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To all new students of the
MA Social and Cultural Anthropology Program
at the University of Bayreuth

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MA Social and Cultural Anthropology (SCA) Program Welcome Letter

To the New Students of the MA SCA program,

Welcome to the University of Bayreuth! We are very much looking forward to getting to know you as you embark on your Master's study program in Social and Cultural Anthropology.

All five professors of the department of Social and Cultural Anthropology along with the postdoctoral fellows and staff are eager to meet you at two upcoming orientation events on **14 October 2025**.

The first is the **MA SCA orientation for new students** taking place from **13:00 to 15:00 in Room S124 of the GW I building** (see [map](#)). You will receive important information about your degree program, timelines to completion, and academic resources at this meeting.

The second, from 18:15 to 20:00 in [lwalewahaus](#), is our **Start-of-Semester event**, where you can meet course instructors and students from other programs as well as learn about the various course offerings for Winter Semester 2025-26.

I encourage you to also check out the various orientation workshops available throughout the University, such as those offered by the [Library](#) and [PULS](#) (Service Center for Academic Support in Teaching and Learning). All other general information about your academics, including support for getting a campus card, navigating e-learning (the University's course platforms) and cmlife (course planning tool), and planning your courseload, you can visit the [Student Advising website](#) (Zentrale Studienberatung). You can also learn more about the Social and Cultural Anthropology department at our [university webpage](#).



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If you are an **international student**, you should have received an email invitation to the International Student Orientation Week. If you did not receive the invitation, international students can still register and sign up for their “Buddy Program” at [this link](#) by 30 September.

From 21st October, you are warmly invited to attend our weekly Anthropology Lecture Series (18:15-19:45), where invited guest speakers from across Europe and the world present their latest research. This is an exceptional opportunity for students to learn about the latest debates in the field, ask questions, and meet with leading anthropologists from around the world. See the program for this semester’s series on the theme of “EXCESS” [here](#).

Finally, to stay up-to-date with events, conference calls, study program updates as well as job and other paid opportunities, please **sign up for our ASP (Anthropology-Studies-Programs) mailing list** ([sign up](#)). You can also follow us on Instagram ([@anthro.ubt](#)).

The Humanities Student Council ([Fachschaft Kulturwissenschaften](#)) is your official representative at the University. They organize social events, share academic resources, gather student feedback, and they are your advocate for improving the student experience.

If you have any questions related to the orientation events or the program, please do not hesitate to email stefanie.scheer@uni-bayreuth.de or sts@uni-bayreuth.de.

We wish you a successful start!

Sincerely, and on behalf of my SCA colleagues,

Prof. Dr. Jia Hui Lee
MA SCA Study Program Moderator