



Construction activity: "It is important to have continuous, sufficient funding that gives us planning security"

Catrin Hedwig, Head of the Technical Department, and her staff have many construction and renovation projects in the pipeline, for example the "Science Hub" (lecture hall and congress centre) on the Adlershof Campus and the Optogenetics Building on the North Campus. But German universities lack funds for university construction. At the HU, well over 320,000 million euros are needed to renovate, modernise, digitally equip and make the buildings climate-neutral (Photo: Photovoltaic system on a building of the Faculty of Law). In the interview, Catrin Hedwig talks about current and upcoming construction projects, where there is a lack of money and staff, and which projects she would like to tackle if the coffers were fuller.

[Read interview with Catrin Hedwig](#)

Out of turn: HU stands with Ukraine

Video: Yoan Vilain talks about current events

Yoan Vilain, Presidential Commissioner for International Affairs and Europe, talks to students and lecturers from Ukraine and Russia in the current edition of "Freitag nach eins..." and summarises current events.

[Watch the video on the intranet](#)

Picture gallery: Solidarity event on 4 March

The Russian attack on Ukraine is also met with widespread rejection and horror at Humboldt-Universität. Last Friday, more than 350 members of the university met in the courtyard of the main building to express their sympathy and support for Ukraine.

[View image gallery on the intranet](#)

Overview: Support services and initiatives for those affected

The Presidential Board has already taken a number of decisions and initiated initial measures to support fellow Ukrainian students and staff. These include the suspension of all cooperation with Russian partners. It is important to note that this decision has no effect on students, academics and other colleagues with Russian citizenship who are enrolled or employed at the HU. They are and remain members of the HU. The focus of activities is currently on support for Ukrainian students and researchers. The university is in the process of setting up an emergency fund for affected students. The Department of Studies has already organised a comprehensive counselling service for Ukrainian students. The Service Centre for Research provides information to Ukrainian researchers and the International Department takes care of individual case solutions.

[View initiatives, support services and other information](#)

Invitation: Information Event for Ukrainian Researchers

On 11 March, the Vice-President for Research, Christoph Schneider, together with the International Affairs Department, the Research Service Centre and the Humboldt Graduate School, invites Ukrainian (junior) researchers and scientists to a joint exchange on counselling and support services at Humboldt-Universität. The event will take place online on Zoom and will start at 10:15 am.

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

Administration & Service

Women's Assembly: About the Gender Gap at the HU

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the office of the central women's representative invites you to the digital women's plenary meeting today from 12 to 2 pm. The topic of the event: Pay equity - the gender pay gap at HU. "We want to be an excellent university? Then we also need staff in the secretariats who are committed and enjoy working - and want to stay that way. This can only be achieved with performance-related pay," says Kerstin Schuster, Women's Representative of the Faculty of Law and one of the panelists. All female employees of the HU are cordially invited to the Women's Assembly. After the discussion, there will be another opportunity for virtual exchange.

[Find out more about the event and access data](#)

Tip IT-Security: Sending e-mails with an electronic signature

Due to the war in Ukraine, cyber attacks are also on the rise worldwide. Phishing remains an important issue, as many attacks are launched via fake e-mails. Phishing e-mails can appear deceptively genuine, because sender names are easy to forge: Thus, a completely different sender can be hidden behind the person or organisation displayed. By using an electronic signature, the sender can ensure the authenticity of his or her e-mails; it is comparable to a handwritten signature on a paper document. At the HU, every employee can have an electronic certificate issued in order to be able to create such signatures.

[Have an electronic certificate issued](#)

[Find more information on information security](#)

Humboldt Satellite: Research on Four Wheels

The Humboldt Satellite is the HU's electric-powered mobile campus: a self-sufficient exhibition and event space that can be used to transport experimental or established formats of knowledge production and science communication into Berlin's urban and research landscape. It has everything on board that is needed for presenting, discussing, researching and experimenting: Lighting, microphone, presentation surfaces, coffee machine and even refrigerator. It has stools that can be connected to form benches, tables that can be extended to form large experimental tables, and stairs that can be converted into a small stage for scientific and artistic performances in no time at all. Only sustainably produced materials were used in the construction and design of the vehicle superstructure. The vehicle is available to all members of the HU.

[Learn more and book Humboldt Satellite on the intranet](#)

SAP: Joint Office Hours for "Ariba" and "Central Electronic Invoice Entry

After several votes, the office hours "Ariba" and "Central Electronic Invoice Receipt" will be merged as of this week. They will take place on Thursdays from 11 to 12:30 via Zoom.

[Zoom link to the consultation hours](#)

Research & Teaching

Call for nominations: Caroline von Humboldt Professorship and Award

Candidates for the Caroline von Humboldt Professorship 2023 and the Caroline von Humboldt Award 2022 can be nominated until 30 April. With the professorship and the award, Humboldt-Universität promotes and honours outstanding female professors at HU and excellent junior researchers from other institutions and enables the realisation of important research projects. The Caroline von Humboldt Professorship is awarded to excellent female professors of all disciplines who are permanently appointed to HU and who distinguish themselves by their international reputation, the relevance of their research results beyond their own subject area and their outstanding publication activity.

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

Measure: Walter Benjamin Programme for Refugee Researchers

The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) is expanding its existing funding measures for refugee researchers by opening the Walter Benjamin Programme to this target group. With the option of applying for a Walter Benjamin Fellowship, refugee researchers who have had to leave their home country within the last three years will be given the opportunity to carry out their own research project.

[Further information on the Benjamin Programme can be found at](#)

Funding: Jobs for Ukrainian Research Partners

Researchers who have been forced to leave Ukraine due to the invasion of Russian troops can receive funding from the Volkswagen Foundation to continue their work at a university or research institute in Germany. Applications are invited from academics with doctorates from German universities and research institutes who would like to offer Ukrainian partners a place to work in their research group.

[View information on funding](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Funding: Project on pandemic prevention using the example of Ghana

BUA is supporting a strategic research project in the field of pandemic planning with around 1.35 million euros over three years. The project "Pandemic interventions to flatten the curve. Needs, effectiveness and impact in the global South - the example of Ghana" is an inter- and transdisciplinary joint project led by the four partners and the Robert Koch Institute. The project explores the possible application of models developed in industrialised countries for dealing with pandemics in countries of the Global South.

[Read more about the funding](#)

Sustainable: Research on the transformation of the agricultural system

Tractor demonstrations for and against an agricultural turnaround in the government district, outraged reactions to a strategy announced by Agriculture Minister Cem Özdemir to prevent "junk prices" for food in future - these two examples alone show the conflict potential inherent in the topic of sustainability transformations. How far-reaching processes of change can be designed to be both ecologically sustainable and socially inclusive is being researched in the project "Social cohesion, food and health. Inclusive food system transitions" of the four partners.

[Read more about the sustainability project](#)

Personalia

New: Nikolaus Cusanus Chair for Theology of Religions filled

The Central Institute for Catholic Theology (KIT) has received its seventh professorship. The Jesuit priest Felix Körner will take over the new Nikolaus Cusanus Chair for Theology of Religions for five years as of the summer semester. Körner is an internationally recognised expert on interreligious dialogue. He lived in the Jesuit community in Ankara from 2002 to 2008 and then taught dogmatics and theology of interreligion and ecumenical dialogue at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome until 2019. Körner has held a visiting professorship at KIT since the winter semester 2021/22.

[Learn more details about the new chair and its holder](#)

In Media

DIE ZEIT: A war that also threatens science

Even during the Cold War, research built bridges. Now, however, Putin's invasion is cutting off contacts between East and West - with consequences for everything from climate research to space travel.

[Read article about threatened science](#)

Der Tagesspiegel: "I don't want to force my colleagues to make political statements"

German science organisations react to the war against Ukraine by freezing contacts with Russia. A Berlin mathematician reports.

[Read the report](#)

ZEIT Podcast: The law of progressive stultification

Political scientist Herfried Münkler explains in the podcast why Vladimir Putin will lose his war politically. And why he can even be trusted with a nuclear war.

[Listen to the political podcast with Münkler](#)

F.A.Z. Podcast: If Putin falls, the world falls with him

The world trembles before one man: Vladimir Putin. What drives him? Is he on his way to becoming emperor, or is his end imminent? Among others, Eastern Europe expert Jörg Baberowski has his say.

[Listen to the F.A.Z. podcast about Putin](#)

New official bulletins

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