

Visit of the German Maritime Museum (DSM) and its archive and the Archive for German Polar Research (AGPR) in Bremerhaven

A joint GLOMAR / POLMAR excursion

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Objectives

This excursion is for all those interested in the history of polar research and the marine sciences. Through a behind-the-scenes visit to the Archive for German Polar Research and the German Maritime Museum – both located in Bremerhaven – participants will find out more about the opportunities and challenges archives and museums face in preserving the material culture of science. On a more practical level, they will learn how to use such institutions for their own research purposes and come into contact with unique records and material stored there. Moreover, the participants will obtain an impression of how such institutions provide an interface between the scientific community and the general public.

The German Maritime Museum (DSM)

The German Maritime Museum (DSM) located directly on the Weser dyke presents the history of seafaring. On an exhibition area of more than 8.000 square meters and a park-like area with large maritime objects on land and the vintage ships of the museum fleet in the Old Harbour it forms a unique ensemble of German maritime history.

The DSM is one of the eight national research museums in Germany and a member of the Leibniz Association. Aside from the permanent and special exhibitions the museum preserves among other things approx. 30.000 technical drawings, more than 200.000 photographs, 450.000 negatives and image files, art print, posters and nautical charts. It's library holds some 92.000 titles on German maritime history and current shipping.

The Archive for German Polar Research (AGPR) at the AWI

The mission of the AGPR is to secure the written and oral tradition of German polar and maritime research, a 150-year-old scientific venture with deep roots in the federal state of Bremen. Founded in 2011, the AGPR archives records and other material of this research field following Bremen archive law. Although these activities refer to all of the historical and present German states and state resembling bodies, their main focus concentrates on the AWI.

The archive - as a part of the institute's library - provides science journalists, laypersons and scientist of all disciplines within as well as beyond AWI with historical information on German polar and maritime research. The same task it performs with regard to the institute.

The AGPR also supports a historically informed public discussion about German polar and maritime research and about the AWI, and it promotes the identification of the AWI's employees with the institute.

Target group

PhD students of both graduate schools.

Due to space restrictions in the archives, places are limited to 4 PhD students per graduate school.

Programme / Time schedule

10.00	Meeting at the German Maritime Museum (DSM), entrance hall Welcome by Dr. Christian Salewski, Klaus-Peter Kiedel & Dr. Martin Weiss
10.15 – 12.30	Guided tour of the German Maritime Museum and its Historical Archives
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch at the <i>Deutsches Auswandererhaus</i>
13.30 – approx. 15.00	Introduction to the Archive for German Polar Research

All venues are within walking distance. Participants from Bremen can travel by train. Travel details will be discussed once the participants have received their confirmation. Costs can be covered through the graduate schools.

Registration

To register, please fill in the [registration form](#).

Please note that your registration will be binding.

The registration deadline for this excursion is **15 June 2015**.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come – first serve basis.