**University of Stuttgart**
Institut für maschinelle Sprachverarbeitung

# IMS
# Student Meeting //
# Studierenden-
# versammlung

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# Welcome to all new students!

- 17 new BSc students  (total 53)

- 36 new MSc students  (total 152)

  - As usual, for the MSc, we accepted computational linguists, linguists, computer scientists (and some others)


- We believe in computational linguistics as an interdisciplinary field that profits from diversity

  - Different fields, international student body, gender balance

  - Everybody needs to get out of their comfort zone

# What's going on at IMS

- Research side

  - We have a independent research group (IRIS):
    Agnieszka Faleńska will be working on bias

  - IMS is writing a proposal for a collaborative research center (biggest German funding scheme)

    - On-site review in early February: fingers crossed!

- Study side

  - MSV can now be studied as a minor subject

  - We are working on various (small) revisions to the study program

    - Example: reducing "general" math in BSc in favor of CL-specific math (neural models..)

# Announcements and reminders

- Some of the tuition fees of international students have found their way back to IMS. We have:
  - bought some laptops on loan for theses and presentations – contact `trouble@ims` or [fscl@ims](fscl@ims)
  - established the International Service Point F05
    for international students (see below; stay tuned)
    https://www.f05.uni-stuttgart.de/en/faculty/international-students/

- Please make sure that mail sent to your IMS email address reaches you. (Default forwarding to your st account.)

# Announcements and reminders ctd.

- Resources with information:
  - ILIAS group „Studying @ IMS" (Repository – Engineering – MSV/CL – Arbeitsgruppen)
    - Student writing
    - Job opportunities
    - Etc.
  - IMS teaching FAQ page:
    - https://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/en/teaching

- Studying on campus (if not at IMS):
  - CompSci working space, former campus.guest, universum etc.

# Registration for exams

- In order to **get credit for any course**, you **have to** register for the corresponding module during the registration period
  - This semester: until **December 8**
  - Better safe than sorry: Can **deregister easily** until 1 week before exam date

- Registration of final theses is a multi-step process, see https://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/en/teaching/theses/

# Course and module evaluations

- Please participate in evaluations
  - Course evaluations
    - Carried out during semester, within courses
  - Module evaluations / study program evaluations
    - Carried out after end of semester/exams (by email)
- Evaluations are helpful and important
  - Helpful: Enable us to improve things you are not happy with
  - Important: Evidence for assessments of institutes / study programs by university

# Plagiarism

- Plagiarism is when you either copy somebody's work
  (text, figures, examples) without giving them credit

  - This includes close paraphrasing: We want to see *your understanding*

- Concerns theses and all types of courses

  - E.g., for problems sets („Übungsblätter") and other types of submissions

    - Plagiarism can be copying or also working together when teams are not allowed

- As students, you are under an honor code not to plagiarize

  - Worst case: Plagiarism can lead to exmatriculation

- University document: `https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/pruefungsorganisation/document/Leitfaden_Plagiatspraevention_Studierende.pdf`

# Code of conduct

- As of 2019, IMS has a code of conduct
  - Summary of rights and duties of IMS students and staff
    - Goal: A friendly and safe environment
      - Respect, tolerance, emergency contacts
    - Goal: Sustainable use of shared resources
      - Shared ground floor kitchen, computer pools, etc.
  - As an IMS student, you are bound (also protected) by the CoC
    - Dynamic document: contact students representatives for proposals

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https://msv.stuvus.uni-stuttgart.de/en/code-of-conduct/
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# IMS GPU Servers

- There are now several student GPU servers at the institute:
  - strauss, kiwi, nandu, phoenix
- If you use a student GPU server, make sure to be mindful of other people wanting to use it too. In practice, this means:
  - Don't use up the capacity of several GPUs, so other people can also run models.
  - Specify in your program which GPU it should use.
  - With the command *nvidia-smi* you can see which GPUs have free capacity.
  - If you see someone using up all the GPUs, contact them politely or talk to the system administrators.

# International Service Point F05

- *Fakultät 5* (CS & EE) has an ‚International Service Point'

- Service for prospective international students
  - Information on application, enrolment, etc.

- Service for enrolled international students
  - General support with questions about Uni Stuttgart, life in Germany, etc.

- Service for enrolled domestic students
  - Information on exchange programs

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https://www.f05.uni-stuttgart.de/studium/international-
 service-point/
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# Exchange programs

- IMS has established ERASMUS partnerships with
Amsterdam, Barcelona, Dublin, Malta
  - A nice opportunity to "get out"

- Requires organization: Think about this early (~1 year in advance)!
  - Erasmus Coordinator: Stefanie Anstein
  - See also IMS home page:
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    https://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/en/teaching/exchange/
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# Responsibilities and Points of Contact

- Studiengangsmanagerin / study program manager and Fachstudienberaterin / student advisor
  - Stefanie Anstein, `studienberatung@ims`
- Studiendekan / dean of student affairs
  - Sebastian Padó, `pado@ims`
- Prüfungsausschussvorsitzender / head of examinations board
  - Jonas Kuhn, `jonas@ims`
- Student representatives (Fachgruppe), `fscl@ims`
- University ombuds for students (=mediator)
  - Ursula Meiser, `ursula.meiser@rektorat.uni-stuttgart.de`

# Thanks for your attention!

# Questions?

# Feedback?

**(Also possible anonymously via fscl@ims)**