



Rachel Thoma

I am originally from:

Palo Alto, California / USA

My languages:

English (both American and British), native speaker

German, fluent

Language(s), which I am teaching at ZFA:

- Academic English
- Business English
- Transferable Skills (esp. intercultural skills)

I have worked here since:

2012

My career progression:

- English lecturer (at a variety of universities and universities of applied sciences)
- English teacher (at a variety of German schools incl. *Weiterbildungskolleg* and *Gymnasium*)
- Project manager of career-orientation programmes, international exchanges and youth empowerment projects
- Community organizer

My education:

- Masters in International Adult Education, Minors in American Studies and Social Psychology
- Bachelors in World Religions and International Politics

Further activities:

- Founding member and leader of *Theater Feuerfunken, Playback Theater Bochum*
- Worked closely with New Work Projects in Germany and US (based on the ideas of F. Bergmann)
- Actively raised my children bilingually

A statement or quote, which characterize my teaching activity:

In my courses learning becomes a shared adventure after the motto:

'Mistakes are the portals to discovery.' --James Joyce