



Interview: Scientists research climate and water in the capital region

The news is currently dominated by reports of heavy rain and flooding with many dead and missing. Scientists at the Berlin University Alliance are also dealing with the topic of climate and water: How does climate change affect the availability and quality of water in the Berlin-Brandenburg region, and how can the new challenges for the management of water resources be overcome? In the Einstein Research Unit "Climate and Water under Change", they are investigating the region, which is severely affected by water scarcity. The focus is on: a river basin of the Spree, the Groß Glienicke See and the Sacrower See as well as flooding during extreme events in the city. Ecologist Britta Tietjen from the Free University of Berlin and HU anthropologist and director of the IRI THESys, Jörg Niewöhner, report on the project in an interview.

[Read interview with Tietjen and Niewöhner](#)

Out of series

After Work Area of the Open Humboldt Festival: meet colleagues, enjoy and strengthen your health

Exchange ideas, have fun, check your health: The Open Humboldt Festival offers a varied afternoon programme especially for Humboldtians on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 16 to 29 August on the North Campus. With cool drinks, a fruity smoothie bar, healthy snacks, various health checks and different body measurements from Techniker Krankenkasse and AOK Nordost, you can do something good for yourself and enjoy the Open Humboldt Festival, the summer and a bit of community with your colleagues and fellow students.

[Find out details about the festival programme for staff](#)

Research & Teaching

Application: Fellowships for postdoctoral researchers in the humanities and social sciences

The Israeli "Martin Buber Society of Fellows in the Humanities and Social Sciences" awards fellowships for postdoctoral researchers in the humanities and social sciences. The in-residence fellowship gives young scholars the opportunity to pursue their individual research and become part of the vibrant scholarly community in Jerusalem. The application deadline for the years 2022 to 2023 is 28 September.

[Learn more about the call for applications](#)

New: Cooperative Master's programme "Digital Data Management" of HU and FH Potsdam accredited

The joint degree programme "Digital Data Management" (DDM) of the Potsdam University of Applied Sciences and the Humboldt University has been successfully accredited without conditions for eight years. The degree programme is aimed at people from science, research, administration, culture and business who want to deepen their knowledge in dealing with digital data.

[Learn more about the DDM degree programme](#)

Inventory: Lautarchiv prepares for move to Humboldt Forum

The Lautarchiv is expected to move into rooms at the Humboldt Forum next year. The Lautarchiv staff is currently checking and documenting the condition of about 7500 shellac records in the archive rooms at Kupfergraben. A general inventory is taking place. A chance to take an in-depth look at the Lautarchiv's holdings, says collection manager Christopher Li. Visitors to the newly opened Humboldt Lab in the Humboldt Forum can listen to selected recordings of different languages and dialects of the Lautarchiv.

[Read article about the planned relocation of the Lautarchiv](#)

[Book a time slot to visit the Humboldt Forum](#)

Administration & Service

Browser change: Chromium replaces Mozilla Firefox

The Computer and Media Service began rolling out a new web browser in the UVA domain of the administrative network on Friday. The open source version of Google Chrome, Chromium, has been chosen. A version for the UVB domain will follow at a later date. After a (short) transitional period, Mozilla Firefox will have to be uninstalled in the administration network because maintaining two browsers over a longer period would be too costly. Chromium will automatically set itself as the default browser after the rollout.

[Read more about the browser change](#)

Interview: "For over a year our thoughts have been circling around the Open Humboldt Festival"

What does the Event Management Department do when a pandemic makes all events in attendance impossible? Which personalities are honoured with the Open Humboldt Festival? Stefanie Scharnagel, Head of the Event Management Unit, gives an interview about what was possible during the lockdown, why the Open Humboldt Festival is celebrated and what it means to organise a big event.

[Read interview with Stefanie Scharnagel](#)

[View the programme of the Open Humboldt Festival](#)

Portrait: "Auf einen (digitalen) Kaffee mit..." Leonore Dudda

Leonore Dudda works in the events team of the communications department and is one of the colleagues who organise the Open Humboldt Festival. She is passionate about event management and, in her spare time, about opera. After work, the computer stays on. In the afternoons and evenings she devotes herself to her studies.

[Read portrait about Leonore Dudda](#)

Committees and Representatives

Council: new chair and board elected

The Executive Board and Chair of the Council were newly elected at the meeting on 13 July. The new chair of the Council is Dr Maren Huberty, research assistant at the Institute of Roman Studies. She replaces Alexander Nützenadel, professor at the Institute of Historical Studies.

[Learn more about the composition of the new Council Board](#)

Summer break: Academic Senate will not meet on 10 August

The meeting of the Academic Senate on 10 August is cancelled. The AS will meet for its next regular session on 14 September. All submissions received in the meantime are pencilled in for the September meeting.

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Science Communication: Start of the project lab with students

In July, the "Project Lab Science Communication" started with offers for students of all disciplines. Part of the joint project are the teaching projects lab:prepare and lab:present, in which students develop their own research ideas and present them to the public - from classic scientific lectures to art installations. The aim of the project: students implement their own ideas and enter into dialogue with scientists and the public. The project will be funded with a total of 600,000 euros over the next three years as part of the BUA's experimental labs for science communication.

[Learn more about the project](#)

Personalia

New position: Uwe Ziegler is the new Head of the Committees Unit

Uwe Ziegler, most recently the President's Officer with a focus on higher education policy and higher education law, took over as Head of the Committee Support Unit in July 2021. He has been employed as a desk officer in the Presidential Office of Humboldt-Universität since 2017. Previously, he worked as a staff member at the office of the Science Council. The HU's committee department includes the offices of the Board of Trustees, the Council, the Academic Senate and the Central Electoral Board.

Suspect of winning a medal: HU students compete for Olympic gold in Tokyo

HU students are also competing in the German Olympic team in Tokyo. In addition to water jumper Patrick Hausding and hockey player Martin Zwicker, modern pentathlete Annika Schleu and gymnast Phillip Herder will also be competing. All four could shine with Olympic experience and placings. There are also some strong newcomers in the team: Sophie Koch will compete for medals in canoe racing. The athletics squad will be actively supported by marathon runner Rabea Schönborn and walker (20 km) Leo Köpp. Christina Wassen will also be part of the water diving team.

[Learn more about HU Olympians](#)

New official Bulletins

Newly published:

- Admission figures for the academic year 2021/22
- Statutes of the Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Linguistics and Literary Studies.

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