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DIT-Alumni

June 2020 | Alumni Talks:
Amazon as employer - Successful
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14 November 20 | Seminar for
(young) professionals
"Communication and conflict
management"

Further dates can be found at
www.th-deg.de/veranstaltungen

Dear Alumni,

It's crazy times we live in! I, like many of you, am sitting in my home office and am happy to offer you a few minutes of distraction in the form of news from your alma mater.

Much has happened at the university: on 31 January there was the first pure graduation ceremony at DIT. The class of 2019 was bid farewell and more than 400 graduates followed our invitation to officially celebrate together with their families and friends. The stage show was designed by media technology students and not only caused enthusiasm among all participants, but also the pictures are definitely worth seeing.

Furthermore, two DIT family members, who have significantly shaped and formed the university over the years, retired: Dr. Elise von Randow and Peter Kaiser. Find their short portraits in this issue.

DIT has a new website and alumni now have their own tab. In addition, alumni now also appear in the name of a superordinate unit, because restructuring has also taken place.

So, there was a lot going on in the last months. Now it is quiet. We are now finishing the graduate survey of the 2016 graduating class (please participate quickly if you haven't already done so) and start the evaluation. Furthermore, we are starting a project within the "International Alumni Work" and take the opportunity to "muck out" our digital folders. But everything from home, of course. Because we also participate in #stayhome. Take advantage of the peace and quiet. Take care of your loved ones. Enjoy all the time you can spend together, even if your school children and the school task packages keep you on your toes. Reflect on your global behaviour and consider how you can act (even) more responsibly in the future.

And above all: stay healthy!

Best wishes from Deggendorf
Yours
Ulrike Sauckel



VICTORIA PASTER | YEAR OF 2018



Background and current projects:

In autumn 2018, I finished my master in Media Technology at DIT. I wrote my final thesis at the online agency Diva-e in Munich about search engine optimization for Java-Script based websites. Afterwards, I spent a few

months in Southeast Asia, India and Nepal before I returned to Munich and the agency in autumn 2019. In my spare time, I am also working with a team on a homework app. We designed it as part of the German government's hackathon #wirVsVirusHack. It is to provide a quick and easy remedy against the homework chaos in times of corona and home schooling.

Memories of my DIT student days:

I have fond memories of my time at DIT. I especially liked the fact that I could try out many things there. Whether in the courses, the optional subjects or in my part-time job in the MINT team. Through the small course sizes and the strong support of fellow students, professors and university staff enabled me to settle in quickly and learn many new things. The fact that I had previously completed

my Bachelor's degree at another university - the FH Oberösterreich - was no problem. Although my degree there did not fulfil the necessary ECTS number for the Master, I was able to make up for the missing credits with an internship and the PLVs required for it without complications.

What I would like to give the students on the way:

Use your studies to try out different things and stay curious! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me via Xing :-)

A new DIT professor

PROF. DR. DMITRY RYCHKOV



Dr. Dmitry Rychkov was appointed to the Deggendorf Institute of Technology on 1 September 2019. The 42-year-old, who specializes in sustainable plastics technology, has been a member of the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Economics since the winter semester. He will also be taking over the scientific management of the Plastics Campus Bavaria in Weissenburg.

When asked how he would describe himself, the newly appointed professor answers: "Physicist and handyman, whose

laziness sometimes produces interesting results." At the same time, he doesn't have to think for a second about what drives him: "Curiosity and ambition". These components promise another interesting and unconventional scientist in the ranks of DIT.

Rychkov was born in St. Petersburg and studied in his home city at one of the oldest and most venerable universities in Russia. He promoted there in 2002 and was appointed Associate Professor in 2004. He has never regretted that he remained true to science despite the difficult economic times in Russia at the time. In 2009 he moved to Germany. At the University of Potsdam he worked as a research assistant and later as a leading scientist in the Department of Applied Physics. Prof. Dr. Rychkov continues a family tradition. His father was also a respected professor at the University of St. Petersburg.

Dmitry Rychkov has deep respect for his achievements as a scientist and teacher. His first stay abroad as an exchange student in the USA was formative for the young academic. "It quickly became clear to me what advantages internationalization and foreign language skills bring," Rychkov recalls.

Today, he is happy when scientists whose books he read during his studies appreciate his lectures and publications. To balance his academic activities, Dr. Dmitry Rychkov plays guitar and bass in a band in his spare time, builds his own electric guitars and tinkers with effects.



THE NEW WEBSITE OF THE DEGGENDORF INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

At the end of January the new homepage of the Deggendorf Institute of Technology was launched.

The development team of the Technology Campus Freyung, employees of the IT centre and the marketing department worked for over a year on the new website of the university and tried to implement the wishes of various interest groups. The main goal was to make the pages more user-friendly and accessible for mobile devices.

The alumni section was integrated into the homepage in a very special way. Alumni now have their own button "Alumni" directly on the start page in the upper left corner, with which you

can easily and quickly access all DIT Alumni topics. Displayed in the form of clearly arranged tiles, you can then click through the various pages and thus always stay up to date on the latest alumni work.

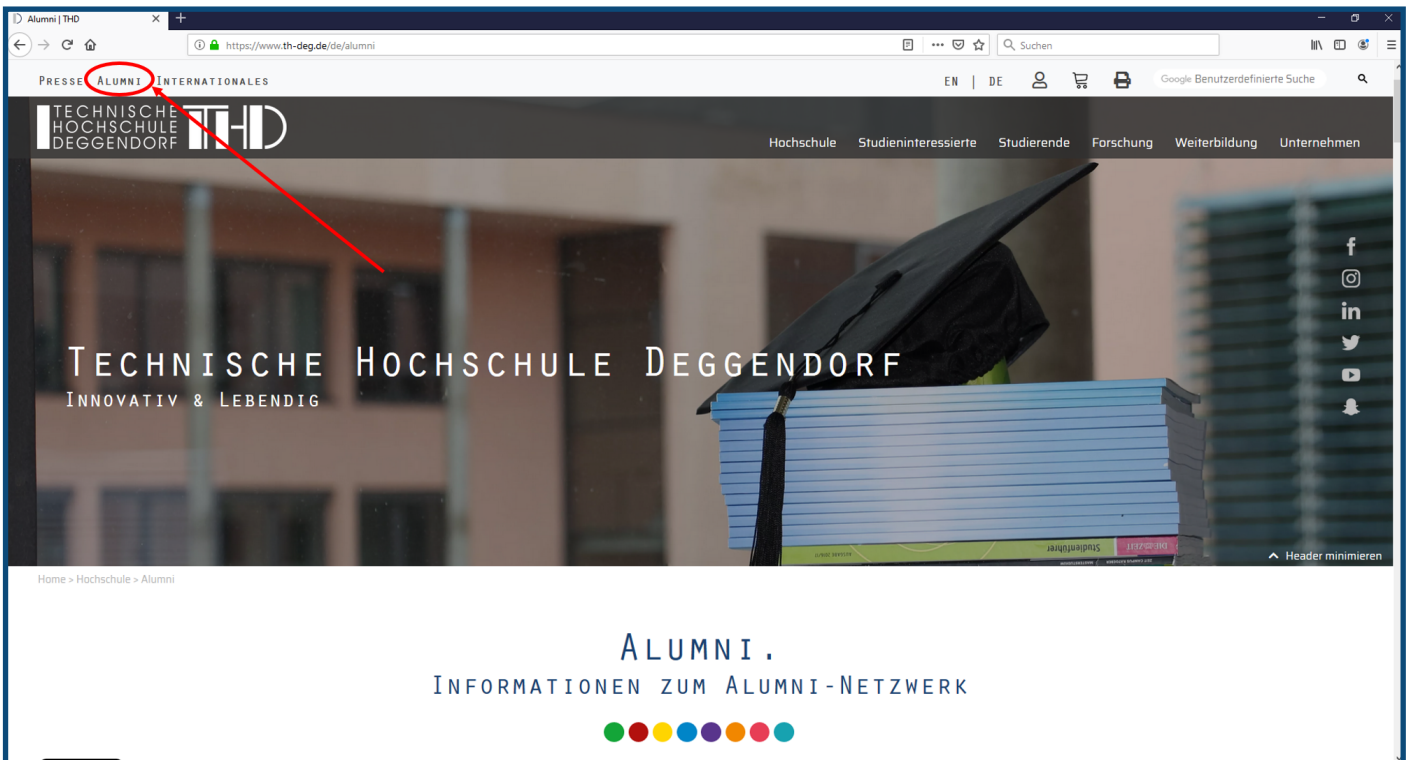
In addition to information on events (seminars, webinars, ...) and the shortcut to the AlumniNet e.V. association, you will also find the analysis of the alumni surveys of the past years as well as the issues of past post graduate issues. You can also access the profiles and videos of some DIT alumni.

Would you like your profile to appear here too? Then please contact us (alumni@th-deg.de). We are happy

about every alumnus and alumna who lets us participate in his or her career.

DIT alumni also maintain the "After graduation" section. Here, soon-to-be graduates will find important information about the entry in the alumni book and the graduation ceremonies in Deggendorf and Pfarrkirchen.

At www.th-deg.de/alumni you can see for yourself the new DIT homepage and especially the Alumni section. We are looking forward to your visit!



EXCITING ALUMNI EVENTS ARE WAITING FOR YOU

ALUMNI TALKS: AMAZON

JUNE 2020 | 18 - 19 h

In the last Trendence Student survey, Deggendorf students ranked Amazon second as their dream employer. The Alumni department takes this as an opportunity to immediately invite a DIT alumna, who has been working at Amazon as a Key Account Manager for several years to the Alumni-Talk at DIT.

In a presentation she will first briefly introduce Amazon as an employer and will go into detail about the skills that brought her to Amazon.

So the subtitle could be: "Amazon as an employer: how to get in and what everyday working life looks like".

Afterwards, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions, because alumni talks always thrive on the active participation of study participants.

This talk is part of DIT-Alumni's offer for students, to which we invite you free of charge. Alumni of the Deggendorf Institute of

Technology are also very welcome at the event.

We only ask for registration (binding) so that we can plan the location.

The details:

Date presumably in June, 18.00 - 19.00 h, the room will be announced.

Registration to alumni@th-deg.de

COMMUNICATION AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

SATURDAY, 14.11.2020 | 10 - 17 h

The seminar "Communication and Conflict Management" is part of our alumni seminar series, which is aimed exclusively at graduates* of our university. Saturday, 14.11.2020 from 10.00 - 17.00 o'clock at DIT.

contents:

- Models of communication
- Basic patterns of communication
- Typical cases of communication in working life

- Guidelines for the design of effective conversations
- Practice feedback and constructive criticism conversations
- Recognizing conflict potentials
- Discussions with colleagues and managers
- Four pages of a message after Schulz von Thun
- Transaction analysis according to Eric Berne

The seminar is free of charge for AlumniNet members. For non-members the costs amount to 50.00 €.

* Binding registration for the seminars by mail to alumni@th-deg.de. By registering, you agree to our seminar guidelines.



Professor of the year

PROF. DR.-ING. GERHARD KRUMP HAS BEEN ELECTED PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

During the graduation ceremony of the Deggendorf Institute of Technology on 31 January 2020, Prof. Geierhos, jury member who had travelled from Paderborn especially for this event, presented the award to Professor Dr. Gerhard Krump on behalf of the UNICUM Foundation.

The UNICUM Foundation has been awarding this prize for fourteen years. A jury headed by Prof. Winfried Schulze (former Chairman of the German Science Council, Leibniz Prize winner) selects the winners from over 2,100 nominated university teachers. Further award winners in 2019 were Prof. Laura Große (Hamm-Lippstadt University of Applied Sciences), Prof. Joachim Link (Heilbronn University of Applied Sciences) and Prof. Peter Burggräf (University of Siegen).

Nationwide nomination of students, graduates, company representatives and university employees can find their candidates at www.professordesjahres.de. We are looking for professors who prepare students for their career start in the best possible way with practice-oriented teaching and who are thus pioneers for careers. In four competition categories, the jury will then decide on winners and runners-up on the basis of questionnaires, nominations received, references and its own research. According to Professor Winfried Schulze, the steep increase in the number of participants is very pleasing and shows how well established the competition has become. All award winners are extremely committed to providing their students with a practical education, combining high



professional competence with a clear practical orientation.

The jury's reasoning for choosing Prof. Krump was as follows: "Prof. Krump knows in a special way how to inspire his students for his field of expertise - acoustics and media technology - through practice-oriented project work. By regularly organizing the Deggendorf Acoustics Seminar, he brings his students into direct contact with the experiences and needs of practitioners from cooperating companies. His cooperation with local radio stations also ensures that his students receive practical training. This also provides the basis for the assignment of bachelor and master theses, which are awarded in close cooperation with partner companies from the economy. In this way he prepares his students for the professional challenges they will face later on.

The competition is under the patronage of the Federal Ministries of Education and Research and of Economics and Energy. It is sponsored by the internationally leading recruiting service provider Hays.

You can find further information at

www.professordesjahres.de.



Prof. Dr. Geierhos presented the award to Prof. Dr. Krump on 31.1. during the graduation ceremony of THD

The DIT say goodbye

THE "EMPEROR" LEAVES | PETER KAISER SAYS GOODBYE AFTER 25 YEARS at DIT



48 years in public service - 25 years of which were spent at the Deggendorf Institute of Technology. With Peter Kaiser, a man who has set a lot in motion, leaves the university. He is particularly associated with DIT's sporting successes.

The professional career of the now 64-year-old began in 1971 at the Schwandorf post office. After completing his apprenticeship, he joined the Federal Border Guard in 1973 for eight years.

At the beginning of the 1980s, Peter Kaiser obtained his vocational baccalaureate and then studied at the University of Applied Sciences for Public Administration in Mannheim, graduating as Diplom-Verwaltungswirt (FH). He then worked for eleven years in the Federal Armed Forces Administration. Via the Central Fines Office in Viechtach, a branch office of the Bavarian Police Administration Office, he finally switched to the Federal

Armed Forces Administration in December 1994 to the newly founded Deggendorf University of Applied Sciences (old name of the DIT). During his 25 years, he was in charge of various departments - for example, the real estate department, the marketing department, the press and public relations department and, until recently, university sports. On the football that his colleagues presented to him on his farewell, it reads: "THD University Sport Loses its Emperor". But this statement is not quite true. For Peter Kaiser will be supporting DIT for about four hours a week in the areas of university sports and campus media.

GOODBYE DR. ELISE VON RANDOW



On 1 April of this year, Elise von Randow will end her work at DIT after exactly 23 years. She has accompanied and shaped the DIT's formative years.

Many alumni might know her from trade fair appearances and school visits, from consulting in the International Office, from English courses, job etiquette, business lunches or the

handouts for writing the final thesis. During her studies at the University of Trier, where she studied languages and literature, economics, education and political science, Elise von Randow taught German for one year at a renowned private high school in London. After graduating, she took a position at the University of Passau, where she worked as an academic councillor in linguistics and completed her doctorate. She moved to the young University of Applied Sciences in Deggendorf because she found the task to build up something new challenging, to contribute creatively and to be able to get involved, e.g. when it came to being the first University of Applied Sciences in Bavaria to establish an "internationally oriented course of studies" (later: International Management). As part of the marketing team, she helped to make the university known worldwide. In 1997, Dr. von Randow initially took over the central student advisory service and the academic counselling to establish an International Office.

But the steadily growing university needed more to ensure its success. So, Elise von Randow first initiated the establishment of a language centre and hired two experienced lecturers from the Passau period as the first language teachers, who established German as a foreign language and English courses. And over the years, among other things, the Job Advisory Service (today Career Service) was established, and the Coordination Office Bavaria-Malaysia was brought to DIT as a special centre.

The Institute for Career, International Affairs and Languages, which Elise von Randow led until the end, thus combined a wide range of projects and services from which the students could benefit, not least the alumni work. The KIS and its large team headed by Elise von Randow have received several awards, so it can be said that Mrs. von Randow has contributed a great deal to DIT's excellent reputation at home and abroad.



Graduation ceremony Deggendorf

FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY IN DEGGENDORF ON 31.01.2020

With traditional hat throwing, the graduates of the year 2019 said goodbye to the Deggendorf Institute of Technology on Friday, 31 January. The occasion was the graduate party in the Deggendorf town halls, which was sold out with around 1,500

More than 400 graduates accepted the invitation and travelled from all over Bavaria, some even from Northern Germany, to Deggendorf once again to be bid a dignified farewell to their alma mater. The 2019 graduates were thus the first class to benefit from this newly conceived celebration.

AlumniNet e.V. was of course also part of the party and dressed e.g. the Absolvía in proper style for their entrance. The former students then moved into the fully occupied

Stadthalle in gowns and hats in front of family, friends, guests and university members. Following the American example, the President of the University, Prof. Dr. Peter Sperber, Vice President Prof. Waldemar Berg and all the Deans of the various faculties gave the graduates their farewells on the red-carpet stage. Each individual received their "special moment" and was given a farewell on the big stage by their dean and the president. Nevertheless, the celebrations were kept below the three-hour mark. Students of the master course media technology were responsible for the show. Under the direction of Professor Susanne Krebs and in cooperation with the Alumni Office, they took care of the show and showed what they can do in terms of lighting, sound, technology and

direction. The speeches and award ceremonies that accompanied the programme were also festive. Eight regional companies again donated cash prizes for the best final theses. During the graduation ceremony, Prof. Dr. Krump from Unicum was also honored as the best professor of the year and Florian Drittenthaler, graduate in industrial engineering, moderated a ping-pong game controlled by the applause of the guests after an entertaining speech in which he gave insights into the everyday life of students as the semesters progressed.



Before the show, the design already impressed with the motto "Hollywood Gala"



Graduation ceremony Deggendorf

FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY IN DEGGENDORF ON 31.01.2020

More than 400 hats flew into the air at the farewell ceremony for the graduates of the year 2019 of the Deggendorf Institute of Technology. Definitely the highlight of the ceremony!

Afterwards, the guests were able to round off the evening with a standing reception in the Stadthalle. Some graduates, together with their families and former fellow students, took the opportunity to enjoy a delicious 4-course meal at the Zenger Dorfwirt in Neuhausen in a great atmosphere.

We were very happy to welcome so many graduates! Congratulations on your graduation and all the best for the future!



Florian Drittenthaler entertained the guests with insights into the typical life of a student.



Over 400 alumni - dressed in traditional costumes - were bid farewell by DIT.



Umstrukturierung an der THD

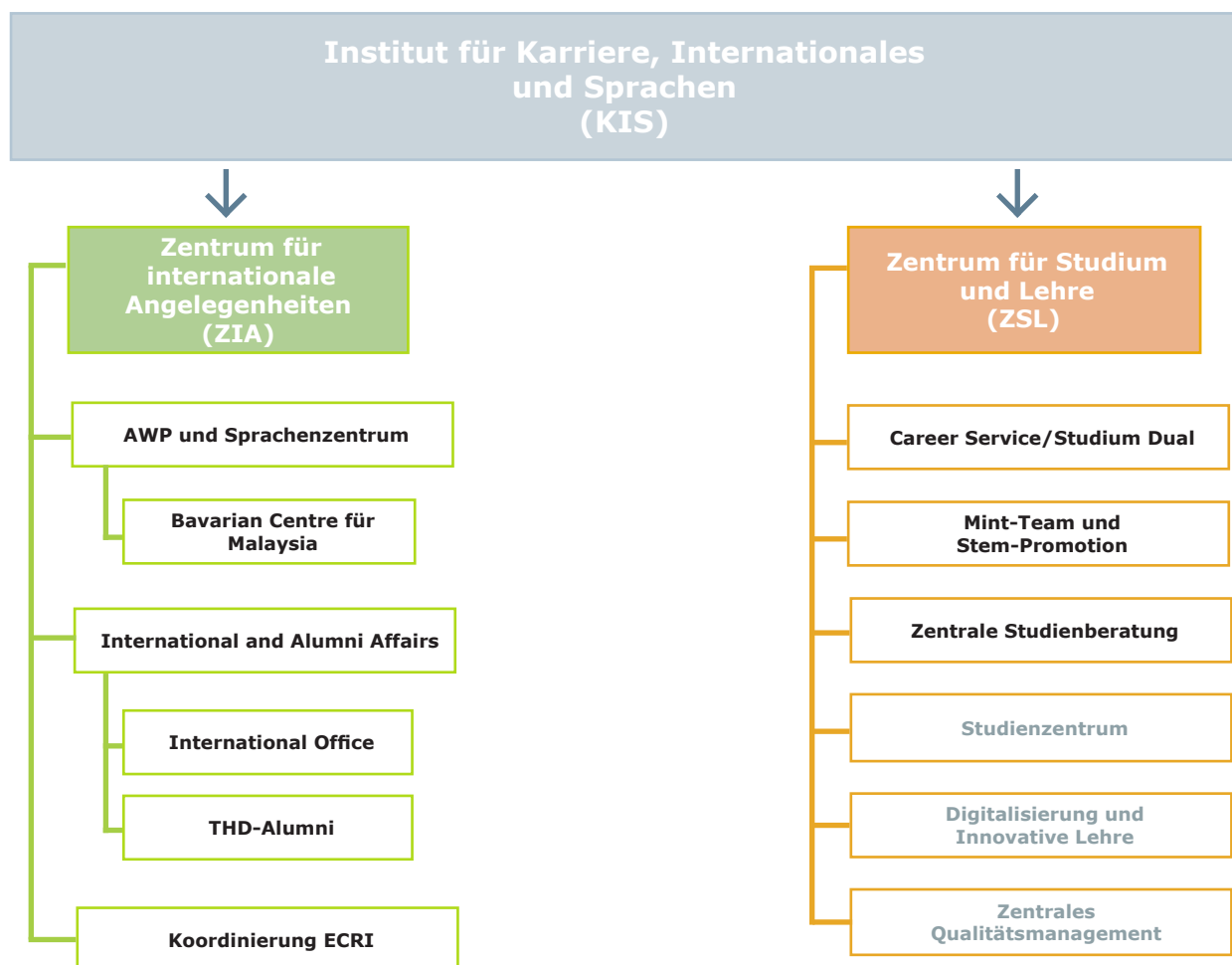
RESTRUCTURING OF THE INSTITUTE FOR CAREER,
INTERNATIONAL AND LANGUAGES

The Institute for Career, International Affairs and Languages (KIS) no longer exists in its original form since 01 March 2020. The departments of the former institute have now been integrated into the newly founded areas "Centre for Studies and Teaching" and "Centre for International Affairs".

The Center for Studies and Teaching, ZSL for short, is headed by Mr. Wolfgang Stern. Prof. Waldemar Berg is the scientific director. In addition to the Study Centre, the Central

Quality Management and the Department of Digitisation / Innovative Teaching, three departments of the former KIS are also located there: The Central Student Advisory Service, the Career Service/Study Dual and the MINT Team are from now on also part of the ZSL. The "Centre for International Affairs (ZIA)" was also created in the course of restructuring and is divided into two large departments. One is the Language and Electives Centre with the Bavarian Center for Malaysia under the direction of Tanja Mertadana. The second large area is "International and Alumni

Affairs" under the direction of Mrs. Ulrike Sauckel. Here the departments International Office and Alumni & Internships Abroad (AIA) were integrated. Internships Abroad has been transferred to the International Office, thus remaining a pure alumni department with the three well-known faces of Heidi Seyschab, Stefanie Lex and Ulrike Sauckel. As you can see, the importance of alumni work is still increasing at DIT. Now it is important to do justice to the new division and to expand the international alumni work.





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