



Construction: Foundation stone laid for a modern sports hall on the Adlershof campus

A construction process without delays, mishaps and accidents was what HU as the building owner and all those involved in the project wished for last Friday at the laying of the foundation stone for the 3-field sports hall that is being built on the Adlershof Campus at Rudower Straße 18. To keep the fortune going, a Berlin daily newspaper, tennis balls and a folding rule were stuffed into the copper cassette, which was then bricked into a deep building block. If all goes according to plan, then next summer students of sports science as well as participants of university sports will use the modern hall as well as the outdoor areas. The design planning for the sports hall was prepared by the Technical Department, which is also responsible for project management. The new ten-million-euro building with a photovoltaic system on the roof is being financed in equal parts by the state of Berlin and the HU.

Photo: Women power. Dr. Inis Beeskow from the Senate Department for Science, Health, Care and Equality and Catrin Hedwig, Head of the Technical Department, wielded the trowel for this important building project for teacher education and university sports.

[Learn more about the foundation laying](#)

Administration & Service

Presidium: Niels Helle-Meyer elected Vice-President for Finance, Human Resources and Operations

At its meeting on 1st of July, the Council elected Niels Helle-Meyer, currently Chancellor of the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder), as the new Vice-President for Finance, Human Resources and Operations by a large majority. "My most important task will be to listen to the scientists, students and staff, to motivate them and to give direction to the activities in administration and technology for the benefit of the university as a whole," says Helle-Meyer on the occasion of his election. When he will take office is currently being negotiated.

[Read interview with Helle-Meyer](#)

Winter semester: Preparations for attendance semester underway

Humboldt-Universität is still planning to offer teaching and learning in presence in the winter semester of 2022/2023. Classroom teaching can be supplemented by online courses if didactic reasons or the pandemic situation make this necessary. The Berlin Senate and the universities have agreed on this. On this occasion, the HU university management once again appeals to students, employees and guests to continue to voluntarily wear an FFP2 mask on campus when several people come together.

[Read more about the agreement for the winter semester](#)

Research & Teaching

Interdisciplinary: HU joins Climate Change Center / Call for research projects until August 31

Humboldt-Universität is now a member of the Climate Change Center Berlin Brandenburg (CCC), an interdisciplinary center for research and knowledge transfer at Technische Universität Berlin. As a joint project of the four Berlin universities, the Charité, the University of Potsdam and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, the CCC investigates issues of mitigation of and adaptation to climate change. The goal is to develop innovative solutions for climate protection and to support the Berlin-Brandenburg region in achieving its climate goals. Researchers can apply for a CCC call until August 31.

Contact persons for the CCC are [Dr. Christoph Raiser](#), Service Center Research, and [Uta Sommer](#), Office of the Vice President for Research.

[Learn more about the call](#)

[Learn more about the center](#)

„Falling Walls Lab Adlershof“: apply until 5th of September

On 30th of September, the Science and Technology Park Adlershof will once again be the venue for the "Falling Walls Lab Berlin-Adlershof". The preliminary competition offers young scientists the chance to present research projects, ideas and initiatives with social relevance. The winner of the Adlershof Lab will be given the opportunity to present his or her topic at the Falling Walls Science Summit from 7th to 9th of November. The application deadline for the preliminary round is 5th of September.

[Read more about Falling Walls and apply for the preliminary round](#)

Anniversary: 60 years of the Seminar for Rural Development

The Seminar for Rural Development (SLE) at the Albrecht Daniel Thaer Institute for Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences recently celebrated its 60th anniversary. "At our anniversary party, more than 300 alumni danced and celebrated together," says Dr Susanne Neubert from the SLE's directorate. The SLE trains Master's graduates who want to work in development cooperation, does research, advises and also offers training. In this interview, the director looks at milestones and mistakes in development cooperation and reports on what the SLE has planned for the future.

[Read interview with the directorate](#)

Train-the-Trainer: Scientific publishing workshop on 25th and 26th of August

The University Library invites you to a two-day workshop where participants will learn aspects of scholarly publishing and Open Access. Topics such as funding and financing, publication processes, publication types, quality assurance, copyright and licences, visibility and reputation will be taught. The programme also includes didactic basics and methods. The workshop will take place on 25th and 26th of August, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, at the Grimm Centre.

[Learn more about the workshop](#)

For postdocs: Apply for travel grants by 7th of October

Internationally oriented researchers in the humanities and social sciences who are in the qualification phase can apply for the Gerald D. Feldman travel grants of the Max Weber Foundation (MWS) until 7th of October. The call is aimed at researchers who would like to conduct research in host countries of the institutes and field offices of the MWS, especially in libraries or archives.

[Learn more about the Feldmann travel grants](#)

Honour: HU receives award for services to Swahili teaching

In July, the Tanzanian Ministry of Culture, Arts and Sports and the National Swahili Council of Tanzania honoured HU and the University of Ghana, each as the first university outside East Africa to incorporate Swahili into academic teaching. Vitale Kazimoto and Dr. Lutz Diegner from the Seminar for African Studies received the award on site. The event was part of the celebrations for the introduction of a worldwide annual Swahili Day by UNESCO, on 7th of July each year.

Summer break: „Friday after one...“ returns in September

Our video series "Friday after one..." on current events at the University is currently on summer break and will be back in September.

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SAP consultation hours: for questions on short paths

In future, the procurement process at HU Berlin will be mapped in the system via the two SAP products Ariba and S/4HANA. Invoices will be submitted centrally and processed electronically; the central electronic invoice receipt process has been introduced for this purpose. During the summer weeks, there will also be the opportunity to address questions on both topics in the tried and tested SAP consultation hours. A general SAP consultation hour and one for approvers 3 for (de)centralised purchasing (G3) will also be offered jointly by colleagues from the Humboldt team.

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

Berlin University Alliance

Career Booster: Career Development Award for eleven Postdocs

For the second time, the Berlin University Alliance is honouring eleven young researchers with the Career Development Award. The selected postdocs, including researchers from Humboldt-Universität, will be granted leave of absence in the winter semester of 2022/23 and released from all university obligations. Meanwhile, their salary will continue to be paid in full. During this time, the applicants devote themselves to an individual research project that has the potential to be a "booster" for their further career.

[View funded researchers and projects](#)

Personalia

Honour: Michael Wildt receives the German Historian Award 2022

Michael Wildt, professor emeritus of German history in the 20th century with a focus on National Socialism, will be awarded the prize of the German Historical College in November. Wildt will receive the award primarily for his book "Zerborstene Zeit. German History 1918-1945". "In his award-winning, stylistically outstanding work, Michael Wildt combines an atmospherically dense portrayal of the political history of this era," the College's citation reads.

[Read more about Michael Wildt and the award](#)

In the media

Deutschlandfunk: Listen to the article [„In the opening year of the Berlin Humboldt Forum, 1.5 million visitors came“](#)

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