



Berlin Science Week: Art and social change

Humboldt-Universität is once again taking part in this year's Berlin Science Week, which runs from 1 to 10 November. HU researchers will be exploring the ambivalent interactions between culture, science and politics. Art as a catalyst, modern slavery and the latest findings from brain research are some of the topics. The events will take place in the main building of the HU, in the Humboldt Laboratory in the Humboldt Forum and in the Tieranatomisches Theater in Präsenz. Admission is free, registration is required.

[Go to the programme of the Berlin Science Week @ HU](#)

In the current episode of "Friday after One...", Christoph Schneider, Vice President for Research, has very personal recommendations for Berlin Science Week and what Humboldt-Universität has to offer. But first, he looks back on a week in which "a great tremor went through Humboldt University" with the resignation of Sabine Kunst.

[Friday after one... watch with Christoph Schneider](#)

Research & Teaching

Constitutional lawyer: Section 110 is unconstitutional

After Sabine Kunst resigned in protest against the new Berlin Higher Education Act (BerlHG) on 26 October at the end of the year, HU lawyer Matthias Ruffert, Professor of Public Law and European Law, speaks out on the amendment. "The state of Berlin lacks the legislative competence for such a regulation," the professor's statement reads with regard to section 110, paragraph 6, sentence 2. "In the case of an admissible legal dispute before the Federal Constitutional Court, the regulation would not stand." The paragraph stipulates that young academics with doctorates in qualification positions must be given a follow-up promise of permanent employment.

[Read the statement by Matthias Ruffert](#)

Award: Caroline von Humboldt Professorship and Prize

The renowned HU literary scholar Ethel Matala de Mazza has been awarded the Caroline von Humboldt Professorship. The named professorship comes with project funding of 80,000 euros. The Caroline von Humboldt Award, endowed with 15,000 EUR, goes to the legal anthropologist Johanna Mugler from the University of Bern. With the Caroline von Humboldt Programme, Humboldt University promotes outstanding female researchers. The public award ceremony will take place in hybrid format on Wednesday, 17 November, 6 pm in the HU Senate Hall. Details will be announced later.

Blended learning: "HU Forum Online Teaching" to be continued

The successful inaugural events of the new series "HU-Forum Onlinelehre" at the beginning of the winter semester will now be followed by micro-trainings on "blended learning", which will address the topics requested by the participants. On 5 November, the topic will be "Constructive Alignment" - i.e. the triad of competence-oriented intended learning outcomes and learning goals, the corresponding examination formats and the resulting learning and teaching concepts in "blended learning". The series is organised by the Career Center & Scientific Continuing Education.

[View further events of the HU Forum Online Teaching](#)

Portrait: Have a digital coffee with... Susanne Schmidt

The young researcher Susanne Schmidt received three awards in September. Her research focuses on the history of the human, social and behavioural sciences, in the field of Psychological Humanities as well as on gender history and the history of feminism. The marshmallow test plays a role in one of her works. The junior researcher was able to show that this psychological test for reward deferral contributed to the segregation of black and white children.

[Read portrait with Susanne Schmidt](#)

Language Centre: 70th Anniversary Workshop

The Language Centre at Humboldt-Universität turns 70 this year. To mark the occasion, the staff are organising the 22nd UNCert® workshop. After a quarter of a century of working in this large community and three semesters of pandemic digital teaching and examinations, the focus will be on old and new challenges at UNCert®. UNCert® is a seal of quality for training, testing and certification of foreign language competences for future academics.

To register for the workshop

Administration & Service

Campaign: Vaccination buses again in Mitte and Adlershof

The vaccination campaign at Berlin's universities is going into the second round: A vaccination bus will be at the Grimm Centre again on 8 and 12 November. On 12 November, vaccinations will take place on the Adlershof campus at Brook-Taylor-Str. 2, in the direction of the engine test stand. The activities will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Registration is not necessary. The offer is primarily aimed at students, but staff members are of course also welcome.

[Read more information on pandemic issues](#)

Influenza: Occupational health vaccination underway

The Occupational Health Centre (AMZ) is again offering influenza vaccinations. A real viral flu (influenza) is a serious illness, vaccination is recommended especially for chronically ill people, people over 60 years of age and pregnant women. Vaccinations take place at Campus Adlershof, Campus Charité Mitte and Campus Virchow Klinikum. Please note: The AMZ has recently moved to the Moabit Health and Social Centre (GSZM) in House F at Turmstraße 21, but no vaccinations take place there.

[View dates and locations for flu vaccination](#)

Offers for teachers: Telephone consultation and coffee hour

The task force "mentally healthy studying" organised by the University Health Management would like to support lecturers in the experimental semester between presence and online teaching. A telephone consultation hour is offered regularly in which teachers have the opportunity to talk (anonymously) about their concerns, doubts and excessive demands with experts. In the digital coffee round you can network and exchange ideas.

[View information on the counselling telephone](#)

Go to the coffee round

Important dates: Regulations for the end of the financial year

For the proper and timely preparation of the 2021 financial statements, the Budget and Personnel Department asks that the set deadlines be strictly adhered to. Even small delays in individual process steps can lead to considerable delays in the submission of the budgetary accounts and the fulfilment of other reporting obligations of the Presidium.

[View binding deadlines for 2021](#)

Workshop: Protection from Digital Violence

Digital violence is on the rise and usually affects women. To help those affected, the Office of the Women's Representative is organising a workshop to explain the background and manifestations of digital violence, because many are not aware of the dangers online. The workshop will also deal with defence strategies. In addition to case studies, participants can also share their own experiences. The workshop will take place on 3 December, 12 to 3 pm. Registration is possible until 25 November with Caroline Kunert, caroline.kunert@hu-berlin.de.

Registration: Administration Course II at the Academy of Administration

The new Administrative Training Course II at the Berlin Academy of Administration will begin in the fourth quarter of 2022. The training is aimed at administrative and office communication staff as well as non-technical employees. Interested employees can apply for admission to the application process via the HU's Continuing Professional Development Office by 19 November.

[To get to the application](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Survey: Wishes and ideas for research infrastructure

One of BUA's goals is a Berlin-wide shared infrastructure for research. This research infrastructure is being developed by the priority area "Sharing Resources", which would like to find out what researchers want and what ideas they have by conducting a survey under the title "mitdenken". These could be, for example, experimental facilities, research buildings, databases, collections and also a communication platform. Specific services such as consultations or workshops are also conceivable. This is an open, free-text survey.

[Access the survey](#)

[Watch the video of the survey](#)

Vivo talks: Classification of interdisciplinary research fields

Vivien Petras, professor at the Institute of Library and Information Science, will give an insight into the current state of development of a classification for interdisciplinary research fields online on 18 November, 11 am to 12 pm. The "Vivo talks!" series of events is organised by the project team of the research information platform with VIVO at BUA. The aim of the project is to establish a network-wide platform for the research, collection and presentation of scientists, their research and activities.

[Learn more about the event and register](#)

Personalia

Honour: Professor Helmuth receives the Order of St. Gregory

In recognition of his services as founding director of the Central Institute for Catholic Theology, Johannes Helmuth will be appointed Commander of the Pontifical Order of St Gregory on 10 November in Berlin. Helmuth studied history, philosophy and Latin philology at the universities of Aachen, Toulouse, Paris, Bonn and Cologne. From 1997 to 2021, he held the professorship for medieval history with a special focus on the late Middle Ages at HU. In 2018, he took over as founding director of the Central Institute for Catholic Theology.

Retirement: "Erasmus is my baby," says Dietmar Buchmann

Dr Dietmar Buchmann is an "old hand" at HU: he began his studies at the Faculty of Economics in 1974 and has remained loyal to Humboldt-Universität for a whole 47 years. He retired on 31 October. HU's participation in the Erasmus programme began in 1991 under his leadership. In this interview, he recalls the origins of the programme.

[Read interview with Buchmann](#)

In the Media

Echo: Resignation of Sabine Kunst triggers party strong reactions

Last Tuesday, HU President Sabine Kunst announced her resignation as president at the end of the year in the AS. The announcement also caused a stir in the press and in politics. Here are some contributions from the media.

[Watch or read Sabine Kunst's statement](#)

Berliner Zeitung: "Written in a night-and-fog action".

Sabine Kunst wants to resign as HU president. What responsibility does Michael Müller bear? Should the SPD have voted against the law? An interview.

[Read interview](#)

Tagesspiegel: Turbulence at the capital's universities. Berlin excellence in trouble

The HU president resigns, the FU disintegrates - and the Red-Red-Green Party is partly to blame for the disaster. The science location is in danger.

[Read commentary](#)

German University Association: Repair amendment demanded

DHV (German University Association) President Kempen: "Resignation of Ms Kunst is the receipt for total failure of higher education policy in Berlin".

[Read DHV press release](#)

Blog by Jan-Martin Wiarda: The lessons of Berlin

What does the resignation of Humboldt President Sabine Kunst mean for the "#Hanna" initiative? And how can the Berlin misery surrounding the new Higher Education Act be avoided elsewhere? A stocktaking.

[Read article on blog](#)

RBB24: "The resignation of Sabine Kunst is not at all comprehensible to me".

For Reinhard Flogaus, a member of the Humboldt University Senate, the reasons are incomprehensible - especially since negotiations with the Senate are still underway

[Read interview with Reinhard Flogaus](#)

New official bulletins

New official bulletins can be found [here](#).

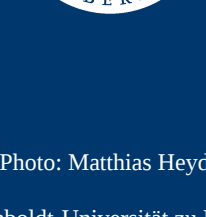


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