IMS Student Meeting // Studierendenversammlung

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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 an 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
  • 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](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/](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

https://msv.stuvus.uni-stuttgart.de/en/code-of-conduct/
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

https://www.f05.uni-stuttgart.de/studium/international-service-point/
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: https://www.ims.uni-stuttgart.de/en/teaching/exchange/
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)