

CAROLINE VON HUMBOLDT FESTVERANSTALTUNG



Award: Caroline von Humboldt Professorship and Award to be presented on 16 November

The Caroline von Humboldt Professorship honours outstanding female academics at HU. This year, Anna-Bettina Kaiser, Professor of Public Law and Foundations of Law, will be awarded the professorship, which comes with project funding of 80,000 euros. The Caroline von Humboldt Award, endowed with 15,000 euros, will also be presented. It will be awarded to Corinna Coupette, who is also a lawyer. The public award ceremony will take place on 16 November at 6 pm in the HU Senate Hall and will be opened by HU President Julia von Blumenthal. The keynote speech will be given by Ulrike Gote, Berlin Senator for Science, Health, Care and Equality.

Registration is requested: cvh-prize@hu-berlin.de

[Information on the award winners can be found here.](#)

Administration & Service

Portrait: For a (digital) coffee with... Ute Arnold

The HU's Conflict Counselling Service recommends itself as the first point of contact for those seeking help and supports them in their search for solutions in cases of conflict. Ute Arnold, who works in the Information Department of the Grimm Centre, has been part of the counselling team since 2018. "I observe conflicts in everyday work life again and again and have the feeling that they are often held out for too long," she explains her motivation to get involved in this area. Working in conflict counselling requires knowledge of human nature, tact and the ability to remain impartial. Currently, the HU conflict counsellors are looking for support and another person who would like to join the team. Expressions of interest are still possible until the end of this week.

[Read portrait about Ute Arnold](#)

[Contact conflict counselling](#)

Pandemic: free testing for students and employees

The HU is offering students and staff the opportunity to be tested for Corona free of charge once a week in the test centres in Adlershof and Mitte (in the foyer of the Grimm Centre) until the end of the year. Prerequisite is the presentation of the student ID card and for employees the presentation of the ID card.

[Further information on the rapid test centres can be found](#)

Committee elections: Submit election proposals by 23 November

On 10 January 2023, Humboldt-Universität will hold committee elections, including the AS/Council election. The Central Election Committee also announces the elections for the Faculty Councils of the Faculty of Law, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Faculty of Life Sciences, the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences and the Faculty of Theology. In addition, the councils of the two central institutes, "Berlin Institute for Islamic Theology" and "Institute for Catholic Theology", will be elected. Nominations can be submitted until 3 p.m. on 23 November.

[Further information on the election in January can be found](#)

Change: AS meets on 13 December from 11 a.m. in the Grimm Centre

Due to a Council meeting taking place on 13 December from 9am to 11am, the start time and venue of the 419th AS meeting also taking place on that day will change as follows: The AS will begin at around 11 a.m. immediately following the Council meeting; the meeting venue will be the auditorium of the Jacob-und-Wilhelm-Grimm-Zentrum, Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 1/3. The Council meeting will be open to the public via a livestream.

[Follow the Council session via livestream](#)

Prevention: flu vaccinations at the Charité without registration

Corona protection measures such as mandatory masks and distance rules also protect against contracting the flu. After the measures were relaxed, however, infectious diseases physicians expect that many people could now catch the flu again. Vaccination is recommended for older people and those with previous illnesses. As every year, employees and students of the HU can be vaccinated at the Charité in Mitte and at the Virchow Clinic on certain dates without prior registration.

[View vaccination dates at the Charité](#)

Apply by 19 November: Administration Course II 2023

The aim of the Administrative Course II is to prepare employees covered by collective agreements to take on higher-level functions in the general non-technical administrative service. The three-year course is aimed at administrative assistants and office communication assistants as well as employees covered by collective agreements and employees covered by collective agreements in the non-technical service of general administration. Classes are held weekly with four double hours of attendance. It is also possible to complete the course in blended learning.

[View more information on the administration course II](#)

Energy conservation measures: Questions, answers and guidelines

Can there be restrictions on attendance? What can employees do to save on heating? Will the hot water supply also be restricted? Answers to important questions about energy saving and a guide to the careful use of energy can be found on the intranet and on the websites of the Technical Department. The HU must save at least ten per cent of its energy consumption, that is the Berlin Senate's target for Berlin's universities. This can only be achieved if all Humboldtians, staff and students alike, are committed.

[Go to the Energy Saving topic page](#)

Circle U.: Register for Staff Week in Belgium by 4 November

Staff from research funding, libraries and research centres at all Circle U. universities are invited to the Staff Week at the Université catholique de Louvain (UCLouvain). The question is how research funding can be further developed within the framework of the European Higher Education Initiative. The Staff Week will take place from 14 to 16 December in Louvain-la-Neuve. Registration is possible until 4 November.

[Register for Staff Week](#)

Change of deans: Two new deans

The Faculty of Arts and Humanities recently elected a new dean. Geert Keil, Professor of Philosophical Anthropology, is now in charge of the Faculty. There has also been a change of office at the Faculty of Law. Axel Metzger, Professor of Civil Law and Intellectual Property Law, in particular Industrial Property, now represents the Faculty.

Research & Teaching

Berlin Science Week: Adlershof Research Forum on 11 November

The Adlershof Research Forum provides insights into the highlights of research there and an opportunity for exchange. In addition to talks by scientists and company representatives, the Erwin Schrödinger Centre will host a keynote speech by Veronika Grimm, member of the German Council of Economic Experts, on 11 November from 10 am. Doctoral and post-doctoral students from Adlershof will present their research in an accompanying poster show. The research forum takes place within the framework of the Science Week.

[More information about the research forum can be found at](#)

KOSMOS Reading on 10 November: The War in Ukraine and Food Policy

Harald Grethe, Professor for International Agricultural Trade and Development, will speak on the topic of "The War of Aggression on Ukraine and its Implications for National and International Agricultural and Food Policy" at the KOSMOS Lecture on 10 November. Among other things, he will talk about the rise in international food and fertiliser prices and possible measures to limit it. The event will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. as part of Science Week in the Senate Hall in the Main Building. Admission is free. Registration is requested.

[Register for the event](#)

[View other Science Week events](#)

Exchange: Opening of the Scholarly Makerspace on 14 November

On 14 November, the University Library will open the Scholarly Makerspace as a new service and support offer for research in the humanities and cultural sciences at Humboldt-Universität. The Scholarly Makerspace team invites you to the opening and discussion in the auditorium of the Grimm Centre from 10 am to 4 pm. The Scholarly Makerspace offers an infrastructure of space, computer-based tools and experiences in the Digital Humanities, with the aim of experimentally addressing the challenges of digitality for the humanities and cultural studies and strengthening digital tool competence.

[Learn more about the event](#)

Public Engagement: Getting Started with Evaluation on 15 and 17 November

The Berlin School for Public Engagement supports researchers in making their academic work accessible to the broader society and offers an extensive range of continuing education courses for this purpose. On 15 November from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., the topic will be "Beginner's guide to evaluating public engagement". On 17 November from 2 to 4 p.m., the training will be held in German.

[View more information and register for dates](#)

Award: Open Access prizewinners selected

In the thematically appropriate context of Open Access Week, the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Open Access Award was presented on 26 October. The winners of the award, which was established in 2020, were chosen for the second time at the Grimm Centre: Dr Katja Müller-Helle (Institute for the History of Art and Images) was awarded the prize in the Individual category. In the category Group/Project, the prize was awarded to the open access journal International Quarterly for Asian Studies and the responsible editors Prof. Dr. Claudia Derichs and PD Dr. Andrea Fleschenberg dos Ramos Pinéu (Institute for Asian and African Studies at the HU) and Ann Philipp (Arnold Bergstraesser Institute, Freiburg).

[Learn more about the award ceremony](#)

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If you have questions: Use SAP consultation hours

Colleagues who have questions about working with SAP software can contact Sven Helleweg and Kai-Thoralf Fischer from the humboldt gemeinsam programme during the weekly SAP consultation hours. The two experts regularly answer questions about working with SAP. The consultation hours are open to all employees of the HU without prior registration.

[View all information in the workspace „SAP: Help and Documentation“](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Further education: Getting to know the European research landscape

The BUA Brussels Office is organising a two-day training trip for post-doctoral and doctoral students from the four collaborative partners. The programme on 14 and 15 November includes lectures, discussions, practical exercises and information on the main topics of European research funding, European research policy and science communication.

[Learn more about the training in Brussels](#)

Personalia

Materials Research: Einstein Professorship for Chemist Stefan Hecht

Chemist Stefan Hecht was already a professor at HU's Institute of Chemistry from 2006 to 2019. Since 2019, he has been Scientific Director at the Leibniz Institute for Interactive Materials in Aachen, until recently associated with the chair of Macromolecular Chemistry at RWTH Aachen University. Now Hecht has returned to the HU as an Einstein Professor to strengthen Berlin's materials sciences. The renowned chemist is dedicated to researching new materials with improved properties and developing them to technological maturity, for example to minimise energy consumption and close material cycles.

[Read press release about Stefan Hecht](#)

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