



NESW

NETWORK OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING WOMEN

Winter 2025

Upcoming Meeting Dates in 2025 (subject to change!)

May 16

June 27

July 25

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September 19

SAVE THE DATES!

Our website is: www.nesw.de

Monthly registration:
registration@nesw.de

A plea from your CT!

As we look forward to 2025, we are hoping to encourage one or the other of you to join Ingrid, Monika and Liz on the Coordinating Team. With two of us still working, it is sometimes difficult for us to balance the Network agenda on a regular basis. All that is required of you is to volunteer an additional evening a month (assuming you attend Network meetings regularly) to attend CT meetings and offer your support. These are fun and relaxed events at one of the CT members' homes in the evening, enjoying a glass of wine and finger food, as we cover the topics on the agenda - just 2-3 hours! With none of us getting any younger, we sincerely wish to carry on the Network into the next decade and beyond, but we need your help! If you can help, please contact one of us on the CT!

JANUARY

Friday, January 17th at 7:30pm

Guldusi - 20 years of transcultural art

For over 20 years, the Deutsch-Afghanische Initiative Freiburg has been supporting Afghan women living in Laghmani, Afghanistan with its Guldusi embroidery program. As part of the program, around 200 women embroider 8 x 8 cm squares by hand; they are self-taught and design their own patterns. The embroidery is complete, but it is not yet a finished product. Since almost all of the men are unemployed, the embroiderers use their wages to support their families. At the same time, they experience appreciation, creativity and self-confidence, a very unusual but satisfying situation in today's Afghanistan, thanks to Pascale Goldenberg, initiator and director of the program.

The embroidery squares come to Germany via contacts like Pascale, and individuals are invited to integrate these creative embroidered squares into their own textile objects (practical or artistic). The resulting works of art reflect the interaction between the two cultures, as well as the differences in living conditions between Europe and Afghanistan, which Pascale will share with us this evening.

Please register by **January 15th** with Liz at registration@nesw.de or call 0171-724 6834

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 21st at 7:30pm

Supporting African immigrants in Germany

German-Africa Insight, GAI e.V., is a non-profit organization based in Freiburg. It was set up in 2013 by businessman Joe Mmeh and the well-known artist Emeka Udemba.

Their aim was to support the social, economic and political integration of African immigrants in Germany, to promote international understanding and to establish and implement sustainable development projects in Africa.

They undertake various activities to help young people with African roots, be it supporting refugees in their daily lives or helping young women with their vocational training and careers in Germany. They also support various innovative social projects in Africa involving ecological development and social justice. As a means of overcoming prejudice, the association is especially committed to raising awareness in Germany of the issues facing Africa and people of African heritage.

In 2022, GAI had the opportunity of visiting the village of Akwanteng in Ghana, one of the world's biggest cocoa producing countries, where they made a film depicting the harsh realities of life as a cocoa farmer.



Financed by the EU Mindchangers project, the film wanted to highlight the context behind the new supply chain law which aims, among other things, to ensure better protection of human rights in global trade.

There will also be additional information about fairtrade labelling on chocolate and the opportunity to taste a variety of fairtrade chocolate products.

Please register by **February 19th** with Liz at registration@nesw.de or call 0171-724 6834

NEWS

MARCH

Friday, March 21st at 7:30pm

Animating the inanimate: the art and science of puppetry

Puppets are a global cultural and artistic tradition that has endured through the ages. Discover how our brain architecture enables us to project life onto inanimate objects, making puppetry a unique intersection of art and science. In her work, Pia Bahnzaf, investigates our complex cognitive and emotional responses to puppets through cognitive theories while deepening her understanding through making—creating shadow puppetry and carving marionettes as active processes of knowing.



Pia will take us on a journey from puppetry's ancient animistic roots to modern cognitive science. The evening will feature a special micro-theater performance with objects and a showcase of her hand-carved marionettes.

Pia Banzhaf is an Assistant Professor at Michigan State University and current Academic Director for the Academic Year in Freiburg program.

Please register by **March 19th** with Liz at registration@nesw.de or call 0171-724 6834

Membership Information



30€ Annually
(due by the end of January)

17.50€ Half Yearly
(January-June, July-December)

5€ Evening Fee for
Non-Members
(to be paid at the evening's
event)

Guests and new members are
always welcome. The evening
fee is waived for first time
guests



Your Coordinating Team

If you enjoy our meetings,
please join our team!



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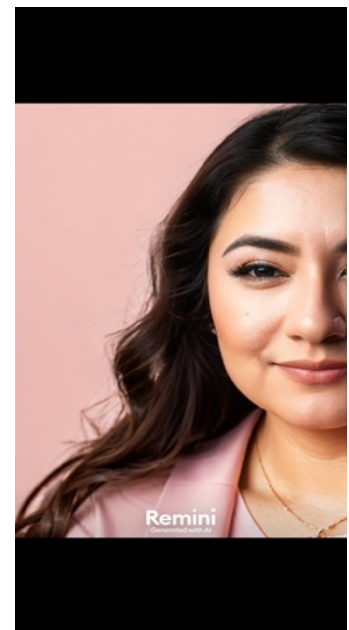
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APRIL

Friday, April 11th at 7:30pm

AI in everyday life: making sense of today's smart technology

Join us for a fun and eye-opening presentation with Stephania López Anaya, Senior Manager at EY! Stephania is passionate about exploring new technologies and understanding how they impact our lives.



She will break down what Artificial Intelligence (AI) actually means in our daily routines.

She'll walk us through real-life ways AI is already helping us—from smart assistants and gadgets around the home to exciting developments in healthcare. Stephania will cover the benefits, such as how AI can simplify everyday tasks, and also touch on some of the trickier parts, such as privacy concerns and what AI could mean for jobs in the future.

AI isn't just a buzzword—it's here to stay. This is a great chance to learn how it works and what it might mean for all of us. So, please join us for a clearer look at AI in our world!

Register by **April 9th** with Liz at registration@nesw.de or call 0171-724 6834

NEWS



Dock3 Teens Learn for Life!

We are delighted to let you know that the Network has made a donation of 300€ to this foundation which boasts a cooperation project between the *Stadtpiraten Freiburg* and *dreisam3!* www.dreisam3.de

Dock3 has created a meeting place where teens from different cultural communities and social backgrounds can come together and get to know each other during weekly meetings. Here they can make new friends and can develop personally and academically. These are children who grew up in Germany but also include children who are refugees. These teens learn *with* each other, and *from* each other. The special thing about Dock3 is that they believe in giving opportunities to young people who come from underprivileged and disadvantaged backgrounds.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Our Secret Santa Gift Exchange was a big hit this year with lots of laughs and gift exchanges! Thanks to all of you who attended, and for your fun and creative gifts!

Your Coordinating Team - Ingrid, Liz, Monika - wish all our Network friends and their families happy holidays and a great New Year 2025. We look forward to catching up with you during our meetings next year!



The NESW
Coordinating
Team would like
to thank you for
your support in
2024 and

wishes you
Merry Christmas
and a Happy
New Year!
Ingrid, Liz, and
Monika

