

Dr. Pitzeks Free LIVE online Quarantine German Reading Club



Description

Would you like to practice to read German books with me? You probably expect to find here usual course content description?

We are currently reading: Das Café am Rande der Welt - Eine Erzählung über den Sinne des Lebens von John Strelecky. You can join any time.

This is me:

I was Born 1969 in Belgrade. In the age of 4 my parents who lived in Vienna separated and I came to my grandparents who live in Belgrade. I grew up protected in the suburb of Belgrade (Zemun) in former Yugoslavia.

I was among first break dancers in Belgrade in the late 80's and I was educated as an airplane mechanic - the didn't expect me to be able for more. The name of our gang was "Taff Staff Crew".

At the age of 17, when I thought the foundation of my life is fixed, something unexpected happened. A good friend motivated me to read two books. 'Siddharta' by Hermann Hesse was the first, followed by poems by Rainer Maria Rilke. A new world opened up.

From that very moment on nothing stayed the same. I learned - the life is change! That life rewards the brave, not the fearful. The very next day - I didn't speak spoke a single word of German at that time - I organized myself the book "German in 100 lessons" and had the plan to read Hesse and Rilke in the original language. I was almost 18 when he started learning German on my own. Only one year later I was

admitted to the University of Belgrade in the German Literature and Linguistics program. At that time I discovered myself - and it didn't stop until today - and the beauty of the German language.

1991 war, my home country disappeared during semester abroad in Berlin, only 4 exams before the end of my studies. I started from the beginning and within six years I did my master. How did I finance that? By working at McDonalds, night shifts for almost three years. Later I had the great opportunity to work with the International Office of the Humboldt University in Berlin. I finished his studies in 1996. I hold a Master degree and Dr. phil. in German Linguistics, Serbo-Croat Language and Literature, and German as a Foreign Language (DaF) from the Humboldt University, Berlin.

Back in Belgrade, searching for the home country I left. It was not there any more. I found the house, the tree, my garden, but not my home country. People I loved have not been there any more. Home country can maybe be a tree, but at the first place that are people around you.

I held a teaching position in the German Department at the University of Belgrade in the late 90's. After the NATO bombing I had to leave Belgrade in 1999. My daughter was 6 months old when we passed the boarder to Hungary, two hours later the boarder was closed, for months. I the evening I was in Vienna, where my new life started, back to McDonalds. Before I received the Austrian citizenship in 2002 and finally could start working for the International Office of Vienna University of Technology I completed a two-year trainee program at McDonalds, which today is one of my clients. At this time, in 2000, I obtained my Dr degree and was probably one of the most educated hamburger makers - and I loved it!

Very soon I continued teaching technical German for international students at the Vienna University of Technology and soon I became chief editor of 'Fachsprache', which is an International Journal of Specialized Communications.

In 2004 I he started my own German language school by organizing courses in Student Dormitories, before I finally founded INNES Institute Vienna - International Network for Educational Support in Higher Education in 2012 as a high quality educational platform.

2012 I also became President of Ge4 - Global Education: Exchanges for Engineers and Entrepreneurs Network, an international university network for higher education institutions.

My passions are sailing, reading Alan Ford, traveling, growing and reflecting. I love the music of Goran Bregovic and Van Morrison and the Star Trek character Jean Luc Picard. I love my daughter and my wife. What I love most is infecting my students with my enthusiasm ... for the German language? No, much more ... enthusiasm to develop, reflect, change, believe and work hard. I want to help you to find your home in Vienna.

2020 CORONA Virus, we had to close the school within 24 hours. All courses stopped, registrations for the courses stopped, more than 30 teachers and staff could loose their jobs. We have been prepared and within few hours we switched to LIVE online learning. Don't give up, continue learning for now and for the time after, than there will be time after. Giving up is not an option!

WHO ARE YOU?