischer Zivilgesellschaften für demokratische Erneuerung erörtern.

**Macht mit beim Essaywettbewerb der Deutschen Gesellschaft e. V. und sendet uns Euren Essay bis 18. August 2024.**

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# READING GROUPS



## READING GAMES

### *Venba* (2023)

**Reading Games** (as in "we are reading games," not as if a series of gamified reading sessions) is a book club for video games instead of books.

*Reading Games* is a discussion group meeting on a monthly basis to talk about digital games, examining them from an interdisciplinary perspective, including literary and cultural studies approaches. The meetings take place **between 18:30-20:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month, in room 4008 (KG IV) and via Discord (hybrid)** and are open to all students, faculty members, and external guests. Participants are expected to complete a playthrough of the selected game in advance of each session.



In August, the club will continue their theme Food by discussing *Venba* (2023).

*Venba* is a short narrative cooking game, where you play as an Indian mom who immigrates to Canada with her family in the 1980s. Cook various dishes and restore lost recipes, hold branching conversations, and explore South Indian food in this story about family, love, and loss.

**Agata Waszkiewicz, the author of the selected reading, will be joining this session online!**

*When?* **Wednesday, August 10 | 6.30–8.00 pm**

*Where?* **R4008 & Discord (Hybrid)**

The selected reading for this theme is: **Agata Waszkiewicz, *Delicious Pixels: Food in Video Games* (2022)**



## STIPENDIEN - INFOTOOL

### Mut zum Stipendium!

Das Stipendien-Infotool der Zentralen Studienberatung informiert und unterstützt bei der Suche nach dem passenden Stipendium.

Los geht's:



[www.osa.uni-freiburg.de/stipendien](http://www.osa.uni-freiburg.de/stipendien)

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Liebe Studierende,

haben Sie schon einmal daran gedacht, sich auf ein Stipendium zu bewerben? Im übersichtlichen neuen Stipendien-Infotool unterstützen wir Sie bei der Suche und Bewerbung auf ein Stipendium.

Sie haben noch offene Fragen? Oder würden gerne Ihre Bewerbungsunterlagen besprechen oder sich auf ein Auswahlgespräch vorbereiten? Vereinbaren Sie gerne einen Termin zur Stipendienberatung bei der Zentralen Studienberatung im Service Center Studium!

Viele Grüße

Alexandra Rüdell

**Wishing you much rest and relaxation during the semester break!**

