



Unusual perspective: PhD student investigates the role of the senses and emotions in forest fires

Many countries in the Mediterranean region have been hit by an extreme heat wave and fierce forest fires since mid-July. In spring, fires raged in Canada and last year, places in Brandenburg were affected by fires of a completely new scale. Marvin Heine is a PhD student at IRI THESys and is researching forest fires from an unusual perspective. In his dissertation project, he wants to find out what role senses and emotions play in environmental hazards and how the collective perceptions of people who have experienced fires first-hand influence prevention and management strategies. The knowledge gained will be put into practice and help to better manage forest fires.

[Learn more about the research by Marvin Heine](#)

Research & Teaching

Internationality: 400 students from 45 nations as guests

This summer, the Humboldt International Campus (HIC) team, together with HU teachers, researchers and start-up founders, welcomed around 350 students from all over the world. In the Humboldt Internship Programme, HU scientists opened their working groups, laboratories and offices to international students who wanted to get an idea of research at HU and to participate. HU academic staff and doctoral students teach participants of the ongoing Humboldt Winter and Summer University in various English-language specialised courses. In addition Circle U. organised a summer university on climate change with around 50 participants.

[Learn more about Humboldt International Campus and get involved](#)

Excellent: Berlin Graduate School of Ancient Studies extended

After 2017, the Berlin Graduate School of Ancient Studies (BerGSAS) has once again received funding from the Einstein Foundation Berlin for excellent doctoral programmes. It has been run by the HU and the FU since 2011, offers a total of five doctoral programmes in ancient studies and related disciplines with various cooperation partners, and is part of the Berlin College of Ancient Studies. In the new funding period, the focus will be on digital research methods and tools, research data management and digital publishing. The funding is also linked to three doctoral scholarships.

[Learn more about BerGSAS](#)

Study: Evidence for positive effects of vaccination against Long COVID

The corona pandemic is officially over. Vaccines are considered the most effective tools against infections with COVID-19. However, the potential of vaccinations against long-term consequences of a SARS-CoV-2 infection, also known as Long COVID, from which quite a few people suffer, is the subject of controversial discussions. Complexity researcher Marc Wiedermann from the Institute for Theoretical Biology at HU and his team have now been able to substantiate for the first time, based on sensor data from smartwatches and fitness trackers, in a study published in the journal PNAS Nexus, that vaccines can mitigate the long-term effects of SARS-CoV-2 infection, both in terms of duration and extent.

[Read more about the study](#)

PhD Workshop in Public Governance: apply by 25 August

The Circle U. Open School of Public Governance invites young scholars to its first PhD Workshop in Public Governance. It will take place on 11 and 12 October at the Department of Political Economy at King's College London. Participation is free of charge, travel funds can be applied for. The deadline for applications is 25 August, 4 pm.

[Learn more about the workshop](#)

Conference and Summer School: Feminist Methods and Interdisciplinary Educational Research

All doctoral candidates, PhD students and postdocs interested in feminist methods and interdisciplinary educational research can register until 15 August for a summer school and conference on this topic organised by the Interdisciplinary Centre for Educational Research. The workshops of the Summer School teach methodological skills for independent research and provide insights into the basic principles of different research methodological approaches. The conference and summer school will take place from 6 to 8 September at Humboldt-Universität.

[Learn more about the conference and summer school](#)

[Go directly to registration](#)

Administration & Service

Verbal sexual assault: Staff member is released until further notice

The university management of Humboldt-Universität has suspended the academic staff member accused of verbal sexual assault until further notice. He will not teach in the winter semester 2023/24. The university management will continue the careful internal reappraisal for the entire university. This includes a precise analysis of possible structural reasons that favour the abuse of power. On the other hand, it is a matter of creating the conditions for those affected to turn to the responsible authorities without fear of negative consequences for them.

[Read the letter from the university management](#)

Specialised knowledge: September offers by the Continuing Education

In September, the HU's Continuing Education offers a diverse selection of exciting and practice-oriented courses for researchers, students and administrative staff: leadership skills can be strengthened, time management optimised and specialist knowledge expanded. On 1 September, for example, the course "Generation Z - a collaboration between the generations" is on the programme. On 12 September, the course "Early Warning System. As a manager, recognise difficulties in time and take action" and on 20 September it is about "Time and Self-Management".

[View the courses on offer in September](#)

Humboldt Founders Club: Ambassador Board for Founders

The Humboldt Founders Club is the business network for founders from the Humboldt-Universität environment. It offers them the opportunity to network with like-minded people, to get to know innovative start-ups and to stay informed about what is happening at the university. Recently, the club established an Ambassador Board. The Ambassadors are themselves founders and members of the network. Most of them are also alumni of the HU. They volunteer for more start-up culture at HU and act as an advisory board for the Humboldt Founders Club and are the first address for members of the Humboldt Founders Club.

[Learn more about Humboldt Founders Club](#)

Committees: Elections for the Staff Council of Student Employees on 14 and 15 August

The Staff Council of Student Employees (PRstudB) will be newly elected. It represents the interests of student employees at Humboldt-Universität. All student employees are invited to participate in the elections. Elections will be held on 14 August at Adlershof Campus in the Erwin Schrödinger Centre, Room 0'101, Rudower Chaussee 26, and on 15 August at the Mitte Campus in the foyer of the Grimm Centre, Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 1-3, from 10 am to 4 pm in both cases.

[Learn more about PRstudB](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Projects approved: Quality and transparency in research

Three new projects on quality assurance in research have received funding from the Berlin University Alliance. The project, "Open.Make II", in which Prof. Matthew Larkum, neuroscientist at HU, is involved, aims to build a community of research hardware developers within BUA that is embedded in the international open hardware landscape. With this community, new standards and tools for documenting, evaluating and publishing open hardware will be developed and a system for publishing will be made available.

[Further information on funded projects](#)

Conference: "Solidarity in the Migration Society" from 9 to 11 October

The inter- and transdisciplinary BUA joint research project "Transforming Solidarities" invites you to the international conference "Solidarity in the Migration Society". From 9 to 11 October, the fields of work and employment, housing as well as health will be discussed with the conditions of solidarity and their practical and infrastructural negotiations, facilitations and impediments. There will also be an accompanying exhibition entitled "Spaces of Solidarity" at the German Centre for Architecture.

[Learn more about conference](#)

Personalia

Fellowships: Einstein Foundation supports two researchers

Tamara Fastovska will conduct research in the Einstein Guest Researcher programme at the Institute of Mathematics and describe the properties of elastic bodies of various materials and their interactions in mathematical theory. Pietro Marabotti will conduct research in the field of materials science with an International Postdoctoral Fellowship together with Dr. Sebastian Heeg at the Institute of Physics. They want to find out how carbines, one-dimensional linear chains of carbon atoms, can be used in optoelectronic devices. In the course of the project, a novel near-field spectrometer will be developed.

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