



Topping-out ceremony: CUBES Circle for sustainable urban food production inaugurated

Space-saving, energy-efficient, resource-saving, digitally supported, mobile and stackable - this is how CUBES Circle, a farm in the shape of a cube, works. It links the production of vegetables, fish and insects in such a way that resources such as space, energy, nutrients and water are used very efficiently and economically. Last Friday, CUBES Circle celebrated its topping-out ceremony on the grounds of the Albrecht Daniel Thaer Institute for Horticultural and Agricultural Sciences on the Dahlem campus. The HU President congratulated the consortium on the new building and has high hopes for the future work: "CUBES Circle will be one of the beacons in Berlin's scientific landscape," said Julia von Blumenthal.

[Learn more about CUBES Circle](#)

Research & Teaching

ProFil Programme: Opportunity for female scientists

From February 2024 to March 2025, the ProFil programme will once again prepare 66 highly qualified female scientists for leadership and management tasks of a professorship. Applications are open to young female academics from Freie Universität, Technische Universität, the Social Science Research Center Berlin and HU. The application deadline is 26 May. In the run-up to the programme, four online information events will be held from 25 to 27 April.

[Learn more about the profile programme and register for events](#)

At the wheel of time: Humboldt-Themenklasse researches bicycle mobility at HU

The IRI THESys is celebrating its tenth anniversary. Reason enough to take a closer look at this interdisciplinary "transformation hub" with a series. The current article is about the question of how the HU can become more bicycle-friendly. Is it the lack of bicycle stands, unsafe bicycle connections or completely different reasons that prevent Humboldtians from cycling to work? These and other questions were explored by students in a Humboldt- Themenklasse at IRI THESys. At the end, they invite you to a bike ride.

[Read article about theme class](#)

First Academic Freedom Week: Commitment for Refugees

Humboldt-Universität invites you to its first Academic Freedom Week from 18 to 21 April. The kick-off event takes place today, 18 April. In the presence of the American Ambassador H.E. Dr. Amy Gutman, a regional Scholars at Risk network for Berlin and Brandenburg will be founded to further develop the commitment to refugee researchers at risk. On 20 April from 12 to 1.30 p.m., there will be a live-streamed lecture and discussion on "Internationalisation and Academic Freedom - The Academic Freedom Index in University Practice", an initiative of the Berlin Center for Global Engagements of the Berlin University Alliance. Registration at bcge@berlin-university-alliance.de

[Read more about Academic Freedom Week](#)

Reminder: Humboldt Teaching Day takes place on 26 April

26 April is a dies academicus. All Humboldtians who are interested in teaching and its further development at the HU are invited to take part in the Humboldt Teaching Day in hybrid format from 12.30 pm. The day is dedicated to the teaching mission statement, which has been in development since the beginning of the year as part of a broad participation process. The highlight of the day will be the presentation of the Award for Good Teaching 2022.

[Go to the programme for the Teaching Day](#)

Apply by 30 June: Scholarship to prepare for a doctorate in philosophy

The Carl and Max Schneider Foundation for the Promotion of Philosophy is offering a scholarship for the preparation of a doctorate in philosophy to begin on 1 October. Doctoral students who are enrolled at the HU and are beginning a dissertation in philosophy are to be supported in the initial phase for a maximum of two semesters. The scholarship amounts to 1,000 euros per month. The application deadline is 30 June.

[View details of the call for applications](#)

From 20 April: The Mosse Lectures look into Universe

The Mosse Lectures in the summer semester are dedicated to the topic "Across the Universe. Current Views into Space". The programme includes four lectures on the history of science of the universe and its popularisation in the media, on representations of space in science fiction literature and film, on the metaverse and on the connection between climate research and knowledge of space. Science historian Charlotte Bigg will kick things off on 20 April with a talk on the images we have of the universe. In cooperation with Kino Arsenal, four films on the topic will also be shown.

[Find out programme details of the Mosse Lectures](#)

Apply by 24 April: "Diversity Undertakes - Berlin Honours Migrant Businesses"

For the award "Vielfalt unternimmt - Berlin würdigt migrantische Unternehmen" (Diversity Undertakes - Berlin Honours Migrant Businesses), the Senate Department for Economics, Energy and Businesses will once again award prizes in 2023 to the special and outstanding among the numerous businesses that have been successfully established and managed by people with a migration background. Start-ups can still apply for the competition, in which prizes of 10,000 euros each are awarded, until 24 April. A new feature is that Volker Hofmann, Managing Director of Humboldt-Innovation, is on the advisory board of the competition and is involved in the selection of the winners.

[Learn more about the award and Volker Hofmann's commitment](#)

Administration & Service

Energy saving: Opening hours of the Grimms Centre and the Mensa Süd adjusted

With the end of the heating season, the nationwide regulations for saving energy at public institutions also ended on 15 April. Saving energy and thus also protecting the climate remains necessary for the HU - regardless of geopolitical crises. Current adjustments concern a readjustment of the opening hours of the Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm Centre in spring and summer as well as the termination of the extended opening hours of the Mensa Süd.

[Read article about adjusted measures on the intranet](#)

Health Action Day: Measurements & Snacks on 18 and 25 April

The University Health Management (HGM) invites you to the foyer of the main building today, 18 April, as well as on 25 April from 9 am to 3 pm. Accompanied by free measurements such as CardioScan and posture diagnostics as well as tasty snacks, anyone interested can talk to the HGM team about their concerns in the area of health promotion. There will also be an opportunity to discuss the results of the online survey in summer 2022, which will be presented in a poster show. The HGM surveyed HU employees about their working conditions, health situation and health behaviour. The show will be on display until 28 April.

[Read more about the Health Action Day](#)

New: psychosocial counselling for employees

The HU offers all its employees the possibility of psychosocial counselling. Conflicts or a lack of balance between work and private life, relief after difficult events or in the case of psychological (over)strain or stress management are exemplary topics with which employees can turn to the psychosocial counselling service.

[Learn more about psychosocial counselling](#)

KidsBox: Mobile parent-child room for loan

Different situations, such as the cancellation of regular childcare, can make it necessary to bring children to the university. As a mobile supplement to the parent-child rooms, the KidsBox is now available to all members of the HU for loan from the Family Office. It transforms any room into a parent-child room in the blink of an eye and can be used in the lecture hall, at the workplace or as part of an event after consultation with the manager or lecturer.

[Borrow KidsBox](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Until 4 May: Start-up ideas from research wanted

In the "Research to Market Challenge" competition, the three major Berlin universities and the Charité are looking for start-up ideas from research for practice in the three categories "Technologies & Resources", "Sustainability & Society" and "Healthcare & Prevention". A special prize will be awarded for the topic "Future Innovation: AI". Concepts and plans for first steps towards implementation, written on paper on a maximum of three pages, can be submitted until 4 May. Prize money totalling 11,000 euros will be awarded.

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

Personnel management in science: register for workshops

Topics such as "Communicating confidently with the public", "Solving conflicts productively", "Shaping teamwork effectively" and others are on the list of workshops offered in the summer semester in the programme "Personnel Management in Academia" for professors and junior research group leaders at BUA. Participation is free of charge.

[View topics and dates of the workshop series](#)

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