



Forward-looking: Lautarchiv receives funding for project with African partner institutions

The Lautarchiv of the HU will receive 344,890 euros in funding from the Deutsches Zentrum Kulturgutverluste for the research project "Towards Sonic Resocialisation" until February 2026. The focus is on 456 recordings of African prisoners of the First World War in German camps. The digitised material will be handed over to the Institut Fondamental d'Afrique Noire in Dakar and other African archives together with the corresponding historical written documentation. "We are planning an exchange with the source communities, will hire speakers from the countries of origin for translations and discuss critical issues together," says Christopher Li (Photo), head of the sound archive. "We are also planning to revise and decolonise the sound archive's metadata, which was created during the colonial era."

[Read more about the project](#)

Research & Teaching

Tiburtius Prize: Nominate doctoral candidates by 15 May

Every year, the State Conference of Rectors and Presidents (LKR) of Berlin's universities awards three prizes and three additional recognition prizes to doctoral students at Berlin's universities for outstanding dissertations and three prizes to graduates of Berlin's universities of applied sciences. Professors can nominate outstanding doctoral students for the Tiburtius Prize until 15 May. Prizes of up to 4,000 euros will be awarded.

[Find out more about the Tiburtius Award and nominate](#)

Humboldt Award: nominate theses by 1 July

Students and junior researchers at HU have the opportunity to receive an award of up to 3,000 euros for very good theses. The Humboldt Prize is awarded for work completed in the past year. Deans (only they are entitled to nominate candidates) can nominate candidates until 1 July. Only one nomination per category (Bachelor's thesis, Master's thesis, dissertation) will be accepted per institute or monofaculty. Self-nominations are possible for the Innovation Award for the best "Research to Innovation" qualification work.

[Find out more about the Humboldt Award and nominate](#)

Object of the month: A miniature bust of the physicist Kirchhoff

A bust of the physicist Robert Gustav Kirchhoff (1824-1887), created in 1888 by the Berlin sculptor Carl Begas, is stored in the Kustodie's stacks. Until 1929, it stood in the row of other marble busts of honoured professors of the university in the old assembly hall in the main building of the university. To mark the 200th anniversary of Kirchhoff's birth, the bust was woken from its slumber and subjected to a 3D scan. A 3D print of the bust was created in 27 hours of printing time. A nice gimmick or what's the point? Custodian Christina Kuhli answers this question in the latest instalment of "Object of the Month". The series presents particularly interesting and remarkable objects from Humboldt-Universität's collections.

[Read object of the month](#)

Lecture series: Carnation Revolution, AI and Women, Religion

Humboldt-Universität is offering a diverse selection of public lecture series in the summer semester. The programme includes topics such as the 1974 Carnation Revolution in Portugal, HU research on artificial intelligence and women in religious communities. Are you also organising a lecture series? Please write to pr@hu-berlin.de to be included in the overview.

[An overview of the lecture series in the summer semester](#)

Circle U. Summer School: Apply for "Language in Education Research" by 15 May

At the Circle U. summer school "Language in Education Research: Ecological and Mixed Methods Approaches", participants will explore the intricacies of planning, conducting and analysing ecologically oriented mixed-methods studies. The summer school will take place from 7 to 10 August in Louvain-la-Neuve and is aimed at doctoral students, postdocs and language teachers. The application deadline is 15 May.

[Learn more about the Circle U. summer school](#)

Administration & Service

Sports courses in the summer semester: registration now open

The summer semester is just around the corner - the university sports courses can be booked. Whether dragon boating in Berlin or kitesurfing on the island of Rügen - the water sports programme is once again varied this year. You can also look forward to an excursion to the Elbe Sandstone Mountains, bouldering in the Czech Republic and wilderness hiking in Sweden. In addition, many new courses such as underwater hockey, cricket and trapeze acrobatics invite you to try them out. Courses start on 15 April. University Sport is also organising a number of events in the summer semester: The Martial Arts Convention is planned from 15 to 16 June, the Dance Night will take place on 5 July and the Family Day on 6 July at the Schmöckwitz Water Sports Centre.

[The sports programme at a glance](#)

Travelling: Mobility and travel newsletter published

The "Mobility and Travel" newsletter compiled by the "Travel Management" team from the Budget and Human Resources department, provides information on upcoming news and changes to travel. It deals with travel medicine, visas and their pitfalls, personnel changes in the team and information about company mobility.

[Read the mobility newsletter](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Materials research: submit proposals by 14 April

The Berlin University Alliance is a finalist in the nationwide competition to establish a pioneering transfer centre "New Materials for Sustainable Technologies". The Joachim Herz Foundation will fund the "innovate! Centre" with up to 30 million euros over ten years. From 2025, the interdisciplinary and fully equipped transfer centre will support several materials science teams in order to bring research results into application more quickly and efficiently. Researchers are invited to apply with their project ideas using the online form at rahmel@tu-berlin.de by 14 April. Online information events for interested parties will be held on 2 April (6 to 7 pm), 4 April (9 to 10 am) and 8 April (6 to 7 pm).

[Take part in the information event/download the registration form](#)

New degree programme: Gender & Diversity in Science & Technology

The new certificate programme "Gender & Diversity in Science & Technology Studies" of the Berlin University Alliance for students of all disciplines of the four alliance partners starts in the summer semester. It teaches approaches to interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary science and technology research, for example on inequality that is created or reinforced by science and technology, such as discrimination through IT applications or measures to combat climate change. The programme also sheds light on inequality in the scientific community and in technical professions. In project-orientated courses and using case studies, students can directly apply the knowledge they have previously acquired in seminars.

[Read more about the new degree programme](#)

Personalia

Award: Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Prize for Christopher Degelmann

Dr Christopher Degelmann has received the prestigious Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Prize 2024 from the German Research Foundation (DFG). Degelmann has been a visiting professor of Ancient History at HU since 2023. With the prize, the DFG recognises the fact that the ancient historian combines historical and contemporary issues and thus makes the significance of our ancient heritage accessible for our modern self-understanding. The prize is endowed with 200,000 euros and is recognised as the most important award for researchers with outstanding achievements in the early stages of their careers.

[Find out more about Degelmann](#)

In Media

ZEIT online Podcast: „Alles gesagt?“ with Herfried Münkler

"Herfried Münkler, warum gibt es Krieg?"

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Amendment to the President's Directive on W salaries

Amendment to the seal regulations of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

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