

**SFB 1601 Retreat**  
**March 25-27, 2025**

# **Annual Report**

## **SFB1601 Student Council**

**Prachi Prajapati, PH1**  
**(On behalf of the SFB Student Council)**

# Goals & Responsibilities

**Addressing PhD student  
concerns**

**Promoting a positive  
& inclusive academic  
culture**

**Organizing various  
activities for students**

**Communicating students'  
ideas to the Executive  
Board (EB)**



# Current members, and the next can be you! :-)

<b>Prachi Prajapati (PH1)</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Speaker</b>	<b>Jonathan Clarke (PH1)</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker</b>	<b>Zein Bazzi (AIfA)</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Speaker</b>
<b>Himadri Saha (PH1)</b>	<b>Damian Peregrina (PH1)</b>	<b>Elena Marcuzzo (AIfA)</b>
<b>Chinmaya Nagar (PH1)</b>	<b>Anahat Cheema (MPIfR)</b>	<b>Eleonore Dann (PH1)</b>
<b>Anais Pauchet (PH1)</b>	<b>Oerd Xhemollari (PH1)</b>	<b>Simon Dannhauer (PH1)</b>

# Student Activities (2024-25)

**PH1 Mechanical  
Workshop Tour**



**Student Seminars  
(AIfA Bonn & PH1 Cologne)**

**Student Retreat  
(Leiden)**

**Christmas Market  
Visit**



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- + German courses
- + Scientific Writing Workshop
- + Lunch with External Colloquium Speakers

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# PH1 Mechanical Workshop Tour

- **Planned for making the students/postdocs exposed to the instrumentation efforts**
- The workshop team presented their cutting-edge machineries and tools using which various parts of big instruments are being developed in-house.
- They also explained the challenges that come along in such jobs



# Student Seminars

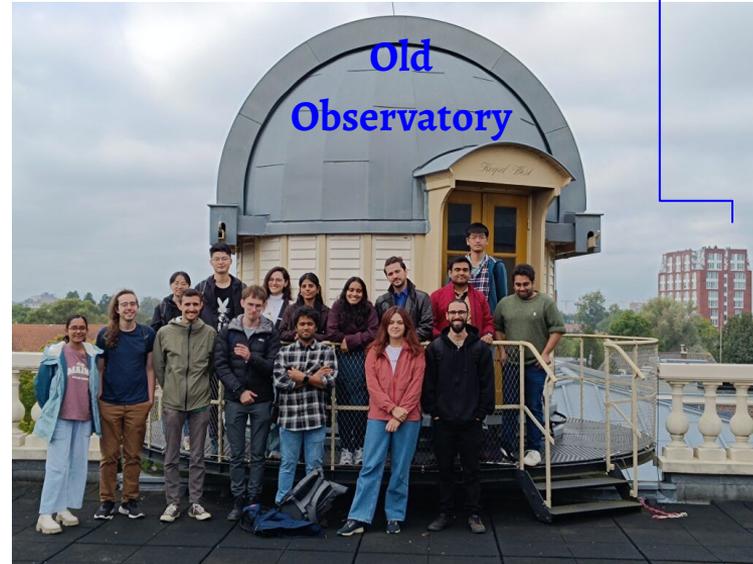
- **Planned for PhD students to practice presentation skills in a friendly environment**
- **Mandatory for each PhD student to present their work once a year**
- **Used to be a day-long program twice a year, i.e. once in Bonn & once in Cologne**
- **Revised version of bimonthly seminars, in a hybrid mode, with 3 talks each.**
- **Stay tuned for the upcoming seminar sessions ...**



# Student Retreat

- **Annually occurring event planned for PhD students by the council members**
- Open for all SFB1601 students
- Actively stay in touch with **Petra Fackendahl** (SFB Finance Secretary) while organizing it. Keep **ALL** the participants of the retreat aware of the progress of the process.
- Stay tuned for the upcoming retreat 2025 ...

Leiden (Fall 2024)



Naturalis  
Museum

# Support through your PhD: TAC

- **Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC)** - meant to support students in their PhD projects.
- Typically needs at least 3 members, i.e. the project PI, two independent researchers (Postdoc/PD/Professor)
- Meeting once a year for discussion, update, and review

Note: IMPRS & BCGS TAC reports are valid!

P.S.: **Regular monitoring now on ...** EB will approve the travel funds accordingly.



SFB 1601 thesis committee supervision report

Doctoral candidate:	Second Supervisor:
Principle Supervisor:	Third Supervisor/other:
Project start date:	Estimated thesis submission date:
Meeting date:	Funding source:
Current report: <input type="checkbox"/> Research Plan (1. meeting) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Progress Report <input type="checkbox"/> 1	
Are you in regular contact with the doctoral candidate? (please give approval): SV1: _____ SV2: _____	
<b>1 Progress of the doctoral research project (comments may be given)</b>	
a) The supervision report of the last meeting on _ / _ / 20_ has /	
b) Please rate the current detailed research plan, progress report or	
<input type="checkbox"/> very good <input type="checkbox"/> needs some adjustments <input type="checkbox"/> needs major change	
c) Please rate the project's progress so far.	
<input type="checkbox"/> according to plan <input type="checkbox"/> slight delays <input type="checkbox"/> considerable delays <input type="checkbox"/>	
If considerable delays occurred, (1) please briefly state their cause and their	



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# Students' Exchange Program

- **Upon agreement with the respective supervisor.**
- Application to the CRC EB with
  - a research statement,
  - detailed work plan during the stay abroad,
  - a cost estimate, and
  - a supporting letter from the supervisor.
- Reporting the experience to the CRC after returning – can be a seminar or a report that goes on the SFB website



## Student's Exchanges and Experiences

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# Social Events & Outreach



**ASTRONOMY ON TAP BONN**

Happens on **Every Last Tuesday of the Month**

Join for Public Talks related to Astronomy in German and English At **Fiddlers Pub, Frongasse**

Win Prizes Through **Quizzes**

@atobonn X @atobonn

Images: Pinterest, ESA, nasa.gov, displaet.com

The poster features a dark blue background with a swirling pattern. It includes illustrations of a satellite, an astronaut holding a beer, and a telescope. A central logo shows a beer glass with the text "ASTRONOMY BONN TAP".

**ASTRONOMY ON TAP KÖLN**

**GALAXIES, GRAVITY AND GLASS CEILINGS**  
How women changed our view of the cosmos

**Women's Month Special!**

Dr. Tatiana M. Rodriguez  
Universität zu Köln

**ASTROPHYSIKALISCH RELEVANTE IONEN:**  
Von der Laborphysik zur astronomie

Eline Plaar  
Universität zu Köln

**PUB QUIZ and prizes!**

Supported by SFB 1601 + ES O + @aotkoeln

Free check-in recommended

20 Mar 2025, 19:00 UHR  
Theater in der Filmdose  
Zülpicher Str 39, Köln

Save your seat!

The poster has a starry space background. It features a portrait of Dr. Tatiana M. Rodriguez and a QR code. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a large "PUB QUIZ" in pink.

# Important Links & Contacts for New Students



[Welcome Brochure](#) is available ...

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List of Contacts Cologne: <https://astro.uni-koeln.de/mitarbeiter-innen>

# Other Activities and Updates

- **SFB Students SciTech Expertise Form**  
to facilitate collaborations and  
exchange of skills among students

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The screenshot displays a Google Sheets spreadsheet with the following data:

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1	Name							
2	Project: A1							
3	Youxin Wang							
4	Project: A3							
5	Chinmaya Nagar							
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8	Project: A5							
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# Other Activities and Updates

- **Well-being Survey of SFB Students ...**  
add resulted plots and points from  
[Himadri & Vittoria](#)



**Thanks!**

If you have any questions/suggestions, or you would like to join the Student Council, feel free to contact any member of the council (via email or in person)

**Volunteer for Elections  
2025**



**1<sup>st</sup> speaker, 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker,  
3<sup>rd</sup> speaker, Members...**