



# SDU International Club

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## December Calendar

Taking a new step, uttering a new word is what people fear most.

Fyodor Dostoyevsky. Russian writer (1821-1881)

### December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 19.00 **IC Stammtisch**

Join us for our monthly social dinner together at "Alfred and Kamilla" (Rugårdsvej 103, 5000 Odense C). A relaxing and informal atmosphere, where we can enjoy delicious food and a wonderful international table.

**Price:** 120 kr.

Please sign up at [sqg@sdu.dk](mailto:sqg@sdu.dk)

### December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 11.00 **SDU International Mothers' Group** **Bring your baby and join us!**

This time we invite you to share the beautiful nature around 'Engen' at Fruens Bøge (the meadow at the Lady's Beech Tree forest). The surrounding forest and lake provide a peaceful atmosphere for a walk with our children. We will finish with a hot drink at Jensens Bøfhus restaurant with a view of the lake. Come and enjoy with us!

Address: Engen v/Fruens Bøge 12  
5230 Odense M

### December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 19.00 **IC says "Goodbye 2011"**

Come and help us celebrate the end of a great year at

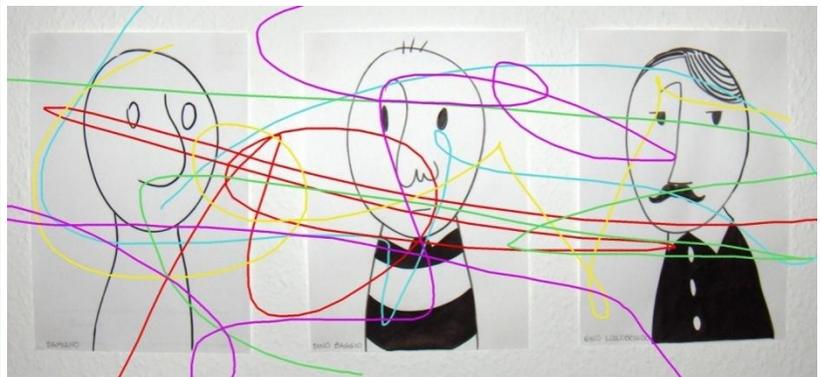
La Piazza Restaurant, Brandts Passage 33, 5000 Odense C.

Enjoy an incredibly good Italian menu, a great Jazz music show and the usual, wonderful ambiance.

**Price:** 250 kr.

Please sign up at [sqg@sdu.dk](mailto:sqg@sdu.dk)

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by Eugenio del Nobile

## Be Happy!

By Evelina Kvaltunaite

***"What can I do with my happiness? How can I keep it, conceal it, bury it where I may never lose it? I want to kneel as it falls over me like rain, gather it up with lace and silk, and press it over myself again."*** Anais Nin

I believe all stories have a point. A meaning. A moral. A dream to them. I believe that life only gets better as you grow, as you learn. As you figure out the most simple things in life. However, I don't believe in suffering ... just like that.

*"I do not believe that sheer suffering teaches. If suffering alone taught, all the world would be wise, since everyone suffers. To suffering must be added mourning, understanding, patience, love, openness and the willingness to remain vulnerable."* Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Yet I believe in things that make you better. That make you stronger. That make you step over yourself and once again think outside the box. I wish that we all may keep growing and keep glowing in the new year, 2012!



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## **Interesting announcements:**

### **Help with written English and translation**

Would you like to have your written English checked, proofread or edited? I am an experienced translator and text-editor. English is my first language. I work with any kind of text in English, from PhD theses to CVs or that important job application letter. I also translate from Danish to English. There is a translation service at SDU for staff and post-graduate students who have funding to cover the costs. However, I would like to help those who do not have funding. The cost will be kept as reasonable as possible for students.

For more information, send an email to [wordwonder1@gmail.com](mailto:wordwonder1@gmail.com)

### **Do you like sport and physical activities?**

#### **Get your own personal Sports Guide for free, or become a Sports Guide yourself**

“Velkomstagerterne” (Welcome Agents) is a project in which we want to introduce international students and other international people living in Denmark to local sports clubs.

In doing so, we hope to help **you** to settle down in Denmark. In this project, volunteers, so-called Sports Guides, will introduce you to a Danish Sports Club. The Sports Guide will help you to find the right club for you, get you started and help you meet the other participants.

Sport Clubs are the perfect way to make new friends and create a network in a friendly, relaxing and active environment.

If you have been living in Denmark for a while and want to become a Sports Guide and/or want more information about the project, please contact Jette Laursen [jette.laursen@dgi.dk](mailto:jette.laursen@dgi.dk), 24 97 14 66.

**Join us. You won't regret it!**



**VELKOMSTAGENTERNE**



### **Changing Genres**

I was satisfied with haiku until I met you,  
jar of octopus, cuckoo's cry, 5-7-5,  
but now I want a Russian novel,  
a 50-page description of you sleeping,  
another 75 of what you think staring out  
a window. I don't care about the plot  
although I suppose there will have to be one,  
the usual separation of the lovers, turbulent  
seas, danger of decommission in spite  
of constant war, time in gulps and glitches  
passing, squibs of threnody, a fallen nest,  
speckled eggs somehow uncrushed, the sled  
outracing the wolves on the steppes, the huge  
glittering ball where all that matters  
is a kiss at the end of a dark hall.  
At dawn the officers ride back to the garrison,  
one without a glove, the entire last chapter  
about a necklace that couldn't be worn  
inherited by a great-niece  
along with the love letters bound in silk.

~ Dean Young

**i think everything in life is art.  
what you do. how you dress.  
the way you love someone,  
and how you talk. your smile  
and your personality. what you  
believe in, and all your dreams.  
the way you drink your tea.  
how you decorate your home.  
or party. your grocery list. the  
food you make. how your  
writing looks. and the way you  
feel.**

**life is art.**

