



## Back on campus: the summer semester takes place in presence

Many have been eagerly waiting for this. In the upcoming summer semester, the time has come for students and teachers to return to the campus. The practical implementation is based on a key points paper that the Berlin universities and the Senate Department for Science, Health, Care and Equality have drawn up together which regulates the most important stipulations for returning to campus in general for everyone. "We are finally filling the campus with life again," says Niels Pinkwart, Vice President for Studies and Teaching in the current "Friday after One...". However, it won't be quite like it used to be, because FFP2 masks still have to be worn by staff and students on campus. The distance requirement also still applies. It is recommended to stick to the 3G regulation. Digital teaching will not and should not disappear completely from the curriculum. The Vice-President reports on how this will continue in the video.

[Watch "Friday after one..." with Niels Pinkwart](#)

[Read the key points paper from the state and universities on teaching and studies](#)

## Out of series

### HU in dialogue - on 6 April: How do we deal with personalities in the history of the HU who have become a target of criticism?

On Wednesday, "HU in Dialogue" will focus on highly esteemed personalities from the history of Humboldt-Universität who faced social criticism. Just recently, for example, the founder of quantum physics and Nobel Prize winner Erwin Schrödinger, who taught and did research at Friedrich Wilhelm University, made headlines. What is there to the allegations of sexual assault? Should the lecture hall and seminar building which are named after him on the Adlershof campus be renamed? How should a university in general deal with its historical role models? And what experiences have other Berlin universities had with the topic? These and other questions are the subject of the online discussion "Schrödinger, Butenandt & Co - how do we deal with historical figures who have come under criticism?" from 3 to 5 pm. Following the panel discussion, all Humboldtians are cordially invited to contribute their perspectives.

[Learn more about HU in Dialogue on 6 April](#)

## Aministration & Service

### University management: Dr. Ludwig Kronthaler resigns from office

Dr. Ludwig Kronthaler, Vice President Budget, Human Resources and Technology, is stepping down from his position at the end of September. "I am firmly convinced that the BerlHG amendment of 14.9.2021 is detrimental to science. University autonomy will be restricted, academic freedom will be curtailed and new bureaucracy on a large scale will hinder science. For about 25 years, I have worked to improve the framework conditions for science. I don't want to have to participate in the implementation of deteriorations now," Kronthaler justified his resignation last Friday. The amended Berlin Higher Education Act (BerlHG) stipulates, among other things, in the controversial paragraph 110, that a follow-up promise of permanent employment must be agreed upon with young academics holding a doctorate. Other provisions of the amendment have far-reaching consequences and in some cases deeply affect the current structure of Berlin's universities.

[Read full statement](#)

### In administrative systems: Students can use names of their own choice

In the interest of gender equity for inter\*, trans\* and non-binary students, Humboldt University is now opening up the possibility for its students to use their self-selected first name in HU systems. HU systems include "AGNES - Teaching and Examination Online", the teaching and learning management system Moodle, and the video conferencing services Zoom and Big Blue Button.

[Find more information on the use of self-selected names](#)

### New Campus Management System: Online Info Event on 26 April

The University is planning to introduce a new campus management system. On Tuesday, 26 April, the interested university public will be informed about the current status of the project. As a kick-off, so to speak, the starting signal for the work in the preliminary project to be carried out together with HIS eG for the introduction of a new campus management system will be given. Starting at 2 p.m., the working group will report on the current status and present the sub-projects as well as the preliminary plans for the implementation of the project.

[Further information on the event](#)

### Special merit pay: Submit applications by 31st of May

Once again this year, professors can be granted special performance bonuses for above-average achievements in teaching, research, promotion of young researchers and continuing education. Applications must be submitted to the Department of Planning and Control by 31st of May.

[Applications for special merit pay](#)

### Summer, sun, sport: book courses at the University Sports Centre now

In addition to the usual courses, the university sports programme offers many new highlights, both indoors and outdoors. Especially for employees, there is once again the PauseExpress and Business Yoga in Presence as well as a Body Shape course. The courses for the summer semester begin analogous to the lecture period on 19th of April and can be booked now.

[View the summer programme of university sports](#)

### University Sports: Water Sports Weeks for HU Kids Book Now

Whether it's windsurfing, raft building, sailing or climbing: Children of HU members have the opportunity to take part in an extensive and pedagogically supervised programme of the Central Institution for University Sports during the summer holidays and to try out a wide variety of offers at the Water Sports Centre in Schmöckwitz.

[Go to booking](#)

## Research & Teaching

### Interview: "University collections are dynamic entities".

Oliver Zauzig is the new central collections coordinator. Collections have occupied him since his student days at HU, when he took courses in digitisation at the Helmholtz Centre for Cultural Technology and was involved in the digitisation and research of collections. Since then, one research project after another on the topic of university collections has lined up on his CV. Since 2019, Zauzig has headed the nationwide coordinating office for academic university collections in Germany, which he helped to establish in 2012. It provides support on overarching topics such as legal issues, in the area of digitisation and in writing third-party funding proposals. In his new position, Zauzig would first like to talk to all the heads of collections and get a picture of the HU collections on site in order to elicit their potential in terms of research, teaching and knowledge transfer.

[Read the interview with Oliver Zauzig on HU collections](#)

[Read for a digital coffee with... Oliver Zauzig](#)

### Interview: "This war will change the life of every Ukrainian".

Prof. Dr. Leonid Yatsenko fled Ukraine with his family. The Institute of Physics of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, where he spent his entire scientific career and which he headed as director for ten years, is now closed. The scientist is now a guest in Prof. Dr. Arno Rauschenbeutel's working group at the Institute of Physics. In the interview, Yatsenko describes how much the war in Ukraine has changed his life, what support he wishes for and what motivates him.

[Read interview with Yatsenko](#)

### Interview: Help for refugee researchers and students from Ukraine

Neda Soltani is an advisor for researchers at risk in the International Affairs Department. In this interview, she talks about the questions researchers from Ukraine ask her, what support the HU offers to refugee researchers and students from Ukraine, and what support is available for refugees from other crisis regions.

[Read interview with Neda Soltani](#)

[View website "HU stands with Ukraine"](#)

### Start-up ideas wanted: Apply for "Research to Market Challenge"

In the "Research to Market Challenge" competition, start-up ideas from research for practice are sought and supported. The competition is aimed at individuals and teams with a business or product idea in an early phase that is related to research at Humboldt-Universität. Participants will receive expert feedback on their idea, have the chance to attend a training course on business model development and win a prize money of up to 1,500€. The deadline for applications is 1st of May.

[Learn more about the competition](#)

### Humboldt Award: Deans can submit proposals until 1st of July

Every year, the Humboldt Award recognises outstanding academic theses by students and junior researchers at the HU. The Innovation Award for the best "Research to Innovation" thesis is new this year. Deans of the HU have until 1st of July to submit proposals. Prizes of up to 3000€ await the winners.

[Access information on the Humboldt Award](#)

### Tiburtius Award: outstanding final theses and doctoral dissertations wanted until 15th of May

The Tiburtius Award is presented annually by the State Conference of Rectors and Presidents of Berlin Universities for outstanding final theses and doctoral dissertations. Three final theses and three dissertations will be awarded. In addition, three dissertations are honoured with recognition prizes. Professors from Berlin's universities have until 15th of May to submit their proposals.

[Learn more about the Tiburtius Prize](#)

### For young female academics: Marthe Vogt Prize 2022 announced

The Berlin Research Association awards the Marthe Vogt Prize to a young female researcher for an outstanding dissertation. The award is endowed with 3,000€. The prize is intended to recognise an excellent dissertation that has been assessed with distinction, is related to the research areas of the FVB institutes and was written in the Berlin-Brandenburg region. Proposals from professors can be submitted until 31st of May at the latest.

[Read more about the Marthe Vogt Award](#)

## Berlin University Alliance

### Role: Change of spokesman

Prof. Dr. Peter Frensch, acting President of Humboldt-Universität, has taken on the role of spokesperson for the BUA on 1 April. Peter Frensch succeeds Prof. Dr. Christian Thomsen, President of Technische Universität Berlin.

[Learn more about the change](#)

### Project: Sustainable food systems for a crisis-proof society

The war in Ukraine is causing drastic price increases not only for energy but also for food. Many observers fear massive impacts on global food security. Countries that are dependent on food imports will most likely face major problems. But even here, the rising prices for food will disproportionately affect people with low incomes more. The project "Social Cohesion, food and health. Inclusive Food System Transitions" explores innovation processes that are intended to make food systems more socially inclusive and sustainable, especially in times of crisis.

[Learn more about the project](#)

### Stand together: Solidarity with Ukraine

The four BUA partners show solidarity with Ukraine and want to make an important contribution to supporting students and researchers affected by the war. On a page that is also accessible in English, Ukrainian and Russian, interested parties can find out about current initiatives, offers and more.

[View Solidarity-Page](#)

## Personalia

### Interview: Geographer Kulke reports on eleven years of deanery life

Prof. Dr. Elmar Kulke was Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences on the Adlershof Campus for eleven years. Being involved in academic self-administration is a natural part of research and teaching for him. Even before the faculty reform in 2014, he was Dean of the then Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences II. He is a member of the Academic Senate and other committees. In this interview, the economic geographer, who does a lot of research on the Adlershof Science and Technology Park, reveals the challenges he had to face as dean.

[Read interview with Elmar Kulke](#)

### New: Nimet Seker Becomes Professor of Islamic Textual Studies

Dr. Nimet Seker has been appointed Professor of Islamic Textual Studies (Qur'an and Hadith) at the Berlin Institute of Islamic Theology. With the filling of the sixth professorship, the team of professors there is now complete. Seker studied Islamic Studies, German Studies and Ethnology at the University of Cologne. After her studies, she first worked as an editor and journalist for national media. She completed her doctorate with a focus on Quran exegesis and Quranic studies in 2017 at the Goethe University Frankfurt am Main, where she also habilitated in Islamic Studies.

[Learn more about Nimet Seker](#)

### Call accepted: Ulf Brüggemann holds the professorship in Accounting

Ulf Brüggemann has recently accepted a call to the Faculty of Economic Sciences. The professor of accounting has already been employed at Humboldt-Universität since 2011, first as a postdoctoral researcher and then as a junior professor. Before that, Brüggemann worked at Lancaster University as an Intacct Early Stage Researcher and at the University of Chicago as a Research Professional.

[Read more about Brüggemann](#)

### Call accepted: Christoph Jäger takes over Guardini Professorship

The Central Institute for Catholic Theology and the Guardini Foundation are pleased to announce that the renowned philosopher of religion Prof. Dr. Christoph Jäger has accepted the Guardini Professorship. He succeeds Prof. Dr. Ugo Perone. Jäger's research focuses on the philosophy of religion in all its facets, from classical metaphysical, epistemological, scientific, ethical and historical aspects - here especially with a focus on medieval theories of free will - to current topics in the field of religion and society.

[Read more about Christoph Jäger](#)

## In Media

### Wiarda Blog: "Yes, there is a certain hubris in it"

[Read interview with Julia von Blumenthal, Geraldine Rauch and Günter Ziegler](#)

### Der Tagesspiegel: Transitional period for higher education law

[Read article "Postdocs to be made permanent as of 2023"](#)

### Netzwerk BR50: Freedoms and Limits of Research in Authoritarian Countries

The guests are historian Nazan Maksudyian, researcher at the Centre Marc Bloch, who herself left Turkey because she could not freely pursue her research there, and political scientist Gwendolyn Sasse.

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