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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

Welcome to the

2026 GYA International Conference of Young Scientists

Constructor University, Bremen

28 June – 3 July 2026

A warm welcome to Bremen

Sir Prof. Konstantin Novoselov
President, Constructor University
Nobel Prize in Physics (2010)

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Constructor University in Bremen for this exciting conference.

Bremen has a long tradition of **innovation**, **technological** and **scientific excellence**. As an international university, we are dedicated to connecting this rich tradition to the global academic community, and proud to host a gathering of **such distinguished minds** on our campus.

Machine intelligence is one of the defining fields of our time — its development is helping to rapidly reshape not only the future of science and technology, but the way we understand and interact with the world around us.

I have no doubt that the discussions, exchanges and insights that emerge from this conference will make a **meaningful contribution to the scientific discourse** in this field and look forward to seeing the ideas that take shape here.

On behalf of Constructor University, **welcome to Bremen** — I wish you an inspiring and productive conference.

WELCOME FROM THE CO-CHAIR

Listen, Question, Share and Collaborate

Yensi Flores Bueso

Co-Chair, Global Young Academy

On behalf of the **Global Young Academy**, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the **2026 Annual General Meeting and International Conference of Young Scientists**, hosted by Constructor University in Bremen. This year's theme, "**Machine Intelligence for Society and for all Sciences**", brings researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and partners together to consider how artificial intelligence is transforming science and society — and how we guide that transformation **responsibly** and **inclusively**.

This year we are especially delighted to welcome **38 outstanding new members**. Your arrival strengthens not only the size of our community but its collective imagination, expertise, and capacity for action. I encourage you to **engage openly**, to **build relationships** beyond your own disciplines and regions, and to consider not only what the GYA can offer you, but what **new possibilities you can help create** within it.

We are deeply grateful to **Constructor University** for hosting us in Bremen, and to the **funders**, **sponsors**, and **partner organizations** whose support has made this meeting possible. Their partnership enables young scientists from many regions and backgrounds to meet, exchange knowledge, and build collaborations that will continue well beyond this conference.

Over the coming days, I encourage every participant to **listen generously**, **question constructively**, **share experiences honestly**, and **seek collaborations** beyond familiar boundaries.

Welcome to Bremen!

WELCOME FROM THE CO-CHAIR

A place of possibilities

Siok Yee Chan (Sam)
Co-Chair, Global Young Academy

I am deeply honored to welcome all of you to the International Conference of Young Scientists, hosted by Constructor University in Bremen, Germany. Alongside the event, we are blessed with the generosity of our host in supporting the Annual General Meeting of the Global Young Academy 2026.

The GYA is a **place of possibilities**, where ideas become collaborations, collaborations become action, and young scientists are empowered to contribute to a better future.

Today, our community brings together 200 members and 493 alumni across more than 100 countries. What unites us is our shared belief in **science for all**, **science for the future**, and in giving young scientists a **meaningful voice** in global decision-making.

Scientific talent is global, but access to funding, infrastructure, networks, mobility, data, and emerging technologies remains **deeply unequal**. The rapid development of artificial intelligence could help reduce these divides — but, without inclusive leadership, it could also deepen them. By connecting scientists across countries, disciplines, generations, and economic contexts, we can advocate for **more equitable research ecosystems** and ensure that innovation serves society as a whole.

Let us use this meeting not only to discuss the future of science, but **to shape it**. I look forward to the conversations, partnerships, and new possibilities we will create together.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Program at a Glance

Pre-conference · AGM · internal · Conference · public

28 Jun
Sunday

09:00-18:00
Science Leadership Workshop for new members
Location: Seminar Room II

18:00
Dinner
Location: Conference Hall

Full detailed program
agm.globalyoungacademy.net/agm-and-conference-programme-2026

29 Jun
Monday

All day
Arrival of GYA members

09:00-18:00
Science Leadership Workshop
Location: Seminar Room II

11:00-13:00
GYA EC in-person meeting
Location: Seminar Room I

14:00-16:00
Science Advice Workshop (GYA–INGSA)
Location: Conference Hall

16:30-18:30
Falling Walls Lab
Location: Community Hall

19:00-21:00
Welcome Dinner
Location: ICC Foyer

30 Jun
Tuesday · AGM

09:00-10:30
Official Opening of the 2026 AGM
Location: Conference Hall

11:00-12:30
General Assembly
Location: Conference Hall

14:00-15:30
GYA Activities Fair
Location: ICC Foyer

15:30-18:30
Strategic Themes meetings
Location: Conference Hall

19:00-21:00
Dinner and Networking
Location: ICC Foyer

20:00-21:30
Fundraising for the GYA
Location: Conference Hall

THE WEEK AHEAD

Program at a Glance

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01 Jul
Wednesday · Public

09:00-10:30
Official Conference Opening
Location: Conference Hall

11:00-12:30
Panel I · AI Governance
Location: Conference Hall

14:00-15:30
Panel II · AI in the Sciences
Location: Conference Hall

14:00-15:30
Research Talks
Location: Seminar Rooms I, II and III

18:00-19:00
EC Pitches
Location: Conference Hall

20:00-23:00
Gala Dinner
Location: Kränholm

02 Jul
Thursday · Public

07:00-08:30
Move for Science

09:00-10:30
Public Dialogue · AI & Publishing
Location: Conference Hall

11:00-11:30
Infosession with German Funding Organisations
Location: Conference Hall

11:30-13:00
Panel III · AI in the Humanities
Location: Conference Hall

15:00-18:00
Excursion
Location: City Center

18:00-20:00
Dinner
Location: Ratskeller

21:00-23:00
Member's Night
Location: Community Hall

03 Jul
Friday · AGM

07:00-08:30
Rise & Play
Location: SCC (Sports & Convention Center)

09:00-10:30
GYA Committee meetings
Location: Conference Hall

11:00-13:00
General Assembly
Location: Conference Hall

14:00-15:30
EC transition meeting
Location: Seminar Room I

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01

About Constructor University

YOUR HOST

Constructor University: pioneering knowledge & innovation

Constructor University stands at the core of Bremen’s vision for the future, driving cutting-edge research, education, and industry partnerships. With a focus on innovation, sustainability, and technological advancement, the university equips businesses and future leaders with the skills and knowledge needed to navigate and shape the evolving global landscape.

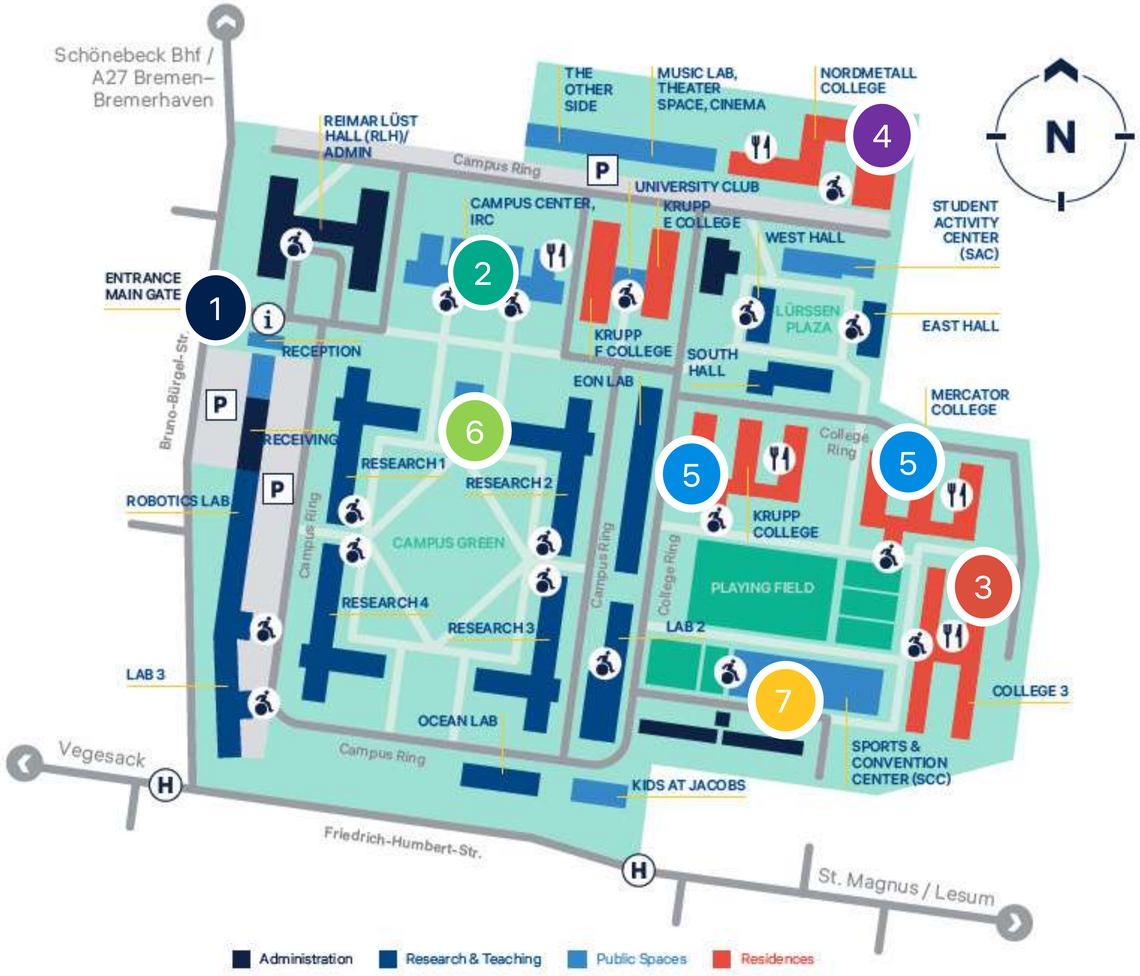
340,000m²
Green-shaded campus

2,000+
Students

120
Nationalities

ORIENTATION

Finding your way around campus



1 **Main Gate & Reception**
Campus entrance and check-in

2 **ICC Conference Hall & Library**
All sessions · quiet space for focused work

3 **College 3**
Breakfast·

4 **Nordmetall Canteen**
Some Lunches

5 **Krupp College & Mercator College**
Conference accommodation

6 **Community Hall**
Falling Walls Lab; Member's Night

7 **Sports and Convention Center & Calisthenics Area**
Morning activities throughout the week

WELLBEING

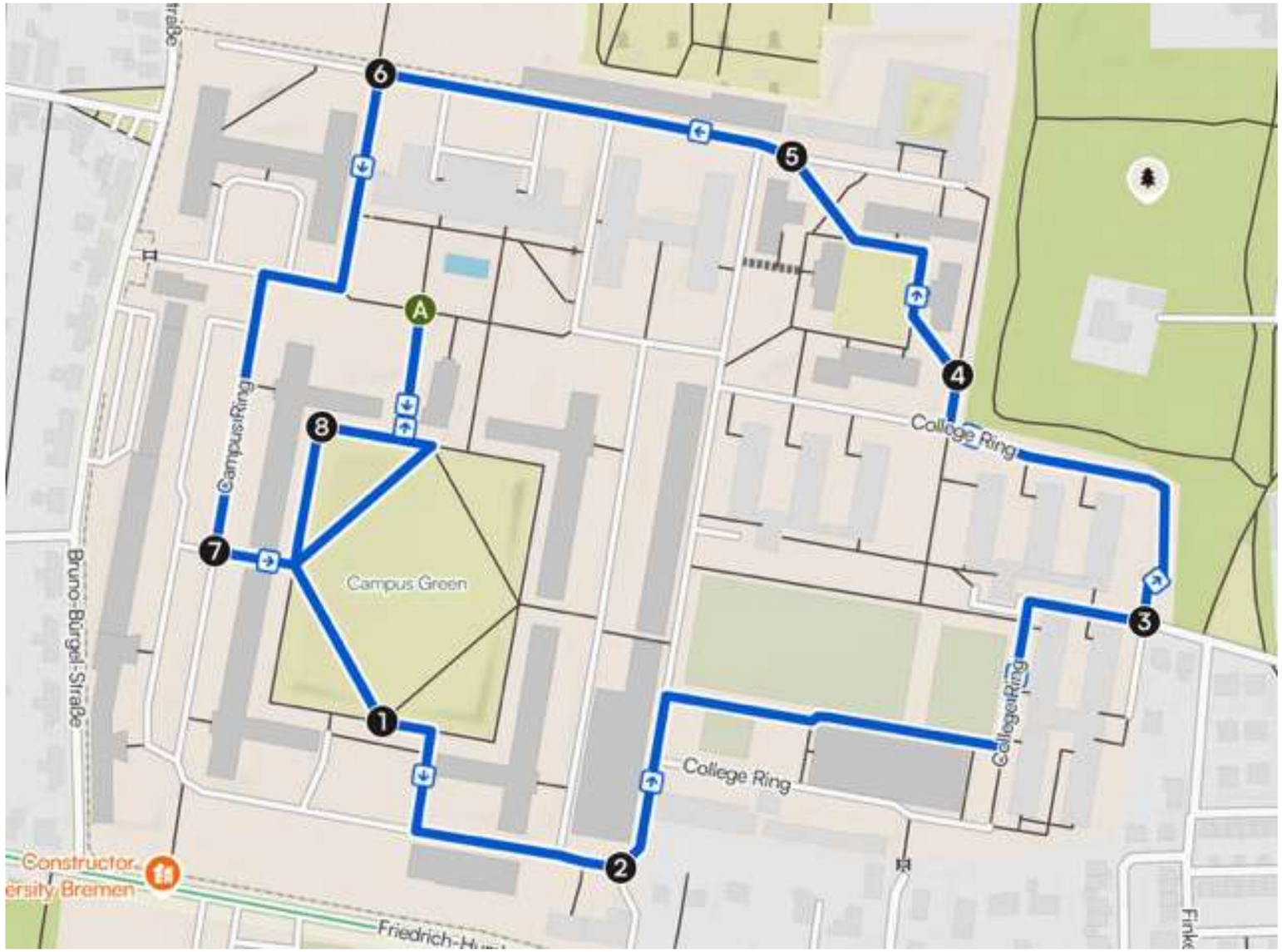
Stay active on campus

THURSDAY 2 JULY · 07:00–08:30

Move for Science

Start the day with a morning run or walk across campus. Choose a scenic **2 km** loop or a longer **4 km** route — everyone is welcome, at your own pace.

Meeting point at the Community Hall



2 km loop

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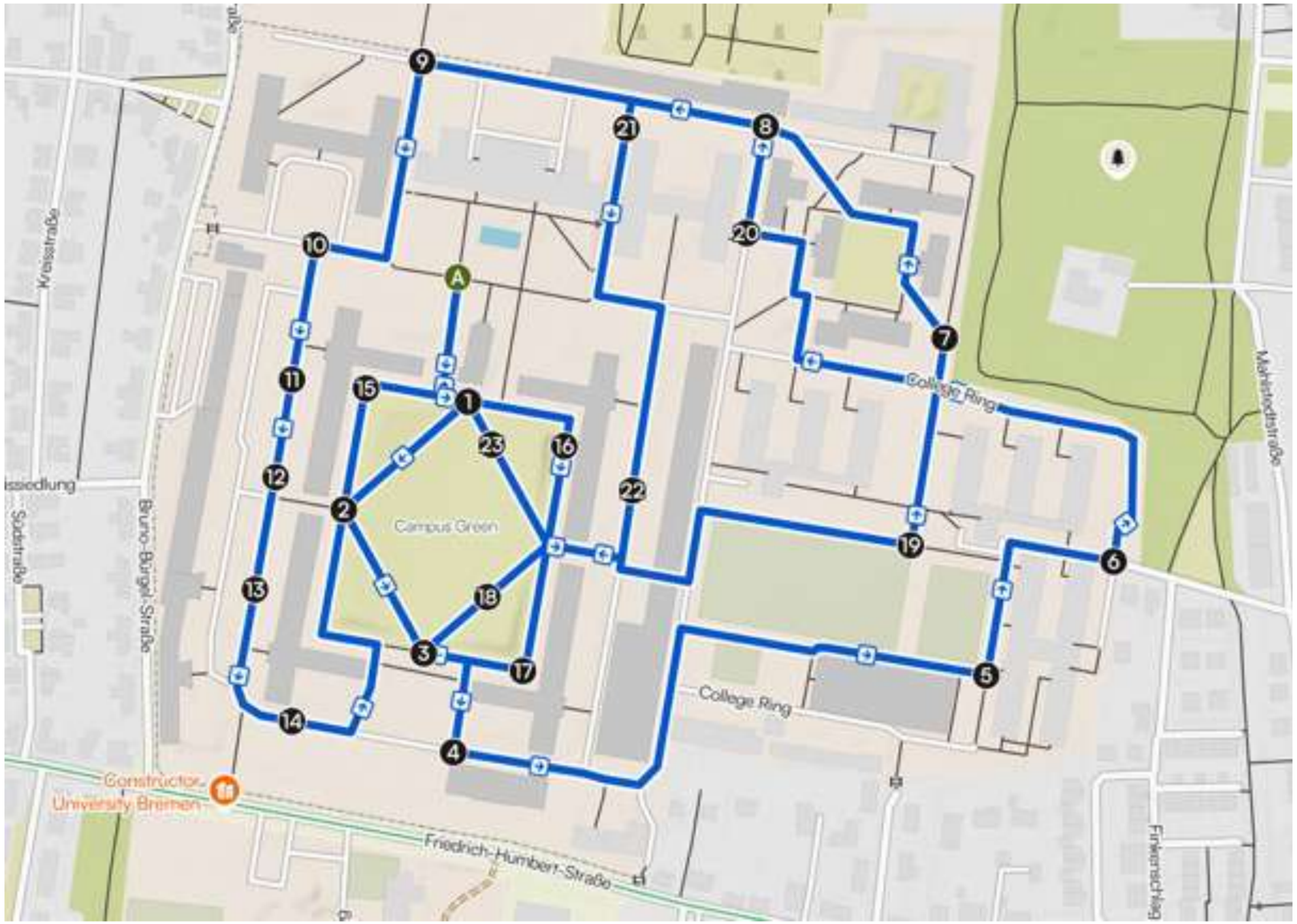


4 km loop

WELLBEING

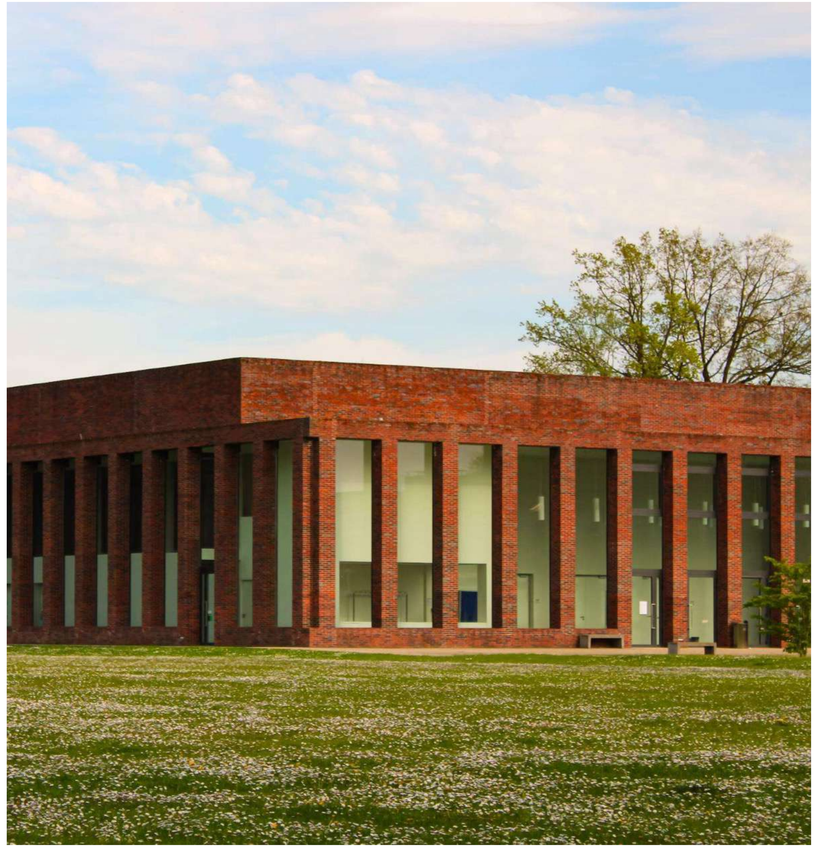
Stay active on campus

FRIDAY 3 JULY · 07:00–08:30

Rise & Play

Close out the week with an energetic morning at the Sports and Convention Center. Two sports on offer — softball and basketball — join whichever suits your mood.

Sports and Convention Center · Constructor University



AVAILABLE 24/7

Calisthenics Area

Right in front of the Sports and Convention Center, this outdoor space is freely accessible at any time. Whether a quick stretch or a full bodyweight workout — just show up.

No sign-up · no equipment needed

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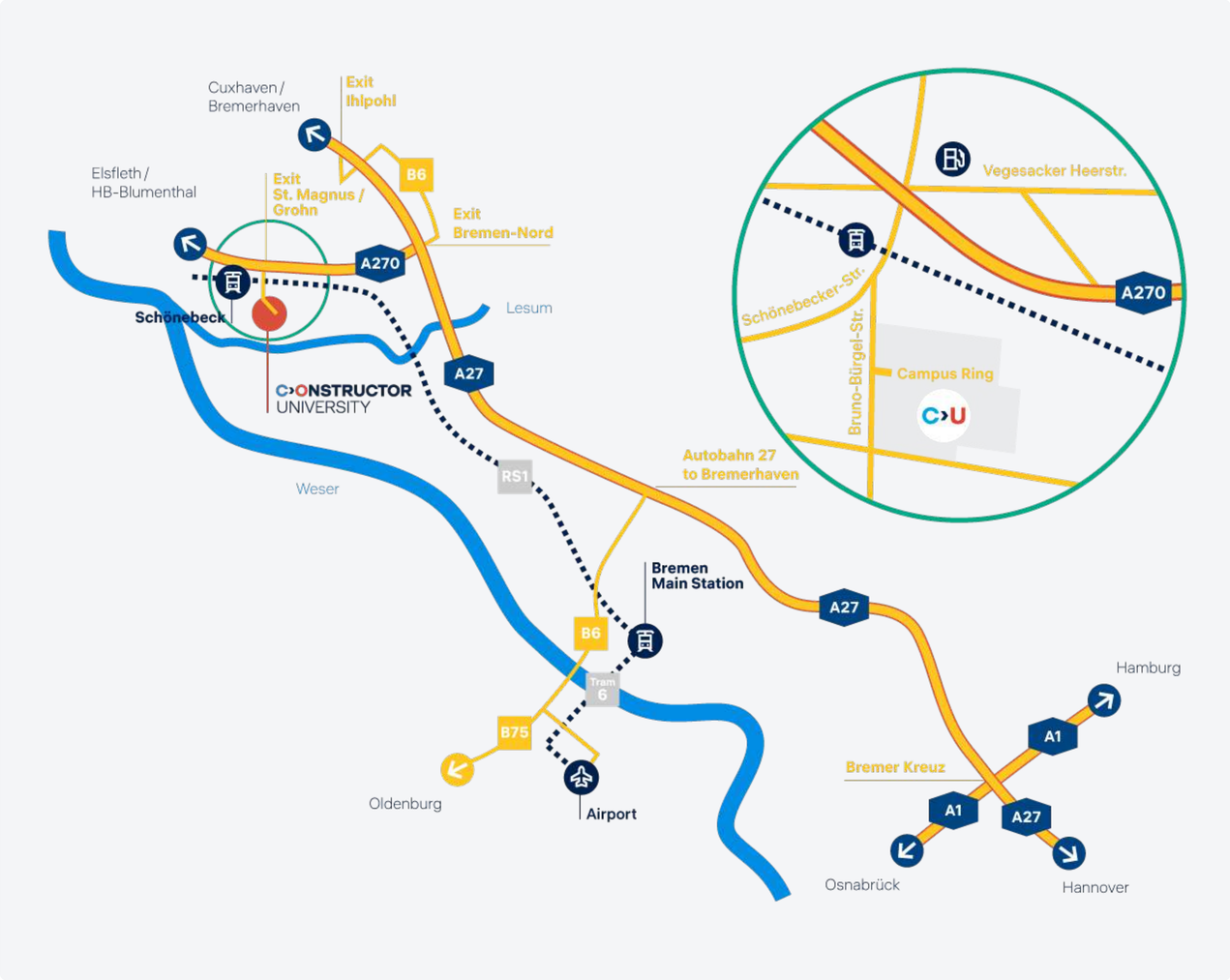
Arriving at Constructor University

GETTING HERE

Traveling to campus by car



Traveling from the South

Autobahn 27 direction Bremerhaven exit Bremen-Nord, left lane onto the Autobahn 270, direction Elsfleth/HB-Blumenthal

Traveling from the North

Autobahn 27 direction Bremen exit Ihlpohl, at the end of the exit ramp, turn left, pass under the bridge, turn right onto B6 and then left onto Autobahn 270, direction Elsfleth/HB-Blumenthal

...then continue

- Leave the Autobahn 270 on the exit Bremen-St.Magnus/Grohn/ Constructor University
- At the end of the exit ramp, turn left in direction U5/Grohn/ Constructor University
- At the next traffic light turn left into the Schönebecker Straße, direction Grohn
- Behind the bridge, keep left and turn into Bruno-Bürgel-Straße
- After approx. 300 meters you find yourself at the entrance (Main Gate) of the Campus on the left hand side

By Uber or Taxi

~25 min

Enter ‘Constructor University Bremen’ as your destination. Approx. €45–€60 from Bremen, depending on traffic and vehicle.

GETTING HERE

From Bremen Airport to Campus

By Tram

06 Airport -> Hbf

From Bremen Airport take tram number 6 that runs approximately every 10 minutes and get off at Bremen Hauptbahnhof (main station)

By Train

RS 1

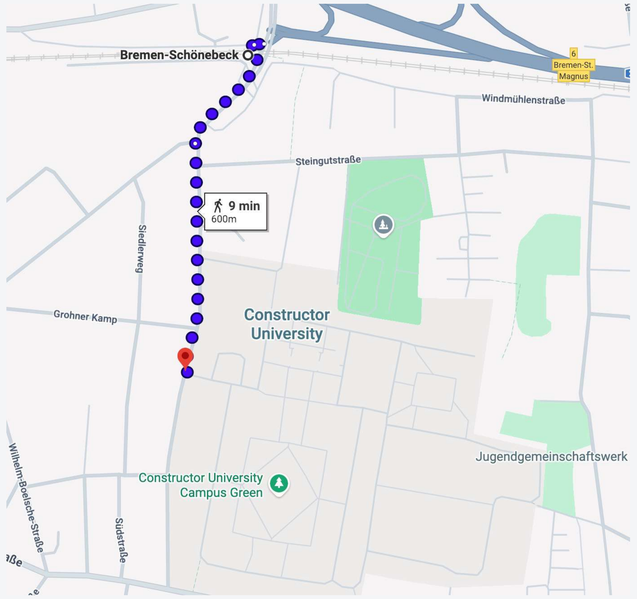
Take the RS1 train in the direction of Farge or Vegesack (trains leave every 15 to 30 minutes, usually from platform 5)

Get off at Schönebeck station (sixth stop)

On foot

Schönebeck -> Constructor

From Schönebeck station it is a 5 minute walk to the Campus down Schönebecker Straße and Bruno-Bürgel-Straße



Emergency & Important Contacts

- General Emergency: 112
- Police: 110
- Campus Reception: +49 421 200 40
- Bremen Airport (BRE): +49 421 5595 0
- Bremen Hauptbahnhof Info: +49 421 221 21

Find us on Google maps:

Constructor University
Campus Ring 1, 28759 Bremen
Phone: +49 421 200 40
Fax: +49 421 200 4113

Tickets Single €3.40 · Day ticket (until 03:00 following day) €9.50 · available at station machines, or on DB Navigator app

Live schedules · **vbn.de - bahn.de**

ON ARRIVAL

Checking in at Constructor University Bremen

1

Head to the Security Gatehouse at the Main Gate

Upon arrival, make your way to the security gatehouse at the campus entrance (Main Gate) and let the team know you are here for the GYA Conference.

2

Collect your key and campus map

The security team will issue you a key and a campus map, along with directions to your accommodation.
You will be staying in the Alfried Krupp or Mercator colleges.

3

Make your way to your accommodation

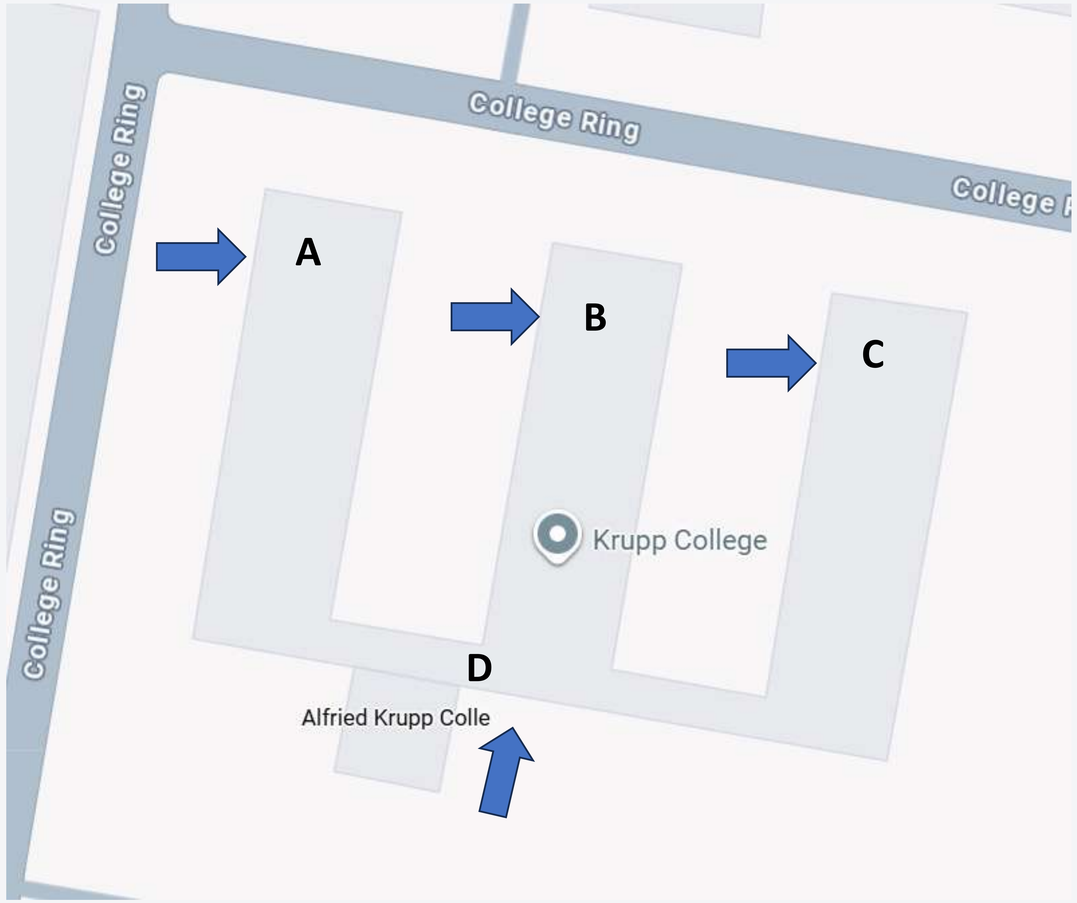
Follow the directions provided by the security team. The campus is compact and easy to navigate — your map will guide you.

Need assistance?

Should you experience any difficulties during check-in, our team is happy to help — reach us at booking@constructor.university or via phone at +49 (421)200-4800. **Only** for emergencies, please contact +49 1512 589 1774

ORIENTATION

Your room



Your room will be stated as such:

KA623 or MC721

- The first letter indicates the building:
  K for Krupp, M for Mercator
- The second letter indicates the block in the building.
- The number will indicate the room number
- You will be able to access all doors of the building, and all gates of the university

YOUR STAY

Wi-Fi

WIFI ON CAMPUS

Constructor Guest
Password: #Construct0r

Open WiFi
No password · Conference Hall

eduroam
Conference Hall, Room & Foyer

GOOD TO KNOW

Essential house rules

- Smoking (including vapes and e-cigarettes) is prohibited inside all buildings on campus.
- The possession and/or use of drugs and narcotics (including marijuana) is prohibited on campus grounds.
- Tampering with smoke detectors or fire extinguishers, or activating the fire alarm without cause, is prohibited.
- Noisy, disorderly, or disruptive behavior is prohibited.
- Quiet hours are required by German law between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am.
- Open flames are prohibited inside all buildings (e.g., candles, matches, BBQ grills).
- Removing items from residence rooms, common areas, or serveries is prohibited.
- Unauthorized use of kitchens or common spaces is prohibited.
- Identification is compulsory if requested by university staff or the security provider — please carry ID at all times.
- Follow reasonable instructions from staff in the event of an emergency or serious incident.
- Behavior that puts the safety of self or others at risk is prohibited.

03

Exploring Bremen

Iconic Sights · Dining · Sweet Treats

THE CITY

Welcome to Bremen

Bremen is a dynamic city in northern Germany and a growing hub for innovation — particularly in aerospace, maritime, and renewable energy.

With a strong emphasis on research and technology, the city hosts key players such as Airbus and the Bremen space research center, making it an ideal location for shaping the future. Its UNESCO-listed market square and winding medieval quarter give the city its unmistakable character.

Culture, events & things to know · **bremen.eu**

Bremen’s Iconic Sights

Explore the charm of this historic city with these must-see sights:

Bremen Town Musicians

Inspired by the famous Brothers Grimm fairytale, this beloved statue by the Ratskeller restaurant is the undisputed symbol of Bremen.

Schnoor

Wander through this medieval maze of narrow streets lined with colorful houses, boutiques, and cafes.

Bremen Town Hall & Roland Statue

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, this stunning Gothic Town Hall and the iconic Roland Statue, built in 1404, symbolize Bremen’s rich history.

Böttcherstrasse

A unique street famous for its expressionist architecture, art galleries, and museums, blending culture and history in every step.

RESTAURANT PICKS

Special Dining During the Conference

Kränholm - 1st July

A historic estate restaurant beside Knoops Park, offering regional cuisine in an elegant and tranquil setting.

Modern regional, seasonal
Auf dem Hohen Ufer 35A, 28759 Bremen

Bremer Ratskeller – 2nd July

A historic wine cellar restaurant beneath Bremen's Town Hall, offering traditional German dishes in an atmospheric setting.

Traditional German
Am Markt 11, 28195 Bremen

A BREMEN HIGHLIGHT

Bremer Bonbon Manufaktur

Tucked away in the historic Böttcherstraße — one of Bremen's most distinctive streets, just steps from the Market Square — this small, family-run confectionery has been crafting traditional boiled sweets by hand for decades. It is one of the few remaining places in Germany where visitors can watch sweets being made entirely by hand through the shop window.

Böttcherstraße 8, 28195 Bremen
Daily 11:00–18:00
Tram 2 or 3 to Domsheide, then a 5-minute walk
bremer-bonbon-manufaktur.de

A little shop. A lot of magic.

Handmade Sweets

Every candy is made by hand using traditional recipes passed down through generations — no machines, no shortcuts.

Watch the Process Live

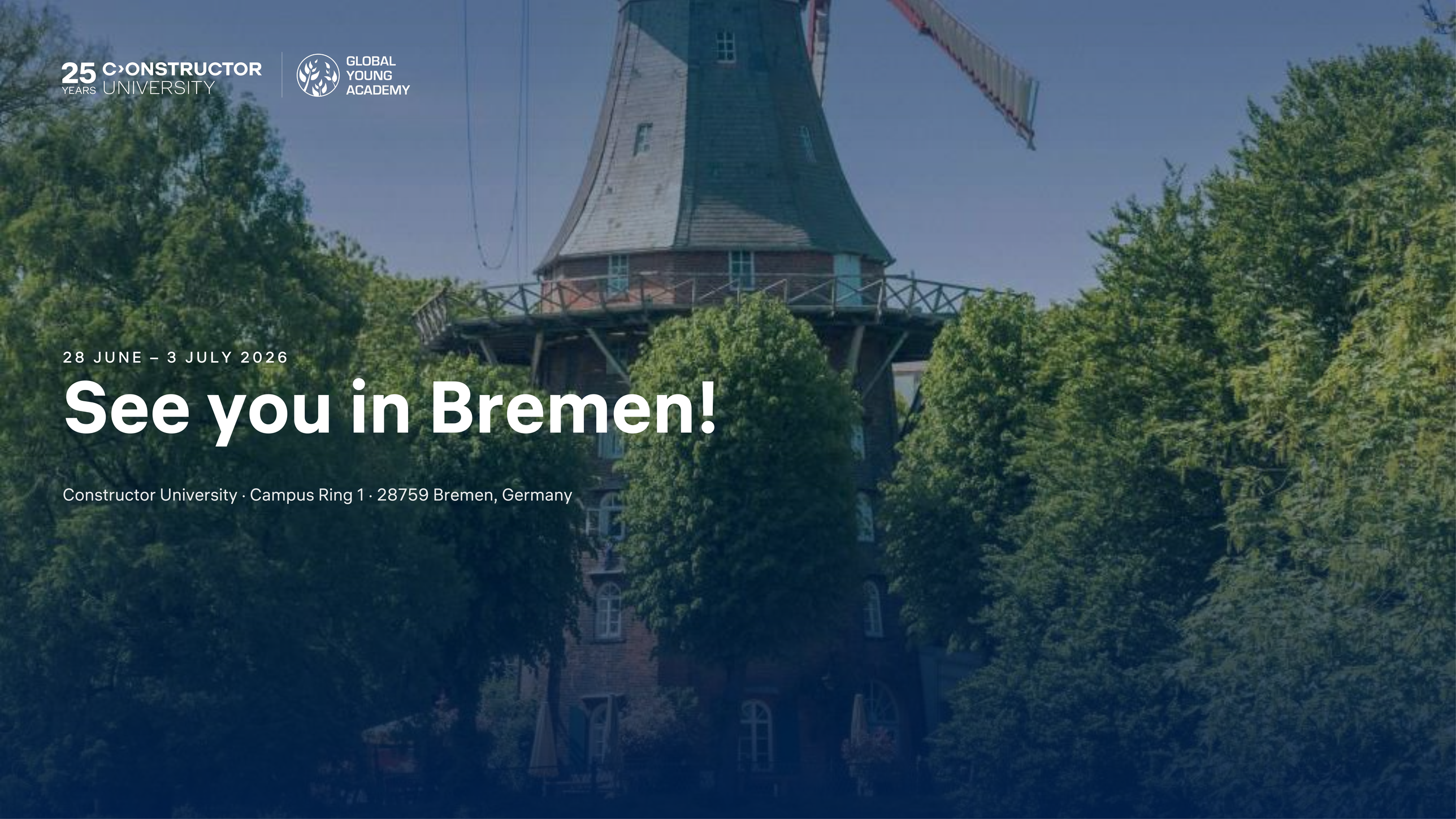
Confectioners pull and twist the hot candy mixture live in the shop window.

Unique & Regional Flavors

From classic peppermint and licorice to local specialties — a selection unlike anything in a regular shop.

The Perfect Souvenir

Beautifully packaged tins and bags make a charming, lightweight souvenir to bring home from Bremen.



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