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WEDNESDAY 29th JANUARY



DREAMLAND DEUTSCHLAND?

CATEGORY: Live, Study and Work in Germany

TIME: 12:30PM - 03:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Book Launch of “Dreamland Deutschland?”, a unique storytelling project that captures the real-life experiences of South-Asian students navigating life in Germany (in the presence of the Ambassador of India and Bhutan, Dr. Philipp Ackermann, and the Regional Director Goethe-Institut South Asia, Dr. Marla Stukenberg)

PANELISTS: Aisha Franz, Bea Davies, Debasish Deb, Maren Amini, Paul Paetzel, Tine Fetz, moderated by Surjodoy Chatterjee

PRETZELS & PIXELS: SNAP, SOLVE, SMILE

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 03:00PM-06:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Dive into a delightful mix of trivia and photography with an exciting quiz that uncovers fascinating facts about Germany's history, culture, and landmarks and an AI Photo Booth for a picture-perfect experience!

Conducted by: Paramita Roy and Anindita Madhu

STUDY & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN GERMANY

CATEGORY: LIVE, STUDY AND WORK IN GERMANY

TIME: 03:00PM-05:00PM, LOCATION: Main Auditorium

The panel consisting of many experts will be hosted by Apoorv Mahendru, Deputy Director, Regional Office and will feature insightful conversations about Germany's dynamic landscape for higher education and research.

PANELISTS: Apoorva Mahendru, Deputy Director (Regional Office) [moderator], Dr Malay Das (Presidency University), Dr Amitava Gupta (Jadavpur University)

REIMAGINING MEMORY AND IDENTITY: A LITERARY ENCOUNTER WITH MAX CZOLLEK

CATEGORY: Book Talks

TIME: 04:00PM-06:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Conversation with Max Czollek, a renowned German poet, essayist, and curator, widely celebrated for his incisive critiques of German memory culture, Leitkultur, and integration. This session will feature selected readings from his poetry, followed by an in-depth discussion on how literature serves as a medium to recall and reinterpret memories, as well as to address broader societal dynamics.

SPEAKERS: Max Czollek (German poet), Dr. Brinda Bose (Professor, Dept of English at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)

ABER HI! SHINING SHEEP AND OTHER POEMS BY ULRIKE ALMUT SANDIG

CATEGORY: Book Talks

TIME: 06:30PM-08:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

In the beginning, was it the light, or was it the sound? In Ulrike Almut Sandig's latest poetry, it is only a leap from the creation of the world to its destruction, from the coast of Lampedusa to contemporary Ukraine. Can shining sheep be used as night storage for the dark hours, when we are overwhelmed with fear? In sequences of playful, elemental, and vibrantly contemporary poems and poetry films, Sandig embraces contemporary literature as well as folk tales but also the urgent issues of today. Full of humor, music, light and rage, these are poems for the here and now, presented in German and English by Sandig and her translator Karen Leeder.

SPEAKERS: Ulrike Almut Sandig (Berlin, Germany), Karen Leeder (Oxford, UK)

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THURSDAY 30th JANUARY



LIVE ART: GERMANY IN FOCUS

CATEGORY: Exhibitions

TIME: 12:30PM-05:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Experience the thrill of live art creation with “Live Art: Germany in Focus”. This captivating performance includes five young artists from Germany create a piece of art in real time, offering an evolving visual narrative inspired by contemporary themes of identity, diversity, and cultural transformation.

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS: Maren Amini, Paul Paetzel, Tine Fetz, Bea Davies, Aisha Franz

12:30PM-1:30PM: Maren Amini, Paul Paetzel, Tine Fetz

02:00PM-03:00PM: Tine Fetz, Paul Paetzel

04:30PM-05:30PM: Maren Amini, Bea Davies, Aisha Franz

KINDERCORNER: MITDENKEN

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 12:30PM-02:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

This unique event conducted by Divyani Sharma and Sudesna Barman bring learning to life with engaging interactive sessions, hands-on experiments, magical stories, exciting games, and even opportunities to learn German through science, storytelling, and play.

STORYBOARDING WORKSHOP

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 02:00PM-04:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Dreamland Deutschland? storyboarding workshop is specially designed for school children and led by talented graphic novel artists to teach young minds the art of visual storytelling and narrative techniques.

PARTICIPATING ARTISTS: Aisha Franz, Bea Davies

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ZWISCHEN LEBEN - DUI JIBONER MAJHE BY MONICA CANTIENI

CATEGORY: Book Talks

TIME: 02:30PM-04:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

“Zwischen Leben” is Swiss author Monica Cantieni’s latest novel for young adults, touching on topics like biodiversity, immigration and sustainability, translated in Bengali by Parthapratim Chattopadhyay. The translated book will be launched in the presence of the author and the translator.

SPEAKERS: Monica Cantieni (author), Partha Chattopadhyay (translator), moderated by Surjodoy Chatterjee

KINDER CORNER: DISCOVER GERMAN WONDERS

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 04:00PM-05:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

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GRAPHIC NOVELS FROM GERMANY

CATEGORY: Book Talks

TIME: 04:00PM-05:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion, Boimela Prangon

The German graphic novel artists from the “Dreamland Deutschland?” project will showcase their books in the pavilion, that will be available for public interaction.

THURSDAY 30th JANUARY



CATCH THEM YOUNG: ZERO WASTE & CIRCULAR ECONOMY

CATEGORY: Science Talks

TIME: 05:45PM-06:45PM, LOCATION: Narayan Sanyal Hall

Science lecture by Prof. Sadhan Kumar Ghosh (Mechanical Engineering Department, Coordinator Centre for Quality Management System, Jadavpur University)

From space to tech, air to waste, the Popular Science Lectures turn tricky topics into captivating stories, making science exciting and easy to grasp.

MODERN LIFE IS RUBBISH: AN EVENING WITH CHRISTIAN KRACHT

CATEGORY: Book Talks

TIME: 06:00PM-08:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

In a conversation with author Indrajit Hazra ("The Garden of Earthly Delights", "The Bioscope Man", "In Praise of Laziness"), Swiss author Christian Kracht will talk about, among other things, his novels, especially "Imperium" (2012), "The Dead" (2016) and "Eurotrash" (2021).

SPEAKERS: Indrajit Hazra (author), Christian Kracht (author)

FRIDAY 31st JANUARY

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This unique event conducted by Tuhin Subhra Halder brings learning to life with engaging interactive sessions, hands-on experiments, magical stories, exciting games, and even opportunities to learn German through science, storytelling, and play.

STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 02:00PM-04:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

The storytelling workshop by Swiss author Monica Cantieni for children aged 12-14. This session will teach the participants how to express their creativity and offer an experience filled with captivating tales and interactive activities. By invitation only.

SCHNUPPERSTUNDE

CATEGORY: Live, Study and Work in Germany

TIME: 03:30PM-04:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

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FRIDAY 31st JANUARY



TRANSLATION AS TRANSFORMATION: BRIDGING CULTURES THROUGH LITERATURE

CATEGORY: Making Books Public

TIME: 04:00PM-06:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion, Boimela Prangon

This panel delves into the art and complexity of literary translation, exploring how cultural nuances are preserved while making texts accessible to new audiences.

PANELISTS: Ulrike Almut Sandig (Germany), Karen Leeder (United Kingdom), Christian Kracht (Switzerland), Alka Saraogi (India), and Subroto Saha (India), moderated by Jayashree Joshi (India)

BOX OF SCIENCE

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 04:30PM-06:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Guided by experts, children will learn scientific concepts through fun, interactive experiments while picking up German phrases along the way. Our experts are Parag Gore and Ankush Shingade.

ETHICS IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH: INFLUENCE OF “ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE”

CATEGORY: Science Talks

TIME: 04:30PM-05:30PM, LOCATION: Narayan Sanyal Hall

Science lecture by Prof. Debjyoti Ghosal (Department of Chemistry Jadavpur University)

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HISTORY, CULTURE, ECONOMICS - BOOK FAIRS IN THE GLOBAL ARENA

CATEGORY: Making Books Public

TIME: 06:00PM-08:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

In this conversation, the participants explore the historical significance of book fairs, their culture, economics, and the deep connection between book fairs and literary engagement.

SPEAKERS: Claudia Kaiser (Frankfurter Buchmesse) and Tridib Kumar Chatterjee (Booksellers and Publishers Guild), moderated by Paromita Chakravarti

SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY

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RIPPLES: STORIES AND REALITIES OF WETLANDS

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 12:30PM-02:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

An Art & Ecology Workshop conducted by the Disappearing Dialogues Collective exploring the vital role of wetlands in sustaining ecological balance, with a special focus on the East Kolkata Wetlands (EKW).

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SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY

DESTINATION DEUTSCHLAND: JOBS IN GERMANY

CATEGORY: Live, Study and Work in Germany

TIME: 12:00PM-1:00PM, 01:30PM-02:30PM, 03:00PM-04:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Join our free workshop to gain an insight into the correct ways to prepare your job application documents. This workshop will focus on how to create an attractive resume and write a cover letter to enhance the chances of being invited for an interview.

*Registration is free & mandatory for participation (walk-in registration)

MODERATOR: Anisha Bhaduri, GUEST SPEAKER: Ms. Denise Eichhorn, (ProRecognition, the information service of the Indo-German Chamber of Commerce on recognition of qualifications and employment in Germany).

12.00 pm to 1.00 pm Job Search in Germany

1.30 pm to 2.30 pm CV Writing workshop

3.00 pm to 4.00 pm Interview Practice

SAY IT WITH CARTOONS!

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 02:30PM-04:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Maren Amini, Paul Paetzel, and Tine Fetz, three artists from the graphic novel art project "Dreamland Deutschland?" will introduce school children to the fundamentals of cartoon art.

SCHNUPPERSTUNDE

CATEGORY: Live, Study and Work in Germany

TIME: 03:30PM-04:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

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FOOD JOURNEYS: TASTING STORIES, STIRRING HISTORIES

CATEGORY: Book Talks

TIME: 04:30PM-06:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

A compelling discussion on "Food Journeys: Stories from the Heart", published by Zubaan Books, featuring contributors Hoihnu Hauzel and Ningreichon Tungshang, and moderated by filmmaker and writer Nilanjan Bhattacharya, the session delves into this powerful anthology of personal narratives and recipes.

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WHAT IF IT NEVER STOPS RAINING PERFORMANCE BY KENO

CATEGORY: Concert

TIME: 06:30PM-08:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

The transformative performance by Keno in collaboration with Joel Sakré and special guest Ditty (Aditi Gupta) blends music, poetry and storytelling in several languages and is themed around the image of a changing city.

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

ART FOR JUNIORS: JULIA KERR

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 12:00PM-12:45PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Join us to explore Judith Kerr's semi-autobiographical novels that tell the story of her own childhood as her family moved from country to country to escape the Nazis' rise to power through this performative presentation by ThinkArts team.

LOST IN TRANSLATION? NAVIGATING MULTILINGUALISM IN THEATRE SCRIPTS

CATEGORY: Making Books Public

TIME: 01:00PM-02:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

A panel discussion exploring the art of translating theatre scripts from one language to another while preserving their cultural essence and emotional depth.

PANELISTS: Sunil Shanbag (theatre director, screenwriter), Sapan Saran (writer and founder of Tamasha), Romit Roy (theatre translator), moderated by Jayashree Joshi (translator, from Goethe-Institut Mumbai)

GERMANY CALLING!

CATEGORY: Live, Study and Work in Germany

TIME: 01:00PM-02:00PM, LOCATION: Main Auditorium

An Info-session conducted jointly by ProRecognition & Goethe-Institut on working in Germany, professions in demand, recognition of qualifications, language requirements

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MODERATOR: Anisha Bhaduri

GUEST SPEAKERS: Ms. Barbara Voss (Consul General, Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of India), Ms. Denise Eichhorn (Head-ProRecognition, Hand in Hand for International Talents at Indo-German Chamber of Commerce), Mr. Tom Reiner (Regional Director of IGCC)

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KINDER CORNER: MITDENKEN

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CHILDREN'S THEATRE: DER ZINNSOLDAT UND DIE PAPIERTÄNZERIN

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 02:30PM-04:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Scenic reading of the play "Der Zinnsoldat und die Papiertänzerin" by Roland Schimmelpfennig, translated by Romit Roy. The reading will be performed by the theatre group Kolkata Kalpak.

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GERMAN BOOKS 2024

CATEGORY: Exhibitions

TIME: 04:00PM-04:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

The 25 most beautiful German books of 2024, as curated by the jury of Stiftung Buchkunst, will be exhibited at the German Pavilion. The exhibition will be inaugurated by Birte Kreft, Managing Director, Stiftung Buchkunst.

THOMAS MANN – A PORTRAIT BY PROF. SUBHORANJAN DASGUPTA

CATEGORY: Book Talks

TIME: 04:00PM-05:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Thomas Mann was born in Luebeck 150 years ago. He is regarded as one of the greatest novelists of the last century. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1929 for his very first novel “Buddenbrooks”. But that was just a spectacular start. It was followed by other unforgettable epics like “The Magic Mountain”, “Joseph and his Brothers” and “Doctor Faustus”. Thomas Mann was a humanist and anti-Fascist to his core and he spent a long period in exile during the Nazi years. Professor Subhoranjan Dasgupta, retired Professor of Human Sciences, will introduce Thomas Mann, and his literature, Weltanschauung and Creativity.

ERICH KÄSTNER READING: TIMELESS TRILINGUAL TALES

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 04:30PM-05:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Readings Tri-lingual readings in German, English, and Bengali of the works of Erich Kästner to bring his timeless stories to life, making them accessible and inspiring for kids and families alike, conducted by Parthapratim Chattopadhyay and Vaishali Dabke.

MUSEUM OF THE WORLD BY CHRISTOPHER KLOEBLE

CATEGORY: Book Talks

TIME: 05:00PM-06:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Conversation about the novel “The Museum of the World”, written by German author Christopher Kloeble and translated in Bengali by Sulagna Mukhopadhyay, a depiction of 19th century India through the eyes of an orphan boy from Bombay who is part of the Schlagintweit brothers’ expedition in India.

SPEAKERS: Christopher Kloeble, Sulagna Mukhopadhyay, moderated by Surjodoy Chatterjee.

SCHNUPPERSTUNDE

CATEGORY: Live, Study and Work in Germany

TIME: 05:30PM-06:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

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CHALLENGES OF DISINFORMATION FOR NEW AGE JOURNALISM

TIME: 06:30PM-08:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

SPEAKERS: Peter Limbourg (Director General of Deutsche Welle) moderated by Paranjoy Guha Thakurta (Journalist)

MONDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

ERICH KÄSTNER READING: TIMELESS TRILINGUAL TALES

CATEGORY: Young Readers

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WRITING FICTION

CATEGORY: Book Talks

TIME: 02:00PM-04:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Creative writers of all ages, who are interested in historical fiction, are invited to take part in an interactive session with Christopher Kloeble about the beauty and nuances of writing fiction in historical settings.

SPEAKERS: Christopher Kloeble, moderated by Surjodoy Chatterjee

TWO ORBITS AND SEVERAL SPARKS

CATEGORY: Book Talks

TIME: 04:00PM-05:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Two most extensive translations ("Nirbachito Kobita") of two great poets: Hans Magnus Enzensberger (1929–2022) and Erich Fried (1921–1988), as well as the translation of Enzensberger's last poetry book "Wirrwarr" in Bengali will be presented by Subroto Saha in conversation with Chinmoy Guha.

SPEAKERS: Subroto Saha (translator) and Chinmoy Guha (Professor Emeritus University of Calcutta)

CZERNOWITZ: THE CITY OF POETS

CATEGORY: Book Talks

TIME: 05:30PM-06:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Lecture on the phenomenon of the German literature of Czernowitz (now Chernivtsi, Ukraine) and its poets: Paul Celan, Rose Ausländer, Selma Meerbaum-Aisinger, Klara Blum and others by Iryna Vikyrchak (Ukrainian poet, scholar and culture manager).

FROM WORDCAVES TO WORDCAVES: AN ENCOUNTER WITH PAUL CELAN

CATEGORY: Book Talks

TIME: 06:30PM-08:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Presentation of the first Indian publication of the selected poetry and letters by one of the most prominent German poets of the 20th century, Paul Celan, in Bengali translation.

SPEAKERS: Bertrand Badiou (author, editor) Subroto Saha (translator), Nabanita Saha (French interpreter), moderated by Iryna Vikyrchak (Ukrainian poet, scholar and culture manager).

TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY

KINDERCORNER: DEUTSCHDIALOGTREFF

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 12:30PM-02:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

This unique event conducted by Sandipan Sen and Aishwarya Kali bring learning to life with engaging interactive sessions, hands-on experiments, magical stories, exciting games, and even opportunities to learn German through science, storytelling, and play.

INFORMATION SESSION: STUDY & RESEARCH IN GERMANY!

CATEGORY: Live, Study and Work in Germany

TIME: 03:00PM-04:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Join this session and get to know all that you need to know about studying in Germany.

MODERATOR: Antoinette Stephen (Regional Officer at Information Centre Chennai DAAD)

VISIBLE INTELLIGENCE: THE ARTS OF THE BOOK

CATEGORY: Making Books Public

TIME: 04:00PM-05:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Discover how experimental formats like pop-ups and foldouts transform books into immersive experiences and hear about maverick designers who broke the rules to redefine the medium.

PANELISTS: Sunandini Banerjee (Seagull), Birte Kreft (Managing director, Stiftung Buchkunst), Ahlawat Gunjan (Book Cover Designer), moderated by Abhijit Gupta (JU Press)

BEYOND THE PAGES: THE ROLE OF LITERATURE FESTIVALS IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD

CATEGORY: Making Books Public

TIME: 05:45PM-06:45PM, LOCATION: Main Auditorium

This engaging panel brings together eminent speakers to explore the transformative role of literature festivals in popularizing literature and fostering global literary engagements.

SPEAKERS: Lavinia Frey (International Literature Festival Berlin Director), Malavika Banerjee (Kolkata Lit Festival), Mary Therese Kurkalang (Co-Director of Brahmaputra Literary Festival), V. Ravichandar (Bangalore Lit Fest), Tridib Kumar Chattopadhyaya (Booksellers and Publishers Guild), moderated by Sandip Roy (Writer and Columnist).

DECODING THE CANCER PUZZLE: IN SEARCH OF THE PIVOTAL PIECE

CATEGORY: Science Talks

TIME: 05:45PM-06:45PM, LOCATION: Narayan Sanyal Hall

Science lecture by Prof. Tanya Das (Ph.D., FNASc, FAScT, FPSI ICMR Emeritus Scientist, Division of Molecular Medicine Former Dean, Research and Development Bose Institute)

From space to tech, air to waste, the Popular Science Lectures turn tricky topics into captivating stories, making science exciting and easy to grasp.

KINDERCORNER: DISCOVER GERMAN WONDERS

CATEGORY: Young Readers

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WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY



UNPACK MY LIBRARY by Sand Box Collective

CATEGORY: Exhibitions

TIME: 12:00PM-03:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Library installation, readings, workshops and panel discussion.

A travelling project that features Sandbox Collective's Feminist Library - an installation that aims at creating small spaces for intimate gatherings related to books and literature. Besides the Library itself, activities around the installation included readings and zine making workshops throughout the day.

12:00PM-12:30PM: Feminist Library Set-up

12:30PM-03:30PM: Zine Making Workshop

INFORMATION SESSION: STUDY & RESEARCH IN GERMANY!

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EARN WHILE YOU LEARN IN GERMANY

CATEGORY: Live, Study and Work in Germany

TIME: 02:00PM-03:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Pre-Integration Info Session on Dual Vocational Training in Germany to get all necessary support and information like eligibility, application portals, Ausbildung profile search, Visa information, finance options, recognition process, CV writing, etc.

MODERATOR & SPEAKER: Anisha Bhaduri (Project-Coordinator: Pre-Integration)

Cross-Border Synergy: Announcing the Sundarbans Cultural Resilience Project

CATEGORY: Live, Study and Work in Germany

TIME: 03:00PM-03:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Join us for the official declaration of Sundarbans Across Borders: The Spirit of Cultural Resilience, an inspiring European Union National Institute of Culture-funded project jointly presented by the EUNIC Kolkata Cluster, India and EUNIC Bangladesh Cluster. This session will celebrate the spirit of collaboration across borders and provide an overview of the upcoming project, which highlights the shared heritage and enduring cultural strength of the Sundarbans region.

GUESTS: Clare Reddington (CEO of Watershed, Trustee, British Council and Chair of Emma Rice's Wise Children) along with the EUNIC Kolkata Cluster

LITERATURE AND GENDER: TALES THAT ARE TELLING

CATEGORY: Making Books Public

TIME: 03:30PM-05:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

This panel discussion delves into the marginalization of trans and queer narratives, the intersections of caste, class, race, and disability, and the crucial roles of allies who challenge cis-heteronormative dominance.

PANELISTS: Devika J (Historian, Academic from Kerala), Debanuj Dasgupta (Prof. Dept of Feminist Studies), Vijetha Kumar (Communicative English, Journalism and Creative Writing at St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru), moderated by Arundhati Ghosh (writer and poet).

ONCE UPON A TIME IN GERMANY

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 04:00PM-06:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

This activity-based session conducted by Sparsha Choudhury and Paromita Roy bring the famous fairy tales from the enchanting world of the Brothers Grimm to life with creative tasks and storytelling in German and English, sparking imagination and language learning.

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WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

STAMMTISCH

CATEGORY: Live, Study and Work in Germany

TIME: 05:30PM-07:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

A casual get-to-together, which enables you to converse in German with each other, as well as with native speaker-Germans living and working in Kolkata. The event is open to all with knowledge of German/the ability to converse in German is a prerequisite for this event.

An initiative by Harbauer India Pvt. Ltd, Goethe-Institut Kolkata and the German Consulate General Kolkata

FRIENDS, BOOKS AND BUSINESS: GLOBAL RELATIONSHIPS IN PUBLISHING

CATEGORY: Making Books Public

TIME: 05:30PM-07:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

A conversation between friends, Nora Mercurio of Suhrkamp and Naveen Kishore of Seagull, in the business of books, conversation around Suhrkamp and Seagull a story of a publishing bond.

SPEAKERS: Nora Mercurio (Suhrkamp), Naveen Kishore (Seagull Books)

AIR POLLUTION AND HEAT STRESS: A DEADLY COMBINATION FOR URBAN METROPOLIS

CATEGORY: Science Talks

TIME: 05:45PM-06:45PM, LOCATION: Press Corner

Lecture by Prof. Anupam Debsarkar (Head & Professor, Environmental Engineering Division, Department of Civil Engineering, Coordinator, Global Change Programme (GCP-JU), Jadavpur University)

From space to tech, air to waste, the Popular Science Lectures turn tricky topics into captivating stories, making science exciting and easy to grasp.

THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY

ART FOR JUNIORS: ERNST JANDL

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 12:30PM-02:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

This series by ThinkArts introduces children to fine art, literature, and music from Germany while exploring the fascinating world of Ernst Jandl's poems that combine literature and visual art.

REAL TIMES: READINGS AND CONVERSATION WITH TONIO SCHACHINGER

CATEGORY: Book Talks

TIME: 02:00PM-03:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion, Boimela Prangon, Salt Lake

An engaging evening with Tonio Schachinger, winner of the German Book Prize 2023, as he delves into his acclaimed novel "Real Times" ("Echtzeitalter"). Writer and columnist Sandip Roy converses with Schachinger, offering insights into the themes of his book and its exploration of youth, identity, and the search for meaning in a digital age.

SPEAKERS: Tonio Schachinger (German Writer), Sandip Roy (Writer and Columnist)

KICK IT LIKE A GERMAN!

CATEGORY: SPORTS

TIME: 03:00PM-05:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion, Boimela Prangon

Experience Germany's favorite sport with a fun-filled session of football! Participants will not only play and learn the basics of the game but also get a chance to explore simple German phrases and ideas related to the sport, teamwork, and friendly competition.



THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY

UNPACK MY LIBRARY BY SAND BOX COLLECTIVE

CATEGORY: Making Books Public

TIME: 05:00PM-06:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

At various times over the two days (5th February and 6th February), visitors are invited to participate in reading sessions at the installed library by Sandbox Collective at the Germany Pavilion.

MARBLE: THE LIFELINE OF THE EARTH

CATEGORY: Science Talks

TIME: 05:45PM-06:45PM, LOCATION: Narayan Sanyal Hall

Science lecture by Prof. Pulak Sengupta (Dept. of Geological Science Jadavpur University)
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BANGLA LITTLE MAGAZINES: PASSION, POETICS, POLEMICS

CATEGORY: Making Books Public

TIME: 06:30PM-08:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

This discussion delves into Bangla little magazines' role in shaping Bangla literature, their strong political stances, and their ability to provide a platform for fresh, innovative ideas. In an era of increasing cultural homogenization, this panel also examines the necessity of sustaining these vital spaces and their enduring relevance to the literary landscape.

PANELISTS: Sanhita Bandopadhyay (Sonta Publications), Subhasish Mukherjee (Aneek Publications), Chandana Mitra (Ahalya Publications), moderated by Arundhati Ghosh

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

INFORMATION SESSION: STUDY & RESEARCH IN GERMANY!

CATEGORY: Live, Study and Work in Germany

TIME: 12:30PM-01:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Join this session and get to know all that you need to know about studying in Germany.

MODERATOR: Dhanashree Deodhar (Regional Officer at Information Centre Pune)

ONUBADE SAHITYO

CATEGORY: Making Books Public

TIME: 02:00PM-03:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Panel with three translators, Parthapratim Chattopadhyay, Sunanda Basu and Sulagna Mukhopadhyay, talking about the methodology of translation, traditions of translated literature in Bengali and the future of translation in the digital era.

PANELISTS: Parthapratim Chattopadhyay, Sunanda Basu, Sulagna Mukhopadhyay, moderated by Surjodoy Chatterjee

GAME ON: PS5 BUNDESLIGA FC25 CHALLENGE AWAITS YOU!

CATEGORY: SPORTS

TIME: 02:00PM-05:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

German Pavilion's PS5 FC25 virtual Football gaming sessions! Represent your favourite Bundesliga team in friendly matches, compete against selected players, enjoy the excitement.

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

DESTINATION DEUTSCHLAND: EXPLORING WORK & MIGRATION IN GERMANY

CATEGORY: Live, Study and Work in Germany

TIME: 04:00PM-05:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

(Pre-Integration Info Session on Working in Germany in collaboration with IGCC)

To work & live in Germany you will require getting your qualifications recognized, get to know about the types of visas and its requirements, along with knowledge about the country and language acquisition. This event gives you a preview of the quality support that Goethe-Institut offers to best prepare you for a successful life in Germany.

MODERATOR: Anisha Bhaduri, GUEST SPEAKER: Tom Reiner

UNREAL CITY, CITY FULL OF DREAMS: THE CITY AS PROTAGONIST

CATEGORY: Book Talks

TIME: 06:00PM-08:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

This panel has writers for whom a city – the city – is a protagonist in their writing, in how they portray it in their narratives. In Baudelaire's words "the form of a city changing faster, alas! than a mortal's heart" – is what they will be talking about here in the heart of Kolkata, the city that is as much an idea as it is a space.

PANELISTS: Vivaan Shah (Mumbai, India), Ankush Saikia (Shillong, India), David Wagner (Berlin, Germany), moderated by Indrajit Hazra (Kolkata, India)

SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY

ONCE UPON A TIME IN GERMANY

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 12:30PM-02:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

This activity-based session conducted by Sparsha Choudhury and Paromita Roy bring the famous fairy tales from the enchanting world of the Brothers Grimm to life with creative tasks and storytelling in German and English, sparking imagination and language learning.

CONTEMPORARY BENGALI POEMS & SONGS

TIME: 02:00PM-03:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Conversation around the evolution and modernization of Bengali poems and songs in the contemporary cultural fabric of Bengal.

SPEAKERS: Srijato (poet and lyricist), Anindya Chattopadhyay (singer and lyricist), moderated by Shyamantak Ghosh (Deutsche Welle)

SCHNUPPERSTUNDE

CATEGORY: Live, Study and Work in Germany

TIME: 02:30PM-03:00PM, 05:00PM-05:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

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SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY**(COSMOPOLITAN) HOPE IN KANT BY PROF. ARINDAM CHAKRABORTY**

CATEGORY: Book Talks

TIME: 06:00PM-08:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Session with Prof. Arindam Chakraborty (Ashoka University) on iconic German philosopher Immanuel Kant.

SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY**ART FOR JUNIORS: JOHANN WOLFGANG VON GOETHE**

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 12:00PM-01:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

This series by ThinkArts team introduces children to fine art, literature, and music from Germany with this session about Johann Wolfgang von Goethe to discover his literature and impact on the cultural world.

SPEECHTURN

CATEGORY: Book Talks

TIME: 01:00PM-02:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

First ever translation of Serhiy Zhadan (1974-), one of the most renowned contemporary Ukrainian poets' poetry in an Asian language has been done in Bengali by Subroto Saha. This session by Mr. Saha will include poetry reading, a discussion on the background of the poems and on Bengali translation.

ONCE UPON A DRAGONFLY....BY INGA MARIA RAMCKE

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 02:00PM-03:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

Scenic Reading by Inga Maria Ramcke of her book "Reiseführer für Tiere" (travel guide for animals)

SCHNUPPERSTUNDE

CATEGORY: Live, Study and Work in Germany

TIME: 02:00PM-02:30PM, 06:00PM-06:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

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BENGALI LANGUAGE IN BOTH BENGALS**TIME: 04:00PM-05:00PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion**

PANELISTS: Pabitra Sarkar (linguist, writer, literary critic), Bhagirath Mishra (author, novelist), Debarati Guha (Head of Asia, Deutsche Welle), moderated by Gautam Hore (Deutsche Welle)

KINDERCORNER: DISCOVER GERMAN WONDERS

CATEGORY: Young Readers

TIME: 05:00PM-06:30PM, LOCATION: Germany Pavilion

This unique event conducted by Sudesna Barman and Swarnali Das bring learning to life with engaging interactive sessions, hands-on experiments, magical stories, exciting games, and even opportunities to learn German through science, storytelling, and play.

GERMAN PIANO LEGACY BY ANDREAS KÖNIG

CATEGORY: CONCERT

TIME: 07:30PM onwards, LOCATION: Open Air, Boimela Prangon

Acclaimed pianist Andreas König presents a program which explores a rich spectrum of emotions and styles, from virtuosic brilliance to tender introspection.

*Subject to change

Exhibitions

Film Jukebox

The interactive touchscreen exhibition explores pivotal eras of German cinema through archival photographs and select film trailers. From early experiments with the Bioscope to the striking aesthetics of Expressionism and post-war Rubble films, it highlights iconic milestones, filmmakers, and cinematic history, tracing the evolution of German storytelling and its reflection of history and identity.

Live Art Wall

30th, 31st January, 1st February: collective live art intervention in the pavilion followed by a display of the created artwork

·Dreamland Deutschland? –Display of some of the frames from the publication by all ten participating artists - Permanent Presence

Sarnath Banerjee: প্রশান্ত যোদ্ধা হিয়েন চিয়েন নিগুয়েন (Proshanto Joddha: Hyen Chien Nguyen)

A series of graphic narratives based on the experiences of an Indo-Pak couple moving from Delhi to Germany and the transformation they go through to adapt from a self-actualized existence in South Asia to a life of immigrants in a culture unfamiliar to them. In doing so, the series examines themes such as integration, cosmopolitanism, modernity and the concept of home. The idea of integration and the complications surrounding it is central to the story. How easily does the migrant assimilate to German culture and conversely, how comfortable are the Germans dealing with forms of modernity other than their own.

Fairytales in Linol print by Cecilia Hoff

Book Exhibitions

The Most Beautiful Books, Stiftung Buchkunst

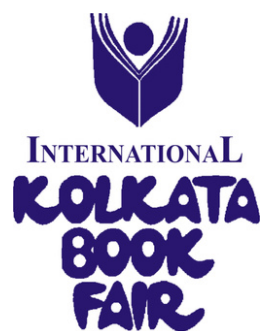
Book Exhibitions from the Frankfurter Book Fair:

Experience the essence of German literature at the Kolkata International Book Fair 2025! Discover award-winning novels, captivating children's stories, and young adult literature from the Frankfurter Buchmesse. These curated collections celebrate diversity, creativity, and excellence, offering a glimpse into the vibrant world of German storytelling and publishing innovation.

- German Book Prize 2024 Longlist
- The Beauty of Difference - New Stories Celebrating Diversity
- Rights List - Stories for Children and Young Adults 2024/2025

The German List, Seagull Books - 100 Paper Back

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