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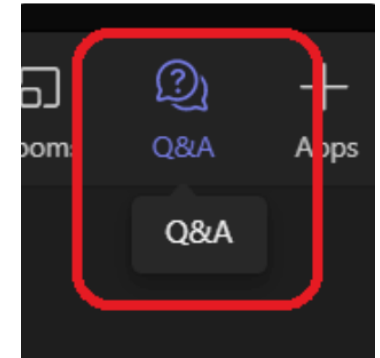


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# Today's agenda



- Three presentations, held by
  - Dr. Ana Alonso Serrano (10-15min)
  - Dr. Milind Brahme (10-15min)
  - Dr. Ishanka Karunaratne (10-15min)
- Q&A session (15-30min)



# Dr. Ana Alonso Serrano

Gravitational Physics  
Humboldt University of Berlin



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- My research is focus in the interface of **general relativity** and **quantum mechanics**
- **Why** Germany?
- Any **tips**?



# Dr. Milind Brahme

Associate Professor for German  
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences - IIT Madras  
India



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# Key qualifications and experience

MA, M Phil and PhD in German from the Centre of German Studies,  
School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, JNU

**Teaching Areas:** German language and literature; Literary Theory;  
Education (School Education in India) / Pedagogical Theories and  
Practice; Rhetoric and Communication; Contemporary World  
Affairs

**Research Areas:** Literary Studies; German language and literature;  
Education / Pedagogy

- I have studied German language and literature and earn my living teaching these subjects. My Germany connect is existential :D
- DAAD Sandwich Model Fellowship for Doctoral Research at the Seminar für Deutsche Philologie, Uni Göttingen, October 1994-September 1995
- Franz Werfel Postdoctoral Research Fellowship of the ÖAD for research at the Alpen Adria Universtität Klagenfurt, Austria from May-December 2005

**Germany /  
DAAD Connect**







# Cooperation with Germany

2011 to 2020 -- coordinated on behalf of IIT Madras a student-faculty exchange programme with Hochschule BREMEN, under the ISAP of the DAAD.

2014 to 2019 -- research cooperation on Multi Grade Multi Level (MGML) Pedagogies and Inclusive Education with the Institut für Sonderpädagogie of the Uni Würzburg -- funded by the DAAD under the New Passage to India programme. Apart from active student and faculty exchange, this cooperation resulted in the first World Conference of MGML Pedagogies held at IIT Madras in 2016 <http://mgmlworldconference.blogspot.com/p/about.html>

2023 to 2026 – Erasmus+ funded research cooperation with with the Institut für Sonderpädagogie of the Uni Würzburg



# TIPS

Learn German. You might not need it at your place of research, but knowing another language opens up for us one more world. It enhances our understanding of the other and thereby our understanding of ourselves.

In the Humanities and Social Sciences exact goals of our research activity cannot always be clearly defined. Have a written workplan which will help you get back your orientation in case like me you begin to drift off into newly discovered interests...

Do not hesitate to accept and offer help – both academically and otherwise.

Be yourself, but be polite, helpful and treat yourself and others with dignity.



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# Dr. Ishanka Karunarithne

Senior Lecturer, University of Kelaniya  
Research Ambassador – DAAD South Asia



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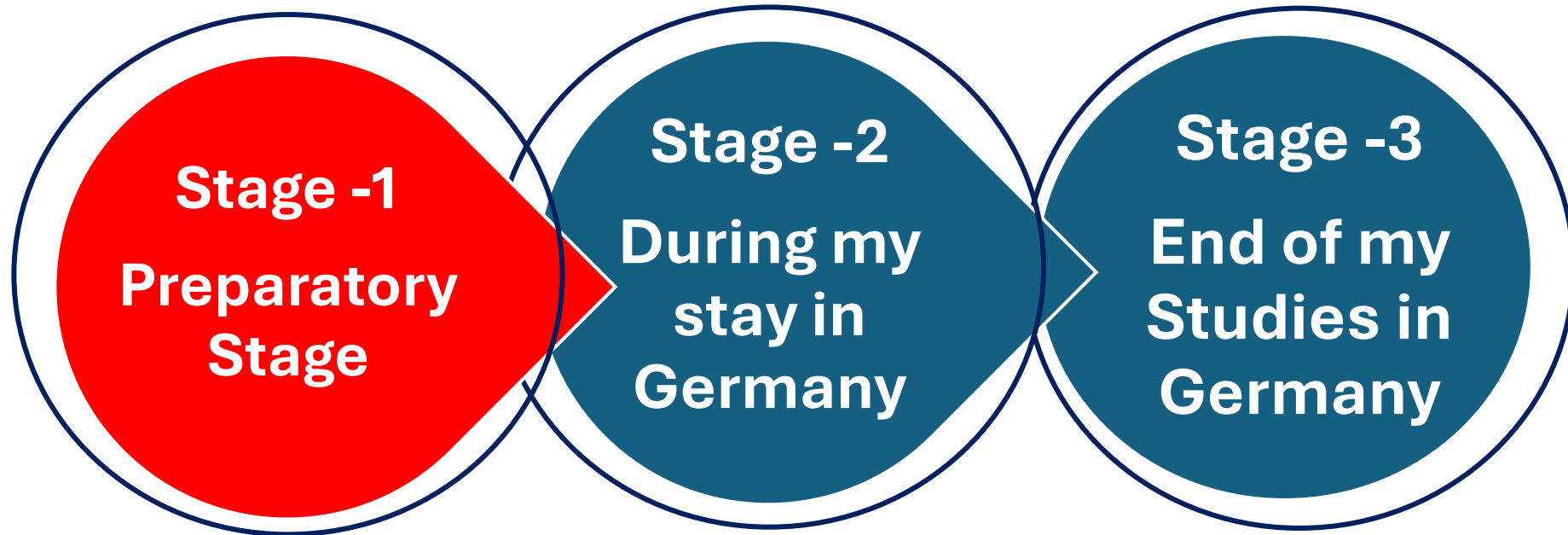
# Agenda

## My Experience on my PhD Journey





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# Preparatory Stage



- Study language is English in many PhD programs.



- Attend workshops organized by DAAD or any other university.
- Support from senior colleagues.



- University ranking (QS or CHE University Ranking).
- Some German universities do not actively participate in university rankings.



# Choosing a University, cont...



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- **Universities**- good for scientifically-oriented education.
- Offer broad range of courses and subjects
- **For the doctoral degrees-> recommend-> Universities**

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- **Universities of applied sciences**- good for practice-oriented education
- Provides scientifically based education, tailored to demands of professional life
- Generally include internships

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- **College of art, film or music**- good for an artistic or design-oriented subject



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# Preparatory Stage



- Detailed proposal, CV, Language Proficiency examination.
- Time- Contact the supervisor at least 6 months prior to the deadline.
- Don't send too many emails . Be mindful of German vacations.



- DAAD (check DAAD website to choose the correct funding programme and the deadlines, contact the regional office for more clarifications).



- Check the requirements – submit the required document, pay the semester fee, and contact international student office.







## Experience on my PhD Journey





# My Stay in Germany-PhD and fellowship

## • Academic

- Discuss **expectations** at the beginning.
- Options- **Publication-based** PhD and traditional **monography-** based PhD.
- Number of **publications** required.
- Support for attending **conferences**.

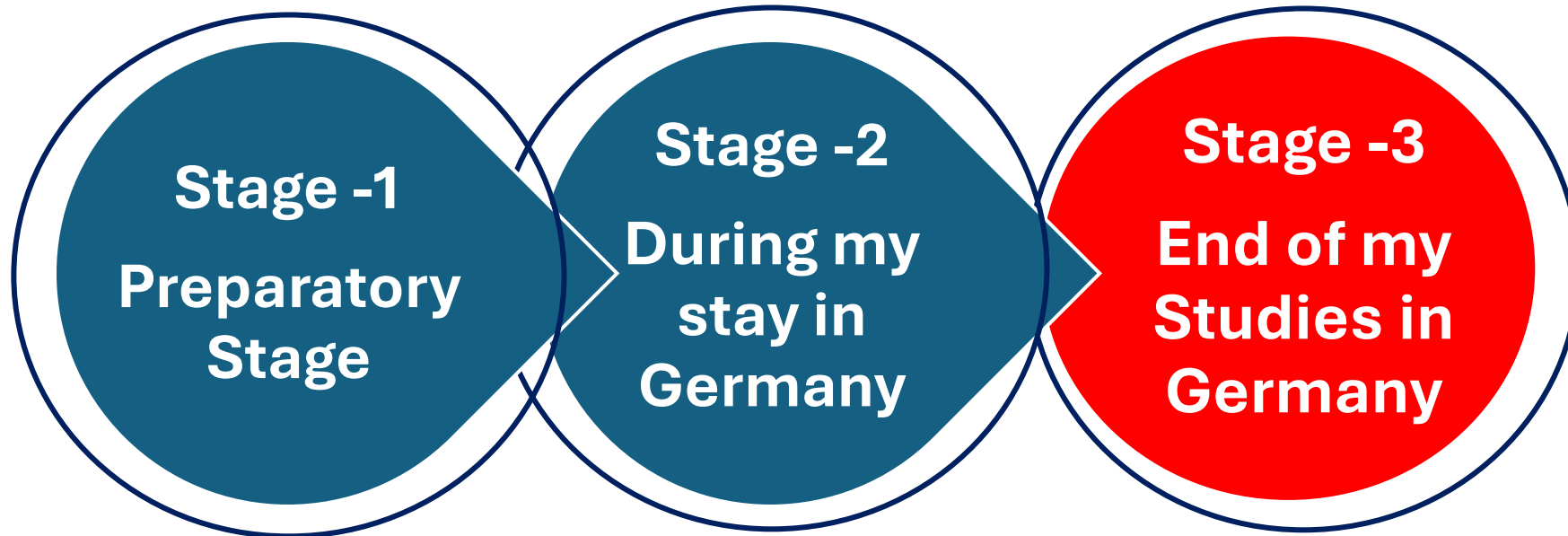
## • General

- **Registration** with the City.
- Adjust to the **culture** (Global mind-set and cultural agility) and **living**.
- **Part-time** employment (optional).
- German **Language** courses.
- **Travel**.





## My Experience on my PhD Journey





# Aftermath

Option  
01

- Repatriation- Going back to the home country.

Option  
02

- Postdoc or similar opportunities in Germany – funding opportunities-DAAD, KoWi, HFG, WGL, DFG, AvH, MPG.

Option  
03

- Move into 3<sup>rd</sup> country – Europe or any other.





# What do I most Like about Germany?



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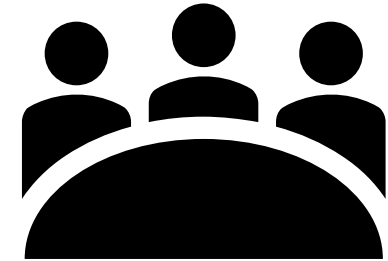


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# Q&A session

Your turn! 😊





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