



Council meeting: Julia von Blumenthal introduces herself

Presidential candidate Julia von Blumenthal presented her programme to the Council today and answered questions from Council members. Joybrato Mukherjee had previously withdrawn his candidacy. At the beginning of her presentation, she said, "I am making an offer to you today, and you decide next week whether to vote for me." Von Blumenthal stressed the importance of collegiality, participation and responsible leadership as guidelines for the office. The president of the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder) and former dean of the HU sees close cooperation and dialogue with the deaneries and faculty councils as well as work in the committees and staff councils as key to success.

If elected, von Blumenthal plans a new research strategy based on the current one, which she would also like to develop in cooperation with researchers. In studies and teaching, she sees teacher training and the teaching of "future skills", for example in the area of digitalisation, as central topics. The candidate relies on solutions that are adapted to the disciplines - for example, in the development of new personnel structures, which makes the implementation of Section 110 necessary. The election will take place next Tuesday.

[Read interview with Julia von Blumenthal](#)

Out of Order

Memorial: Plaque for the civil rights activist Du Bois

The sociologist, philosopher and journalist William Edward Burghardt "W. E. B." Du Bois is one of the most influential US intellectuals of the 20th century. His academic career also took him as a doctoral student to Friedrich Wilhelm University, now Humboldt-Universität. In recognition of his outstanding research achievements, the HU awarded Du Bois an honorary doctorate in economics in 1958. 64 years later, on 28 January this year, the Institute of English and American Studies inaugurated a commemorative plaque in honour of Du Bois in the west wing of the main building. It was designed by the Afro-Caribbean artist Jean-Ulrick Désert. The installation consists of three glass panels showing a group photo with Du Bois and other students, presumably from 1894, and two later portraits of the sociologist. The memorial plaque was financed by donations.

[Learn more about Du Bois and the plaque](#)

[Go the website of the Du Bois Lectures](#)

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Research & Teaching

Prize: Adlershof Dissertation Prize to be awarded on 17 February

Three nominees - three presentations. Whoever gets to the heart of their topic best wins. Since 2002, Humboldt-Universität, WISTA Management GmbH and IGAFÄ have awarded the annual 3,000 Euro Adlershof Dissertation Prize to outstanding young researchers. This year the award ceremony will take place on 17 February. The three candidates and the jury will meet at the Erwin Schrödinger Centre. The audience can join them via livestream. Dr. Maria Troppenz, Dr. Jan Ruschel and Dr. Amran Al-Ashouri are competing for the Dissertation Award Adlershof 2021.

[Learn more about the candidates](#)

Love your data: Love Data Week from 15 to 18 February

Build with Lego bricks while learning, follow exciting and crazy stories from research data management, listen to lectures and participate in training sessions: For Love Data Week, which will take place digitally from 15 to 18 February, institutions from Berlin and Brandenburg, including the HU, have joined forces and put together a varied programme of information on dealing with research data.

In "Freitag nach eins...", Anja Herwig, deputy head of the Natural Sciences Branch Library at the HU, informs about the offers of the Love Data Week via video.

[Watch the Video](#)

[Learn more about Love Data Week](#)

No time to take part in Love Data Week? The Research Data Management Initiative of the Computer and Media Service and the University Library will continue to advise you and offer training courses in the rest of the year.

[Find an overview of what is on offer](#)

Portrait: For a digital coffee with... Katerina Kralova

Katerina Kralova is a lecturer at the Department of Russian and Eastern European Studies at Charles University in Prague, a partner university of the HU. The researcher focuses on the European history of the 20th century. Her interest in this topic was originally based on her grandmother's stories and experiences. For years, Katerina Kralova has been working closely with Christian Voß, Professor at the Institute of Slavic and Hungarian Studies at HU. Her current research project is funded by a scholarship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. She is researching a Nazi perpetrator from Berlin who has fallen into oblivion.

[Read portrait of Katerina Kralova](#)

Participate: Register Projects for the Long Night of the Sciences

After a two-year break, the Long Night of the Sciences will once again take place in Berlin on 2 July. Researchers and students from all departments and locations of the HU are cordially invited to present their research projects on the smartest night of the year. In view of an uncertain pandemic situation and in consideration of the heavy workload and challenges of the past months in research, teaching and administration, the offerings are to be offered as concentrated as possible. The current plans focus on the main building of the university at Unter den Linden 6, where all potential actors are cordially invited to present their offerings to the Berlin public interested in science under the umbrella theme "Anthropocene - Crises of Nature and Crises of Democracy".

Event ideas and projects can be registered until 11 February at lange.nacht@hu-berlin.de.

[Learn more about the "Long Night"](#)

Administration & Service

Pandemic: concretisations of the current service instruction

In the agreement procedure, the Presidium and the General Staff Council were able to agree on revisions to some aspects of the current service instruction on dealing with the ongoing Corona pandemic (XVI of 26 November 2021) and concretise them as follows. Accordingly:

- The testing time of unvaccinated persons to fulfil their obligation under the Infection Protection Act shall not be considered working time. For vaccinated and recovered persons who take advantage of the employer's offer of two tests per week based on the SARS-CoV-2 Occupational Health and Safety Ordinance, this time will continue to be counted as working time.
- Managements of employment areas shall, on a proportional basis, designate persons to whom workers shall demonstrate their 3G status.

Pandemic: Documentation obligation dropped, FFP2 mask obligation

At its meeting on 1 February, the Berlin Senate decided on a number of adjustments to the rules for the containment of the Corona pandemic. The 3G rule still applies as a prerequisite for admission to and participation in attendance events at the universities. However, the recording of the 3G status in the attendance documentation is no longer required. This change has already been implemented. The convalescent status is now only valid for three months. In addition, the obligation to wear an FFP2 mask applies in all rooms and on all traffic routes of the University. Exceptions apply at the own/fixed workplace and during examinations as well as for lecturers at the fixed assigned place, if the minimum distance is observed.

[Read regulation](#)

"humboldt fördert": Result of the fundraising campaign

Many thanks to all Humboldtians who actively participated in the second "humboldt fördert" fundraising campaign. In the past two months almost 10,000 euros have been received, with which five and a half new fellowships can be funded. The application deadline for the current sponsorship period also ended in January. More than 750 students have applied for a Deutschlandstipendium. The applications are currently being reviewed by the members of the selection committees. The new scholarships will then be awarded from 1 April.

Through the Deutschlandstipendium, students receive monthly support of 300 euros for at least two semesters. One half of the scholarship is financed by private sponsors, the other half is financed by the federal government according to the "matching fund" principle. Those who wish to donate can do so at any time.

[Read more about the Deutschlandstipendium](#)

Education programme: Bundled Offer on Diversity

Diversity describes the variety of different personal characteristics of all people. These include the characteristics protected by the General Equal Treatment Act, such as age, disability, ethnic origin, gender, religion and belief, and sexual identity, but also social origin, chronic illness and marital status. Anyone who would like further training in this area will find a bundled offer on the new page "Diversity and Anti-Discrimination at the HU" of the "Berufliche Weiterbildung" on the intranet.

[Find diversity in the continuing education programme](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Apply now: Cooperation with the Global South

The Berlin Center for Global Engagement of the Berlin University Alliance invites applications for funding for research projects that develop or strengthen structures for cooperation with and in the Global South, science diplomacy or academic freedom. The application deadline for the "Signature Projects" has been extended to 15 February.

[Learn more about the Call Signature Projects](#)

Digital Information Event: Career Development Awards

A digital information session on applying for the Career Development Awards will be held on 9 February. The programme is aimed at outstanding postdoctoral researchers. They can work on a scientific project of their choice during a research semester and are granted leave of absence while their salary continues to be paid. The information event will take place digitally from 1 to 2 pm.

[Learn more about the event](#)

Personalia

Honour: Stefan Grundmann receives Order of Merit of Italy

Stefan Grundmann, Dean of the Law Faculty of HU and Head of the European Law School, has been awarded the "Order of the Star of Italy". The Order is awarded to Italian citizens and foreigners for special services to Italy's relations with other states. The professor was honoured for his efforts to strengthen German-Italian cooperation in the field of law and his commitment to intensifying relations with the law faculty of the Università La Sapienza in Rome.

[Learn more about the award](#)

In Media

NDR Info Background: Splendid Isolation? Great Britain two years after Brexit

A discussion, among others with Gerhard Dannemann from the Great Britain Centre of the HU, to listen to.

[Listen to the podcast on Brexit](#)

New official bulletins

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



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