



# SDU International Club

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## March Calendar



**"Just living is not enough....**

**One must have sunshine, freedom and a little flower"**

Hans Christian Andersen, Danish author, 1805-1875

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 11.00**

**'Ma-Ma', SDU's**

**international parents group**

***Mothers' and children meeting***

Being a mother is one of the most rewarding experiences in life. Let's share our experiences of motherhood, expectations, doubts and wonderings with other mothers in the same circumstances. Come with your questions or comments to the next mothers' and children meeting.

You are not by your own! Venue will be announced when you sign up at:

[cip@language.sdu.dk](mailto:cip@language.sdu.dk)

**March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 19.00**

***Taler du Dansk?***

**Danish table** at "Alfred and Kamilla" restaurant. An opportunity to practise your Danish while you have fun over dinner, Rudgårdsvej 103, 5000 Odense.

We chat about spontaneous themes in Danish (your language level doesn't matter) while we enjoy good food and international company. A Danish teacher leads the group. It is a great way to communicate in Danish naturally.

In addition the teacher offers: Informal conversations with a Danish teacher, preparation for an exam, support in special tasks or situations where you find it difficult to express yourself.

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by Eugenio del Nobile



by Evelina Kvarnåtte

I have come to realize this is an essential lesson: In order to survive, you must learn to live without everything. Optimism dies first, then love, and finally hope. But still you must continue. If you were to ask me why, I would say that even without those fundamental things, the great things, the hot-blood-in-the-veins things, there is still enough in a day, in a life, to be precious, important, sometimes even fulfilling. How do I live without you? I put you in the museum of my heart where I often go, absorbing as much as I can bear before closing time.

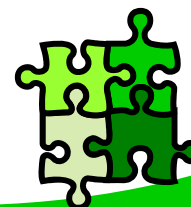
Life has many museums and many secret corners in the hearts of people. I realize how important it is to feel through every moment, every unheard word or unfamiliar emotion.

Have you noticed once you come back from a trip, everything except you is unchanged. Entropy. You cant put the toothpaste back into the tube once it's out. You cant ever come back the same as when you left home. Its magic!

Sometimes I wake up in the early dawn from the morning prayer sounds. And I cant fall asleep again because the peace is expanding in the room. It is dropping, drop by drop from the curtains and filling up the empty cups, those corners of the heart and my eyes. Then I realize that it's not the cities that are full of people, streets, lost kittens, trains, broken cups, lost coins, buildings and restaurants. It's the people who are full of cities, maps and repeating prayers. And one can only dream that one will be so happy to meet someone who will know how to read one's maps and live in those cities.

And just recently I also realized – all my cities have bridges. Bridges connect some things that otherwise would never meet. As if they were hands reaching out for silence, morning prayers and cups yet to be filled with peace.

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### **March 8th @ 16.30**

#### **SDU's International staff's spouses and partners**

**Let's get together and support each other**

Enrich your time and network by meeting creative people while you search for a job or after your work-time. We want to help you to invest your time in creating an interesting and satisfying life in Denmark. Tietgen Skole, Work in Denmark, Lær Dansk Odense and SDU's International Staff Office have joined forces to offer you a place where you can discuss your current situation and new possibilities. Join us: 8th March, 16.30-19.30 SDU: Room 094. Sign up with Sandra González, [sgg@sdu.dk](mailto:sgg@sdu.dk) before 6th March.

### **March 10th @ 15.00**

#### **Ma-Ma, the SDU international parents group**

**Invites you to our family reunion!**

Join us with your family for a fun afternoon in the happy company of the family members of the group. Children play together while parents can chat and share something to eat. Please bring drinks and snacks to share and let us know if you'll be coming (venue will be announced later) at: [cip@language.sdu.dk](mailto:cip@language.sdu.dk)

### **March 14th @ 17.30**

#### **International Art Workshop**

**Look at this activity and explore something new!**

We are pleased to announce "**The Art Workshop: getting in touch with your brain's right hemisphere**". The course will be held at the campus on Wednesdays 17.30-19.00, approx. every second week.

Using a variety of materials, we will create our works of art, exploring how we use colours and shapes to express ourselves. So drop your inhibitions, if you have any, and come for the sheer pleasure of it. Course leader, Pauline Grolin, is a Canadian psychologist and amateur artist. She enjoys painting with acrylics, drawing with pastels and doing 'soul collage'. If you are interested in participating, please email [sgg@sdu.dk](mailto:sgg@sdu.dk). Free of charge!

### **March 15th @ 18.00**

#### **SDU International women**

**Let's Celebrate!..... Girls' Night Out!**

A Girls' Night Out means fun and relaxation! It also means getting away from your daily routine and pressures by spending time with friends. "Ma-Ma", the SDU International Parents' Group kindly invites you to join us for one more evening of fun at our monthly Girls' Night Out, Café Franck A!, Jernbanegade 4, Odense C. Please sign up at: [cip@language.sdu.dk](mailto:cip@language.sdu.dk)

### **March 15th @ 19.00**

#### **IC monthly dinner and Jazz**

**International gathering and Italian food**

We meet to enjoy an evening of wonderful music, good food and a table of guests from all around the world. Enlarge your network and learn about other cultures. This time we will hear "Dedications", a Jazz band composed of guitar, drums, contrabass and piano. Restaurant La Piazza, Brandts Passage, Odense C. Sign up now at: [sgg@sdu.dk](mailto:sgg@sdu.dk)

### **March 17th @ 11.30**

#### **Dance for all at Carl Nielsen Museum, Room 1**

**An experience that combines the beauty of classic music and the rhythm of your body**

Modern dancer, Tine Damborg, offers this amazing occasion to dance to classical music. We will move to the notes of Vivaldi, Rossini, Bizet and other worldwide famous composers. Come on your own or bring your partner, your friend and/or your children to dance to live classical music! Price: 100 kr. adults/50 kr. Children.

Sign up at [sgg@sdu.dk](mailto:sgg@sdu.dk)



by Heather Sommer

## **Traveler**

Your first time out of the country  
of your own skin, I didn't bring a  
map.  
You always hated that I'd been  
lucky  
enough to pick my way through  
streets  
I couldn't pronounce to find  
cathedrals,  
graveyards. If you were a city, you  
said,  
I'd only like to know your suburbs.  
If you were a city, I said, I'd like to  
know  
your poor neighborhoods, your  
inner parts.  
Read your graffiti. Drink your tap  
water.  
Feel your smog and dirt stick to my  
sweat.  
Hear your orchestra of sirens and  
gunshots.  
I'd know which of your streets to  
walk.  
If you were a city, I'd expect to be  
robbed.



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