



**Award: Doctoral prize from the German Academic Scholarship Foundation for Krystin Unverzagt**

HU junior researcher Krystin Unverzagt has been awarded the Lieselotte Pongratz Doctoral Prize of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation for her dissertation in European Ethnology. Her work, based in the field of science and technology studies, examines the relationship between science and democracy both theoretically and empirically. The focus is on participatory modelling - a research approach in which scientists and non-scientists jointly develop models, for example for sustainable agriculture and forestry or tourism. Unverzagt is currently a visiting researcher at the IRI THESys at HU. With this award, the Studienstiftung honours young researchers whose dissertations have succeeded in providing impulses that go far beyond the boundaries of their discipline.

[Learn more about the dissertation](#)

**Research & Teaching**

**New teacher training course: Art and Special Education from winter 2025/26**

From the winter semester 2025/26, Humboldt-Universität und Berlin University of the Arts (UdK) will be offering a new combination of subjects for the teaching profession at integrated secondary schools and grammar schools. In this course, a special education subject is studied at the HU and the subject of fine arts at the UdK in equal parts. The course provides students with the artistic, pedagogical and academic knowledge and skills required to work as a teacher of visual arts as well as professional skills for working in special educational fields.

[Find out more about the new degree programme](#)

**Ukraine graduate programme: apply by 9 February**

The Competence Network Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies Frankfurt (Oder) - Berlin (KIU) has launched a new graduate programme on the topic of "Resilience, Restoration and Transformation. Ukraine in a world of upheaval". From spring 2025, the KIU Graduate School will offer up to nine funded and six associated positions for doctoral students in the field of Ukraine studies. Young researchers from disciplines such as history, cultural studies, political science, sociology, economics, law, conflict studies or similar fields can apply until 9 February.

[Learn more about the graduate programme](#)

**New collection: Science & Poetry Slam on 28 February**

The Helmholtz Center for Cultural Techniques (HZK) invites you to the opening of the scientific collection "History and Present of the Poetry Slam in German-speaking Countries". The evening will open with spoken word poetry by three outstanding slam poets. Afterwards, Dr. Oliver Zauzig will give an impulse on the importance of scientific collections at Humboldt-Universität. This will be followed by an audience discussion with Professor Dr. Petra Anders and representatives of the scene on research questions and exhibits in the collection. The event will take place on 28 February, 17 to 19h00, in the Objektlabor HZK, Campus Nord, Philippstr. 13.

[Find out more and register](#)

**Long Night of the Sciences: register project contributions**

The Long Night of the Sciences celebrates its 25th anniversary on 28 June 2025! Researchers from all HU institutions and locations are invited to register their projects with the event team by 12 February. The Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften e.V. in Berlin is a joint project of the scientific institutions and attracted around 30,000 visitors in 2024, almost 7,000 of whom attended programmes at Humboldt-Universität.

Register projects for the Long Night of the Sciences: [lange.nacht@hu-berlin.de](mailto:lange.nacht@hu-berlin.de)

**Call for applications: Caroline von Humboldt Professorship 2026**

The Caroline von Humboldt Professorship to support outstanding female professors at HU will be awarded again in fall 2025. It is aimed at excellent, tenured female professors from all disciplines at HU who are characterised by their international reputation, the relevance of their research results beyond their own discipline and their outstanding publication activity. The professorship is associated with a one-year financial support of 80,000 euros. The deadline for nominations is 27 April.

[Find out more about the call and nomination](#)

**Oxford-Berlin Partnership: Apply for joint projects by 16 February**

The Oxford Berlin Research Partnership and the institutes of Berlin Research 50 are once again inviting applications for flexible funding to support the initiation of new or the continuation of existing collaborations and research projects between researchers in Oxford and Berlin. The call is aimed at doctoral students, post-docs and professors, with young researchers in particular being invited to apply. In the humanities and social sciences, applications can be submitted on any topic, in STEM subjects and the medical sciences along the thematic lines listed in the call. The maximum funding amount is 3,500 euros per application. If at least two Berlin University Alliance institutions are involved, the maximum amount increases to 5,000 euros. The application deadline is 16 February.

[Read the call for applications](#)

**Circle U. Sandpits: Apply for interdisciplinary project by 15 March**

Sandpits offer researchers the opportunity to develop new projects and scientific innovations through collaboration with Circle U. colleagues from other disciplines. This year, the focus is on the development of inter- and transdisciplinary projects with a focus on democracy. It is a two-part workshop that provides an opportunity to bring together researchers from the partner universities as well as the associated partner institutions of the Circle U. University Alliance. The first session will take place on 27 May via video conference, while the second part will be held from 9-11 September in Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. The application deadline is 15 March.

[Learn more about the call](#)

[Submit your application](#)

**Scholarships for postdocs: Get mobile with Circle U.**

The Circle U. Postdoc Mobility Program offers travel funds for researchers from Circle U. universities who wish to further develop their scientific or academic career at another Circle U. university. Participants should aim to prepare a joint research proposal. The scholarships are awarded for stays of at least five to a maximum of 30 days. The requirements include an invitation from a colleague in a leading position at the partner university and the approval of the supervisor at HU. The application deadline is 15 February.

[Read the call for applications](#)

**KOSMOS lecture: Challenges of the energy transition**

As part of the KOSMOS series, Oxana Timofeeva from the Institute of Global Reconstruction (IGRec, Berlin) will speak on 30 January on the topic of "Energy and energy production - a philosophical approach". She will also address conflicts between economics and ecology and ask to what extent sustainability efforts can come up against limits. The reading will take place on 30 January from 18 to 19h30 in the Senatssaal of the HU. The language of the lecture is English.

[Learn more about the KOSMOS lecture](#)

**Administration & Service**

**Statutes: Protection against sexualized discrimination and violence**

According to its constitution, Humboldt-Universität protects its members and affiliates against sexual harassment, sexualised discrimination and violence as well as stalking. Since the beginning of the year, a new statute has been in force, which was discussed and adopted by the Academic Senate in November 2024. It also defines a clear complaints procedure. For those affected by sexualised discrimination and violence, the central and decentralised Women's and Gender Equality Officers are available as the first point of contact and act as an advice and complaints office.

[View statutes and contact central and decentralised women's and equal opportunities officers](#)

**Committees: Election results of the election to the AS/Council are available**

On 14 January, the members of the Academic Senate and the Council were elected at the HU. The election results are available and can be viewed.

[View election results](#)

**Cappella Academica: Symphony concert on 2 February**

Anyone wishing to experience the HU's traditional symphony orchestra at the Konzerthaus am Gendarmenmarkt will have the opportunity to do so on 2 February at 11h00. Under the direction of conductor Christiane Silber, Weber's Freischütz Overture and pieces from Schumann's Violoncello Concerto in A minor and Brahms' Symphony No. 2 in D major will be performed. Mischa Meyer from the Deutsches Sinfonie-Orchester will perform as soloist on the cello.

Reserve tickets via [cappella-karten@hu-berlin.de](mailto:cappella-karten@hu-berlin.de)

[Buy tickets at the Konzerthaus Berlin](#)

**Berlin University Alliance**

**Info session: Funding for projects with the UK**

On 19 February, the Berlin University Alliance will present funding opportunities for joint research projects with partners in the United Kingdom. The info session offers information on various funding formats: from open start-up funding to long-term, thematic project funding. There will also be specialist presentations from German and British funding institutions. Afterwards, there will be the opportunity to network with other researchers and representatives of the funding organisations.

[Find out more about the event](#)

**In focus: Materials of the future on 19 February**

How can innovative materials revolutionise our built environment? The fourth edition of the BUA Open Space Salon series invites you to explore this question on 19 February. Novel materials are more than just technical innovations - they are the key to future-proof architecture, sustainable urban development and climate- and resource-friendly construction. On this evening, leading experts from materials research, architecture and urban development will present their perspectives on the built world of tomorrow. The English-language event will take place from 18h30 in the THF Tower at the former Tempelhof Airport.

[Read more about the event](#)

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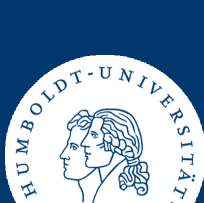
**Einstein Foundation: Funding for physicist Mustafa Gündoğan**

Despite a reduced budget, the state-owned Einstein Foundation was able to approve a limited amount of new funding. The project of Dr. Mustafa Gündoğan from the Institute of Physics and the Center for the Science of Materials at HU is also supported. He conducts research in the fields of quantum optics and quantum communication. His project, on which he will work as an Einstein Starting Researcher, aims to improve the performance of a quantum memory based on atomic Bose-Einstein condensates. With the "Einstein Postdoctoral Grant", the Einstein Foundation supports excellent postdocs in various career phases. Scientists who completed their doctorate no more than four years ago can apply for a postdoctoral position under this funding line.

[Find out more about the project](#)

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