



Event: Panel discussion on July 14 in Audimax II

On July 14, a panel discussion entitled "Opinion, Freedom, Science - Dealing with Social Controversies at Universities" will take place on the North Campus. Participants will include Federal Research Minister Bettina Stark-Watzinger and HU President Prof. Peter Frensch. Journalist Jan-Martin Wiarda will moderate the event. The Audimax II can be reached via Philippstraße 13, 10115 Berlin. Admission begins at 5:30 pm. Registration is required.

[Go to registration](#)

[Learn more about the panel discussion](#)

Out of turn

Construction: Laying of the foundation stone for sports venue on the Adlershof campus

The construction of a new sports venue with a photovoltaic system on the roof is planned in Adlershof. On July 22, Dr. Ludwig Kronthaler, Vice President for Budget, Human Resources and Technology, Catrin Hedwig, Department Head of the Technical Department, and other stakeholders will lay the cornerstone for a new sports hall. The new building at Rudower Straße 18 will provide the Institute of Sports Sciences and the University Sports Department with another location with a sports facility consisting of a three-field sports hall, rooms for teaching and outdoor sports areas. The groundbreaking ceremony will take place from 1 to 2 p.m. at Rudower Strasse 18.

[Learn more about the sports hall](#)

Administration & Service

Vice Presidential Election: Hearing postponed until July 19

Niels Helle-Meyer and Dr. Jörg Wadzack were scheduled to appear before the Council today to be heard, both of whom are running for the office of Vice President for Budget, Personnel and Technology. Because one of the candidates has fallen ill, the hearing had to be postponed. It will now be held July 19, beginning at 9 a.m. This will be followed by the election of the new vice president. Niels Helle-Meyer has been chancellor of the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder) since 2017. Dr. Jörg Wadzack has been chancellor of Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg since 2016.

[Get to the YouTube link for July 19](#)

[Learn more about the two candidates](#)

Pandemic: Citizen tests for students still free of charge

Nationwide free citizenship testing services have been phased out as of July 1, 2022. However, together with the service provider MediCare, HU has managed to maintain the free test offer for students until further notice. You can continue to be tested free of charge as part of your face-to-face studies. The student ID must be presented as proof of participation in an attendance event.

[For more information on the general regulations on citizenship tests, see](#)

New design: HU logo and PPT templates are revised

Humboldt-Universität has a modernized logo. However, it has only been minimally revised with a view to applications in digital media and smaller representations. Thus, the Humboldt brothers remain in the HU's seal. After the adaptation, their representation is always clear and recognizable on smartphones, for example. In the context of the further development of the corporate design, the Communication, Marketing and Event Management department has already been providing new PowerPoint templates in German and English for some time, which contain slides and texts for presenting the HU.

[New logo for download](#)

[PowerPoint templates for download](#)

Kleine Humboldt Galerie: Exhibition on the theme of self-optimization

The "Kleine Humboldt Galerie" invites you to this year's exhibition project "I Am Elevating in all Ways", which deals with the topic of self-optimization. The exhibition explores how this individual and social phenomenon is articulated in different areas of life around aspects of performance, exhaustion and overload. The exhibition will be on display from July 13 to August 12 in the East Atrium in the University's Main Building. During that time, creative workshops, lectures and performances will be offered to complement the theme and provide alternatives to the compulsion to optimize.

[Learn more about the exhibition and accompanying program](#)

Mental strengthening: survey and online seminars on health

The University Health Management (HGM) accompanies its health survey "Are you doing well at HU?", which runs until July 24, with an online seminar series where different aspects of health are addressed. The program includes topics such as "Resilience. Your mental superpower," "Successful intergenerational collaboration" and "Brain fitness & fascia mobilization. The event "Health-oriented leadership - strengthening psychological security" is aimed at managers. Participants will reflect on their own leadership experience and understand the different techniques a leader can use to create a healthy work environment for themselves and their employees.

[Access the online events](#)

[Participate in the HGM survey](#)

Vacation sports program: book sports courses now

Sports courses and events: The University Sports Department once again has a wide range of activities on offer during the semester break for the period from July 25 to October 16, which can still be booked. In addition, the University Sports Center is celebrating its 70th anniversary and is organizing, among other things, a two-day martial arts convention from September 17 to 18 to mark the occasion. Participants will have the opportunity to train in six workshops with experienced masters of various styles.

[Book sports program](#)

[Learn more about the martial arts convention](#)

[View 70 years of college sports website with image gallery, interviews and more](#)

Research & Teaching

Open Humboldt Freiräume: apply by 30 October

The funding line "Open Humboldt Freiräume" (Open Humboldt Spaces) is based on the idea that researchers need time to interact with society and to develop projects in the field of knowledge exchange and science communication. The grantees will each receive a teaching reduction to 0 SWS for the summer semester 2023 or the winter semester 2023/24. The teaching substitution will be funded by the Berlin University Alliance. Eligible to apply are professors, postdocs, habilitated research assistants and doctoral students. Application deadline is October 31.

[Find the call for applications for the SoSe 2023 or the WS 2023/24](#)

[Go to the website of the Open Humboldt Freiräume funding line](#)

Portrait: Have a (digital) coffee with... Paul Balduf

Paul Balduf is president of HU-Docs, the Humboldt-Universität's doctoral network. He is currently finishing his doctoral thesis at the Institute of Physics, and before he leaves for his next professional stop, he would like to reach out to many more doctoral students and invite them to participate in the HU-Docs' diverse events. The program includes excursions, information evenings, casual meetings and much more. "Our goal is to help doctoral students, to network them and to improve their situation," says Balduf, who himself was once looking for a broader professional exchange and came across HU-Docs. Since then, he has been intensively involved and steered the association through the pandemic period.

[Read portrait about Balduf](#)

[Learn more about the HU-Docs](#)

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If you have questions: Use SAP consultation hours

Colleagues who have questions about working with SAP software can contact Sven Hellweg and Kai-Thoralf Fischer from the humboldt program during the weekly SAP consultation hours. The two experts answer all questions about working with SAP. The consultation hours are available to all colleagues at the HU.

[Find out the dates of the consultation hours](#)

Berlin University Alliance

BerlinUP: Open Access Publishing House Founded

BerlinUP is the recently founded Open Access publishing house of the BUA partners. It enables scientists from the four institutions to publish the results of their research activities in quality-assured books and journals. At the same time, BerlinUP supports Open Access publishing. Comprehensive standard services and attractive additional services are available for this purpose. The directors of the university libraries of the FU, HU and TU as well as the Medical Library of the Charité are responsible for the publishing house. If you would like to publish a journal or a series of publications in BerlinUP, please contact the publishing coordinators at koordination@berlin-universities-publishing.de.

[Further information on the services of BerlinUP can be found at](#)

[Read the letter of the directors of the university libraries](#)

Proposals wanted: Finding topics for the Next Grand Challenge

The BUA is taking on the Next Grand Challenge and is calling on the scientists of its partners, as well as students and young people, to propose topics of high scientific and social relevance. We are looking for topics from existing research areas as well as from young and new research fields. With the Next Grand Challenge, BUA is taking a new approach and searching for the topic of a new research project in a participatory process with society. For this project, scientists from BUA's partners will research and develop interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary solutions. The open topic identification is a novelty in the German research area.

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

Personalia

Heisenberg professorship: Tilman Brück establishes Zero Hunger Lab

Prof. Dr. Tilman Brück is an internationally recognized expert on food security in crisis situations. He has recently been appointed to a Heisenberg professorship of the German Research Foundation with the title "Economic Development and Food Security". As a Heisenberg Professor at the Thaeer Institute of Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences and the Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops, Brück will lead the "Zero Hunger Lab," a multi-site working group. The Zero Hunger Lab will conduct research on the causes, forms and consequences of hunger and on strengthening food security, especially in crisis situations.

[Read more about Tilman Brück](#)

Highest mathematics award: Fields Medal for HU alumna

Ukrainian number theorist Maryna Viazovska, professor at the École Polytechnique Fédérale Lausanne and HU alumna, received the prestigious Fields Medal - the second woman in the history of the award. The award, which is endowed with around 11,000 euros, is considered the "Nobel prize of mathematics." A mathematician specializing in number theory, Viazovska also held positions at the Berlin Mathematical School and Humboldt University during her career. Viazovska solved a persistent puzzle that mathematics has grappled with for centuries. It revolves around the question of how best to arrange spheres so that they take up as little space as possible. The prize has been awarded every four years since 1936 to up to four researchers under the age of 40.

In the Media

Deutschlandfunk: Listen to the Interview with Peter Frensch „[Wirbel um Vollbrecht-Vortrag](#)“

DIE ZEIT: Read interview with Christoph Schneider „[Wir wollen nicht jede Debatte führen](#)“ on cancellation of Vollbrecht lecture

New official bulletins

You can find the latest official bulletins [here](#).

