



DFG review board election: Proportion of HU researchers has risen sharply

24 researchers will represent Humboldt-Universität on the review boards of the German Research Foundation (DFG) in the term of office from 2024 to 2028. They were selected from among the 649 review board members of the German Research Foundation (DFG). The HU will be represented by ten more researchers than in the expiring term of office. Particularly pleasing: the proportion of women has risen from 29 per cent to 42 per cent. In Berlin, HU is now the university most strongly represented in the review boards. The review boards are an important component of academic self-administration in the distribution of DFG funding. They evaluate research proposals to the DFG in a three-stage process and advise on the further development and design of the funding programmes.

[View elected review board members of the HU](#)

Administration & Service

Collective bargaining agreement: pay increase and inflation compensation

In the collective bargaining round for employees in the public sector of the federal states, the parties agreed on 9 December on an increase in table salaries and the payment of inflation compensation. The result provides for table salaries to increase by 200 euros on 1 November 2024 and by a further 5.5 percent on 1 February 2025, but by at least 340 euros. TV-L employees will also receive a tax and duty-free inflation compensation payment of 3,000 euros.

[See the results of the collective bargaining in detail](#)

Invitation: Senate Hall to be reopened on 11 January

All Humboldtians are invited to the reopening and rediscovery of the Senate Hall. After extensive renovation and modernisation, the representative hall in the main building of the HU presents itself in a new, modern look and is once again available for a wide variety of events. Anyone interested can view technical and other innovations and take part in guided tours on 11 January from 1pm to 3pm. HU President Julia von Blumenthal will welcome the visitors.

HU in dialogue: "Erwin-Schrödinger-Zentrum - still acceptable as a building name?" on 5 February

The physicist Erwin Schrödinger was undisputedly a brilliant scientist. He is regarded as one of the founders of quantum mechanics and was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1933. A few years ago, however, allegations of abuse against him were publicised. The HU invites all Humboldtians to the Adlershof campus on 5 February from 3 to 5:30 pm to discuss whether the physicist is still acceptable as the namesake of the Erwin Schrödinger Centre. The event will be held in English as part of the "HU in Dialogue" event series and in a world café format that combines the perspectives of experts and the participation of attendees.

[This is what HU in dialogue on 5 February is all about](#)

Committees: Academic Senate meets on 19 December

On 19 December, the Academic Senate will hold its last meeting of the year in the auditorium of the Grimm Centre. The programme includes the university contract and the mission statement for teaching, which was developed over the course of the year in a participatory process involving all status groups at the university. The public part of the meeting begins at around 9.45 a.m. and will be broadcast via livestream.

[Watch the AS meeting \(public part\) in the livestream](#)

Roll of honour and exhibition: The Slavacist Aleksander Brückner and his work

Aleksander Brückner was one of the most important researchers of Slavic, especially Polish, language, literature and culture in the Middle Ages and early modern period. He worked for over 44 years, from 1881 to 1924, as Professor of Slavic Studies at the Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität in Berlin and established Berlin Slavic Studies as an independent philology. This week, a portrait of Brückner has been added to the HU's gallery of honour in the upper foyer of the main building. In addition, the exhibition "Aleksander Brückner. In Search of the Lost Middle Ages" in the east atrium introduces the philologist's multifaceted life's work. The exhibition, which was organised by the Institute of Slavic and Hungarian Studies, among others, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. until 5 January 2024.

[Find out more about Brückner and the exhibition](#)

Advent calendar: readings, ideas for Christmas parties and more

Have you already had a look at the digital Advent calendar on the intranet? Behind every door is a little surprise that gives you an insight into the world of Humboldt-Universität. Among other things, a satirical Christmas reading with Christoph Marksches, suggestions for company Christmas parties, Christmas recipes and a competition have already been published. Everyone is cordially invited to open the current door on the working days and get in the mood for Christmas.

[Listen to Christoph Marksches](#)

[Get to know and listen to HU podcasts](#)

[Bake a Slovenian Christmas cake](#)

[Get to the competition](#)

Humboldt's magic lights: choral music on 13 December

All Humboldtians are cordially invited to listen and sing along on 13 December at 5 pm: The HU's a cappella choir and chamber choir will present a colourful mix of international Christmas music and traditional chorales in the foyer of the main building. The programme includes works by Johann Hermann Schein, Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, Heinrich Schütz and Ola Gjeilo.

[View further concert dates of HU ensembles](#)

From the in-house print shop: Order HU New Year's cards 2024 via print on demand

Select, order, collect and send: Together with the in-house print shop, the Department of Communication, Marketing and Events is once again offering the printing of New Year's cards for all HU institutions this year. Print orders for the New Year's post will be accepted until 20 December.

[Order New Year's cards 2024](#)

Reminder: Flu vaccination on 18 December on the Adlershof campus

On 18 December, employees and students can get vaccinated against the flu (influenza) on the Adlershof campus from 9 am to 3 pm. The time spent is considered working time for employees. The Standing Committee on Immunisation at the Robert Koch Institute (STIKO) recommends that older and chronically ill people in particular get vaccinated against the flu every year.

[Find out more about the vaccination programme](#)

Research & Teaching

Object of the month: A souvenir from Yokohama

A precious lacquer album with historical photographs from Japan during the Meiji period (1868 to 1912) has been donated to Humboldt-Universität. It is kept in the scientific collection "Holdings of the Mori-Ogai Memorial" and is currently being digitised. It will then be presented in an exhibition at the memorial from the beginning of 2024. You can find out more about the lacquer album, the photographs and their journey to HU in the December edition of the "Object of the Month" series. In this series, special objects from the Humboldt-Universität collections are presented once a month.

[Read more about the souvenir from Yokohama](#)

Towards a doctorate: Apply for a scholarship by 31 January 2024

Humboldt-Universität is once again awarding Humboldt Research Track Scholarships. The six-month transitional scholarship is aimed at outstanding graduates or students shortly before completing a Master's degree programme and serves to prepare a doctoral project. It includes a monthly grant of 800 euros. The current application deadline is 31 January 2024 for funding to begin from 1 April 2024.

[Detailed information on the transitional scholarship can be found at](#)

Sponsorship: Apply for a Deutschlandstipendium scholarship by 15 January

Humboldt-Universität is once again awarding scholarships from the Deutschlandstipendium programme for the 2024 summer semester. The scholarship supports committed students with very good grades with 300 euros per month for one year with the option of an extension. Students of all nationalities who are enrolled at HU in the summer semester 2024 and are in the standard period of study in their core subject can apply. In addition to academic achievements, the funding criteria also include social and personal circumstances such as educational background and social and community involvement. The application period runs from 18 December to 15 January 2024 and lecturers are asked to make students aware of the funding opportunity.

[Find out more about the Deutschlandstipendium](#)

Berlin University Alliance

The BUA and me: Manuela Bojadžijev examines solidarity

In the latest instalment of the series "The BUA and I - Protocols from the Excellence Network", Manuela Bojadžijev, Professor of Migration in Global Perspective, presents the research group "Transforming Solidarities. Practices and Infrastructures in the Migration Society". The BUA-funded project investigates how solidarity is enabled or prevented in the fields of labour, health and housing. Bojadžijev also explains why solidarity is closely linked to issues of healthcare, climate change and digital infrastructures and why a lemonade cup becomes the subject of research.

[Read Bojadžijev's contribution](#)

Listen in: Oxford professor talks about "protest vote" in a podcast

Tarik Abou-Chadi, Professor at the University of Oxford and currently Einstein Visiting Fellow in Berlin, is investigating the voting behaviour of the population with his own research group at the HU. Why are people in Europe increasingly voting for extreme right-wing parties and how does this affect the political landscape? In the latest episode of the Einstein Foundation podcast "AskDiifferent", the political scientist talks about the much-vaunted "protest vote", why it is problematic and how governments can take countermeasures.

[Listen to the podcast with Abou-Chadi](#)

Personalia

Anniversary: Maren Huberty has been working at HU for over 40 years

Maren Huberty may have celebrated her 40th anniversary several weeks ago, but it's not too late: we would like to congratulate her on this special anniversary and wish her every success for the future! The research assistant at the Institute of Romance Studies is not only a passionate linguist for French, Romanian and Italian, but has also been involved in committee work at HU for many years. She was a member of the Council for over 20 years, including as Council Chair. She was also involved for a long time in the Commission for Studies and Teaching, which she also chaired. She is currently a member of the Development and Planning Commission, co-chair of the Commission for the Advancement of Women and a member of the committee for the election of the full-time Women's Representative.

HU alumna: "I wouldn't be where I am today without the IRI THESys"

The ethnologist Janine Hauer experienced most of her professional socialisation at the IRI THESys: scholarship in the subject class, Master's thesis with distinction and doctorate in the graduate programme. She now works as a research assistant at the Department of Anthropology at Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg. As a post-doctoral researcher, she is investigating how society deals with eternalisation burdens. In the article, she reports on how her experiences at the IRI THESys, which celebrated its tenth anniversary this year, have shaped her career path and states: "Without the IRI, I wouldn't be where I am today".

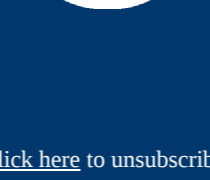
[Read article about Janine Hauer](#)

Award: Dieter Ingenschay honoured with "Premio Ñ"

Romanist Dieter Ingenschay has been honoured with the "Premio Ñ", the highest prize awarded to foreign Hispanists for their services to the dissemination of Spanish culture internationally. The prize from the Instituto Cervantes was presented by the Spanish King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia. Ingenschay is a retired professor at Humboldt University, former president and honorary member of the German Hispanist Association and holder of the Order of Isabel la Católica.

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