



# WELCOME CENTER NEWSLETTER

TUM International Center

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## Welcome Center Events

Thursday, February 15

### **Being new in Germany – Administrative proceedings and other tips and tricks on how to survive in Germany**

Being new in Germany might cause questions on how to deal with different administrative necessities. To help you find answers to these questions and to make your stay and in particular your start in Munich easier and more comfortable, we invited a number of experts in the fields of residence titles, health insurance and (income) tax.

The info session will start with an introductory presentation from each expert to each topic. To make it as informative as possible and to give each of you the possibility to ask your individual questions, the main part of the event will be designed as a fair where each expert will have their own table and you can approach them according to your needs. The talks will be held in English.



## Experts

- Residence title & German immigration law: Sabine Strotmann, [Ausländerbehörde München](#)
- Income tax: Johannes Stetten, [Lohnsteuerhilfe e.V.](#)
- Health Insurance: tba

**Registration:** We invite all international researchers of TUM and the Max Planck Society and kindly ask you to register by February 12, 2018.

Please send an [e-mail to Stefanie Bossert](#), stating your first and last name, your affiliation (TUM or MPG), and your nationality. We look forward to meeting you.

**Location:** Technische Universität München, Arcisstrasse 21, 80333 München

**Room:** Vorhoelzer Forum (5th floor)

**Public Transport:** U2 Theresienstraße / Bus 100 Technische Universität

**Time:** 5 - 8 p.m.

**Price:** free

## Sunday, February 18

### National Socialism – History and Resistance

Munich has a [history of National Socialism](#). Adolf Hitler tried to seize power here with a putsch in 1923 and failed. He was detained and convicted to five years in jail by the Munich Law Court. Hitler used the confinement to write his book “Mein Kampf”.

But in Munich was also resistance against the movement of National Socialism. Members of the group “White Rose” were willing to risk their life in the struggle for humanistic and Christian values. We will go on a guided tour through the city and visit historical places of this time.



**Meeting Place:** Glyptothek, Main Entrance, Königsplatz 3, 80333 München

**Time:** 10:45 a.m.

**Price:** EUR 3.00

To register, please send an [e-mail to Julia Vrooman](#)

# Events in Munich

**Friday, February 2 – Sunday, February 4**

## The Art of Brewery

From February 2 to 4, 2018, Munich will be dominated by the best beers in the world for the third time. Whether you are a traditionalist or a revolutionist, whether you prefer big names or newcomer: On the [Braukunst Live! 2018](#) brands and brewers will meet their fans and friends. Take a close look and experience the best beer ranging from IPA, Lager to Stout.



**Location:** Münchner MVG Museum, Ständlerstr. 20, 81549 München

**Public Transport:** S3/7 + U2/7 Giesing

**Time:** Fri 4 p.m - 11 p.m., Sat 2 p.m. – 10 p.m., Sun 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Price:** starting from EUR 22.00

**Sunday, February 4**

## Super Bowl Party

Experience the NFL final live at Germany's biggest Super Bowl Party. The game will be transmitted on a 40 square meter screen directly from Houston, Texas. Close to the Ostbahnhof the public viewing starts at 8 p.m. in the TonHalle. If you want to turn your evening into a real party you can book the "Super Bowl starter package" including a table and entrance fee for eight people, four pitchers of Heineken beer and eight hot dogs for EUR 110.00.



**Location:** TonHalle München, Grafinger Str. 6, 81671 München

**Public Transport:** S1 – S8 or U5 Ostbahnhof

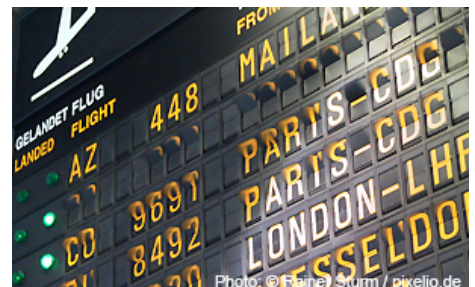
**Time:** 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Price:** starting from EUR 10.00, including one beer for free

**Wednesday, February 21 – Sunday, February 25**

## f.re.e – Fair for Leisure and Travel

Bavaria's largest [travel and leisure trade fair](#) celebrates an anniversary this year. The event takes place under the name "f.re.e" for the 10th time. Between February 21 and 25, 2018, more than 1,200 exhibitors from over 60 countries will present vacation trends and novelties dealing with leisure activities at the Munich trade fair grounds.



**Location:** Messe München  
**Public Transport:** U2 Messestadt Ost  
**Time:** 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
**Price:** starting from EUR 8.00

## Monday, February 26

### Faust without Words

The [play performed by Theaterzirkus Dresden](#) tells the famous novel of the German writer Johann Wolfgang von Goethe in a unique way: without words. The idea was born when the director Tom Quaas left Germany to study clownery and pantomime at the famous French college „Centre National des Arts du Cirque“.



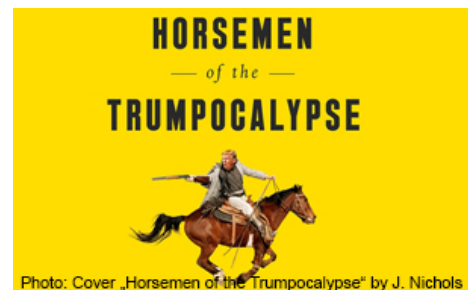
Back home, he fulfilled his lifelong dream and gathered a group of dancers and puppeteers, mimes and singers together to confront his audience with a rather uncommon style of theatre. Thanks to the artistic skills of the stage director as well as the actors there is not a single spoken word needed to make the conflicts of the characters perceptible. Be ready to experience a unique interpretation of one of the most important German classical plays, that will leave you speechless, but with a smile on your face.

**Location:** Gasteig, Rosenheimer Straße 5, 81667 München  
**Public Transport:** S1 – 8 Rosenheimer Platz  
**Time:** 8 p.m.  
**Price:** [starting from EUR 28.00](#)

## Wednesday, February 28

### Dawn of the Trumppocalypse?

[The Donald Trump White House](#) has massively contributed to the notion that facts matter neither in political, social or journalistic contexts. Media outlets such as Fox News often purport theses that are largely unfounded or at least highly questionable from a factual standpoint.



John Nichols, a pioneering political blogger, writes against this tide in his contributions for “The Nation” as its national-affairs correspondent. His posts have been cited internationally, quoted in numerous books, and mentioned in debates on the floor of Congress.

Nichols has further diagnosed the current situation in American politics in numerous books such as “Horsemen of the Trumppocalypse: A Field Guide to the Most Dangerous People in America”, and a best-selling biography of former vice president Dick Cheney, “Dick: The Man Who is President” (New Press), which has recently been published in French and Arabic.

**Location:** Amerikahaus, Barer Str. 19a, 80333 München

**Public Transport:** Tram 27/28

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Price:** free, [reservation requested](#)

## Events in Garching

### Friday, February 9

#### **Memo Gonzalez & Band**

Without reservation, [Memo Gonzalez](#) & The Bluescasters is one of the most exciting live blues bands and combines authentic Texas roadhouse blues with swing and rock 'n' roll influences. Their collaboration started in 1995 and resulted in more than 1,000 shows in European clubs and on international festivals.

**Location:** Bürgerhaus, Ratskeller

**Public Transport:** U6 Garching

**Time:** 9 p.m.

**Price:** [EUR 13.10 \(regular price\)](#)



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### Saturday, February 24

#### **The Evolution of Dance**

Don't stop the music – skillfull dancers, breathtaking choreographies and the greatest pop hits of all times joined in a unique stage performance will lead you through the evolution of dance and allow you to relive those wonderful magical moments! Enjoy the evergreens from Elvis Presley and The Beatles, The Bee Gees, Madonna and Michael Jackson all the way to today's international stars like Usher, Rihanna and Lady Gaga.

**Location:** Bürgerhaus, Ratskeller

**Public Transport:** U6 Garching

**Time:** 8 p.m.

**Price:** [starting from EUR 20.00](#)



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# Events in Freising

**Tuesday, February 6**

## **TUM@Freising**

An exciting cross-section of topics from the Weihenstephan (WZW) Scientific Center of the Technische Universität München (TUM) awaits you. Every four to eight weeks, leading scientists from the TUM's Life Science Campus give a lecture on their research.

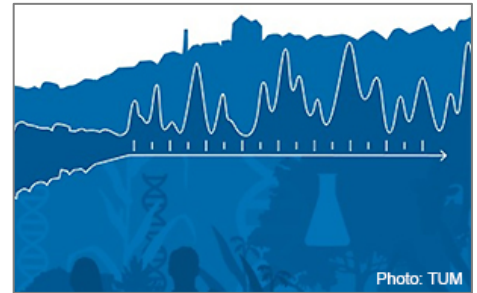
Young professors of the WZW take over the moderation and invite you to a dialogue. Relevant content, easy-to-understand language and entertaining presentation – that's how [TUM@Freising](#) wants to bring science to the city. A subsequent discussion is expressly desired after each lecture, because science lives from the exchange of views.

**Location:** Lindenkeller, Veitsmüllerweg 2, 85354 Freising

**Public Transport:** S1 Freising

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Price:** free



**Friday, February 9**

## **Irish Folk Night**

[Matching Ties](#) is an Irish, English and Scottish folk group with members from the USA, England, Ireland and Germany based in southeastern Germany. Their unique blend of traditional Irish/Celtic folk with a modern twist and a touch of American bluegrass and mountain music is their trademark. The core of the band is their duo, which expands to line-ups from permanent members in their trio and quartet to special guest musicians in their quintet.



Among the best multi-instrumentalists in the European folk scene on stringed instruments, flutes, pipes and percussions, they are also excellent singers and seasoned entertainers. Since 1986 they have performed over 3000 times at every imaginable acoustic and folk music event and venue throughout Europe and in the USA. In addition to their concerts, they present Irish Folk Nights in which they accompany [Irish dancers](#).

**Location:** Lindenkeller, Veitsmüllerweg 2, 85354 Freising

**Public Transport:** S1 Freising

**Time:** 7 p.m.

**Price:** [starting from EUR 16.00](#)

## Wednesday, February 14

### Let's have a drink at...

The meetup "New in town Freising" is a meetup group in Freising, which gets together every Wednesday but extra events do happen as well. The meetup group is for anybody who would like to get in touch with new people – German and English speaking expats in the Freising area, everybody is welcome.

**Location:** several places in central Freising

**Public Transport:** S1 Freising

**Time:** various

**Price:** free

## Notes

### Little "How do Germans tick" Guide: Fasching

Fasching is Germany's carnival season. It starts on November 11 at exactly 11 minutes after 11 a.m. and ends at midnight on Shrove Tuesday – the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Fasching is more a Roman Catholic and Christian Orthodox celebration and is also known as Karneval in Germany. It is a time of festivity – a time to break rules and poke fun at the government.



In Germany the tradition can be traced to medieval times where many countries existed under harsh rules. During Fasching, the common people took a chance at "living it up" and "talking back to their rulers". They would form their own mock government with an eleven-member carnival committee and a royal couple to rule the country during the Fasching season. Political authorities and sovereigns were the target of the ridicule, and featured in humorous and satirical speeches. To avoid persecution and punishment, these antics were played out from behind masks and costumes.

Fasching festivities have become annual events around the world with the typical parades, masquerade balls and comical skits. Also known as Carnival or Mardi Gras, the most famous are located in Cologne, Nice, Rio de Janeiro and New Orleans. Although Carnival in Rio is probably the craziest of all, Germany is undoubtedly the most enthusiastic country in Europe.

## Thursday, February 8 – Tuesday, February 13

### Carnival season in Munich

During the Carnival season over 800 fancy-dress balls and classical gala balls are held. The climax of the open air activities is on Sunday, February 11. Then the Marienplatz is turned into a huge party zone with music and creative costumes. Another highlight is the dance of the market women at the Viktualienmarkt on Shrove Tuesday at 11 a.m.

## Saturday, February 3

### Hippie-Fasching (Hippie Carnival)

Every year, the hippies meet up in the highest rock museum of the world, up in the Olympic Tower. This year, the band "RoxxDoxx" will entertain the guests. There will be an award for the best costume.

**Location:** Rockmuseum, Spiridon-Louis-Ring 7, 80809 München

**Public Transport:** U3 Olympiazentrum

**Time:** 8 p.m.

**Price:** [starting from EUR 22.00](#)

## Saturday, February 10

### Gauklerball (Juggler Ball)

This year the theme is connected to the Faust Festival and therefore is "The juggler in the Auerbach cellar", meaning devilish decorated rooms and infernal live Music. Suitable costumes are requested.

**Location:** Künstlerhaus am Lenbachplatz, Lenbachplatz 8, 80333 München

**Public Transport:** S-Bahn Karlsplatz (Stachus), U4/U5 Karlsplatz (Stachus), Tram 19 Karlsplatz (Stachus Nord)

**Time:** 8 p.m.

**Price:** [starting from EUR 35.90](#)

### Accommodation Center

If you plan to leave Munich in a while and are staying in a private accommodation that could possibly be rented out again to other international guests, please send an [e-mail to the Accommodation Center](#). The team of TUM International Center wishes everyone leaving a good continuation of your research and hope to welcome you back here someday.

### TUM Research Alumni Network

Before leaving Munich, do not forget to join the [TUM Research Alumni Network](#). In this way, you will remain part of the international academic community of the Technical University of Munich. Also, do not miss to join the [TUM Research Alumni Gallery](#) and thus show your enduring affiliation to our institution.

### Mentoring for Scientists

The [Mentoring for Scientists program](#) is designed for [international Research Alumni](#) and current guest scientists of TUM. It supports PhD students and post-docs in research and research-related matters. If you want to share your knowledge or learn from experienced colleagues, you can either apply for a mentor or a mentee during your stay at TUM.



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