

**Dear Schmitties, dear alumni,  
dear friends,**

"I don't think there is a more beautiful place in the whole world than Bullerbü" says Lisa, a character from the children's book 'We children from Bullerbü' by Astrid Lindgren. The village of Bullerbü, which consists of just three farms, is the epitome of Scandinavian closeness to nature and a carefree childhood.

Whether Lisa is right with her statement is up to each individual to decide. What is certain, however, is that nowadays the enthusiasm for Scandinavia can be found far beyond the world of children's literature. The fascination with knitting, a hyggelige philosophy of life and friluftsliv has long since spread beyond the borders of Scandinavia. This Semester, we will take a look at the culture behind the Nordic trendsetters. We will learn about the research field of Scandinavian studies, get to know the first words of the Swedish and Danish languages and learn about the challenges the Norwegian Sámi were and are confronted with.

I'm looking forward to the semester with you!

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## Semester Program

Semester Opening Dinner	Fr, 04.04.2025 7:30 PM
1. House Assembly	Thu, 10.04.2025 7:00 PM
Lecture: What are Scandinavian Studies?	Wed, 23.04.2025 7:00 PM
Alumni Meeting	Sat, 03.05.2025
2. House Assembly	Tue, 13.05.2025 7:00 PM
Introductory Course: Swedish and Danish	Thu, 15.05.2025 7:00PM
Lecture: Norwegian sámi	Tue, 27.05.2025 7:00 PM
Schmittie Trip	13.06.-17.06.2025
3. House Assembly	Wed, 25.06.2025 7:00 PM



# Scandinavia



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**Semester Program**

Wed, 23.04.2025

7:00 PM

Sina Lynn Sachse

## Lecture: What are Scandinavian Studies?

Sina Lynn Sachse is a research assistant and doctoral candidate at the Institute of Scandinavian/Fennish Studies at the University of Cologne and conducts research into Scandinavian literatures of the 21st century. In her lecture, she will give an insight into the special features of Northern European cultures and literatures in the past and present and display the diverse fields of research in Scandinavian studies.



Thu, 15.05.2025

7:00 PM

Ulrica Persson Vogt & Miriam Lindermeir

## Introductory course: Swedish and Danish

Ulrica Persson Vogt is a lecturer for Swedish, Miriam Lindermeir is a lecturer for Danish at the Institute for Scandinavian/Fennish Studies at the University of Cologne. In this practical exercise, they will teach us the basics of Swedish and Danish and show some of the language's peculiarities as well as the opportunities and challenges of inter-Scandinavian communication.

## Norwegian Sámi - between tradition and modernity

In her lecture, Doris Wøhncke will talk about the life of the Norwegian Sámi, focusing on the balancing act between traditional life in harmony with nature and the challenges of modernity. The focus will be on adapting to climatic changes and the struggle for self-determination in the face of state intervention, for example through mining or wind power projects.

Tue, 27.05.2025

7:00 PM

Doris Wøhncke



13.06.-17.06.2025

## Schmittie trip

This year's Schmittie trip takes us to the Allgäu. Surrounded by mountains, forests and lakes, there are countless opportunities (even in Bavaria) to indulge in the Scandinavian love of nature. And who knows, maybe some of us will develop a real hygge feeling ...

## Contact

We are always happy to welcome guests! If you would like to take part in one of our events, it would be great if you could register with us in advance by e-mail so that we can schedule you. All events take place at the Schmittmann-Kolleg. For more information, you are welcome to visit our website or follow our "Schmittie life" on social media.



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