



## Get involved: submit topics for the "Humboldt Day of Teaching" by 15 May

"International teaching and learning" is the motto of the "Humboldt Day of Teaching" on 27 June. In order to enable all members of the University to take part in the event, the Academic Senate has once again decided to organise a dies academicus. In its new mission statement for teaching, the HU has committed itself to developing and promoting multi-perspectivity and internationalisation in all areas of teaching and studies. Humboldt Day is now about discussing how this important commitment can be implemented. In order to address the experiences, initiatives, ideas and needs of all staff and students across the university on this topic, there will be space for your own formats on 27 June from 1:30 pm to 4 pm. Everyone is invited to initiate events - at the institute, the faculty, across departments or at your location. Please submit your ideas to the Teaching Day preparation team by 15 May at the latest: [leitbild.lehre@hu-berlin.de](mailto:leitbild.lehre@hu-berlin.de)

[More about the Humboldt Day of Teaching.](#)

## Research & Teaching

### Teaching theme week: discuss and try out from 24 June

The first "Teaching Theme Week" at Humboldt-Universität is dedicated to hybrid teaching. All teaching staff, students and employees as well as interested guests are cordially invited to take part from 24 to 28 June. The programme consists of various discussion events, there are many practical examples and opportunities to try things out. With a focus on inclusion, flexibility and internationalisation, the aim is to explore together what contribution hybrid teaching and learning formats can make to improving teaching. The event itself will take place in a hybrid format.

[More about the theme week](#)

### KoRa: Expertise in rehabilitation sciences

The new interdisciplinary Centre of Excellence for Rehabilitation Sciences, or "KoRa" for short, was recently officially opened at Monbijoustraße 2b. The centre brings together various departments of the Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences under the umbrella of Humboldt-Innovation GmbH and pools a wide range of expertise. The centre's services are aimed at the HU's academic community and society. For example, "KoRa" offers a wide range of services to enable children, young people and adults with various disabilities to participate in education, culture, leisure and society and to support professionals in the educational and therapeutic field.

[Find out more about KoRa](#)

### Call: Submit profiles for collaborations between Berlin and Cottbus by 8 July

The innovation and sustainability axis from Berlin via the Adlershof Technology Park to Lusatia offers promising development opportunities for science and industry to jointly address scientific challenges and promote the regional innovative capacity of the Berlin-Brandenburg metropolitan region. The next workshop organised by HU and BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg will take place in the fourth quarter of 2024. You can submit profiles for joint research projects until 8 July.

[Find documents for the call](#)

### Weizenbaum Institute: outstanding research certified

Outstanding and highly relevant research, a unique approach and impressive development - in its statement of 22 April, the German Council of Science and Humanities considers the Weizenbaum Institute to be well on the way to becoming an international hub of excellent digitisation research. The Weizenbaum Institute was founded in 2017 as the "Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society - The German Internet Institute". It is supported by researchers from Berlin and Brandenburg, including scientists from HU. Following the successful start-up phase, the institute aims to become an independent research institution. The evaluation by the German Council of Science and Humanities is a decisive milestone on the way there.

[Further information on the Weizenbaum Institute](#)

### The Schrödinger case: event on diaries on 7 May

For some years now, serious allegations have been made against the physicist Erwin Schrödinger (1887 to 1961), ranging from paedophilia to sexual abuse. However, this is based on uncertain facts. The ongoing debate about a possible renaming of the Erwin Schrödinger Centre at HU also raises the question of the extent to which the serious allegations are justified. For an event organised by the Leibniz Centre for Literary and Cultural Research, important sources that were previously not generally accessible, such as Schrödinger's diaries and letters from the women concerned, will now be evaluated. The event will take place on 7 May from 5.30 to 7 pm at Meierottostraße 8, 10719 Berlin.

[More about the Schrödinger event](#)

### Flex Funds: Apply for collaborations with partner universities by 3 June

Researchers, lecturers and administrative staff can once again apply for internal HU funding to initiate collaborations with our strategic partner universities in Princeton, São Paulo and Zurich as well as with our partners in London, Toronto and Canberra. Project proposals can include joint publications, teaching activities, workshops, exhibitions, staff exchanges and more. Funds of between 2,500 and 5,000 euros are available per project. Please use the application forms provided for your applications. The deadline for submission is 3 June. To the calls for proposals:

[Princeton, São Paulo and Zurich](#)

[London, Toronto and Canberra](#)

### Lecture series: Research findings on South Asian Urban Studies from 3 May

Academics and students from the Institute of Asian and African Studies (IAAW) will be presenting their current research on the interdisciplinary field of South Asian Urban Studies at four events during the summer semester. The series starts on 3 May with an introduction to the topic and seven short presentations of current projects. The series is organised by BERSAS, a new forum for interdisciplinary South Asian studies in Berlin. BERSAS is anchored at the IAAW and open to members of various organisations, departments and institutions. Each semester there will be a different thematic focus. The event on 3 May starts at 2 pm at the IAAW, Invalidenstrasse 118, room 315.

[Find out more about BERSAS](#)

### Flexible funding: Tandem projects with Melbourne or Singapore wanted

The Berlin University Alliance is inviting applications for flexible funding for researchers and administrative staff who would like to expand their collaboration with colleagues at the strategic partner institutions University of Melbourne and National University of Singapore. Tandems from Berlin University Alliance institutions and one of the aforementioned partner institutions are eligible to apply. Funding is available for joint projects, such as the preparation of joint publications, joint teaching activities, the organisation of workshops and/or exhibitions, staff exchanges and much more. The maximum grant per project is set at 5,000 euros. The deadline for submitting applications is 3 June.

[Further information on the call for proposals](#)

### BSW: Take part in the "Rethinking freedom" competition until 31 August

The interrelationships between artificial intelligence and freedom are manifold and range from questions of personal autonomy and privacy to ethical and economic aspects and state regulatory principles. Students and young scientists are invited to submit their as yet unimplemented project ideas and designs to the "Rethinking Freedom" competition. The prize is an exclusive slot at the Speakers' Corner of the Berlin Science Week Campus at the Naturkundemuseum Berlin. Applications are open until 31 August.

[Find out more about the competition and apply.](#)

### KOSMOS lecture on 30 May: Agricultural and food transformation for a sustainable future

Today's agricultural and food systems supply a growing world population with food, but they also cause major environmental damage and consequential health costs. In a KOSMOS lecture, Prof Hermann Lotze-Campen (Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research/HU) shows that a comprehensive transformation is necessary and also possible in order to slow down climate change, stop biodiversity loss and reduce health costs. The reading will take place on 30 May from 6 to 7:30 pm in the Senate Hall, Main Building, Unter den Linden 6.

[More about the KOSMOS lecture](#)

### Humboldt Award: nominate theses by 1 July

Students and junior researchers can nominate outstanding theses from the past year for the Humboldt Award until 1 July. Please note: Only the deans are authorised to nominate candidates for the Humboldt Award. Only one nomination per category (Bachelor's thesis, Master's thesis, dissertation) per institute or monofaculty will be accepted. monofaculty will be accepted. Self-nominations are possible for the Innovation Award for the best "Research to Innovation" qualification work.

[Nominate for the Humboldt Award](#)

### Tiburtius Award: Nominate doctoral candidates by 15 May

Every year, the State Conference of Rectors and Presidents 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 for outstanding master's theses. Professors can nominate outstanding doctoral students for the Tiburtius Prize until 15 May. Prizes of up to 4,000 euros will be awarded

[Nominate for the Tiburtius Prize](#)

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

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

[Read more about Circle U. Summer School](#)

## Adminsitration & Service

### Photo gallery: First meeting of the AS in the modernised Senate Hall

After 14 meetings in the auditorium of the Grimm Centre and two on the Adlershof campus in the conference room of the Erwin Schrödinger Centre, the Academic Senate (AS) returned to its actual domicile at its meeting on 23 April: the renovated Senate Hall in the main building.

[View photo gallery](#)

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## Berlin University Alliance

### For early career researchers: Apply for X-Student Research Groups by 2 June

Top-level research during your studies? The Berlin University Alliance makes this possible with its Student Research Opportunities Programmex (StuROPx) funding line. The "X-Student Research Groups" format brings students and researchers together to work on a research topic for one semester. For the winter semester 2024/25, early career researchers can currently apply for funding for a research group and submit proposals. Application deadline is 2 June.

[To the Call of Proposal X-Student Research Groups](#)

### Wanted: Ambassadors for open science

Promoting and deepening Open Science practices is one of the central goals of the Berlin University Alliance, which recently emphasised this claim with its own mission statement for Open Science. The BUA is now looking for researchers who are enthusiastic about the idea of open science and want to implement open science in their laboratories, institutes and research groups. The BUA is supporting them with training, material resources and networking events. The programme starts on 1 August. Interested researchers can apply with a letter of motivation by 3 June. An information event on the application process will take place on 17 May.

[Find out more about the programme](#)

[Read the mission statement for Open Science](#)

## Personalia

### Contact point: Prof. Dr Liliana Ruth Feierstein appointed anti-Semitism commissioner

The Presidential Board of the HU has appointed Prof Dr Liliana Ruth Feierstein as Anti-Semitism Officer. Against the background of the anti-Semitic incidents that have endangered Jewish life in Germany since 7 October 2023, the HU is thus setting up a contact and counselling centre for Jewish students and HU staff. Prof Feierstein will work closely with the Anti-Discrimination and Diversity Office. She has been a professor of the transcultural history of Judaism and spokesperson for the Selma Stern Centre for Jewish Studies Berlin-Brandenburg since 2014. If required, she can be contacted by email: [antisemitismusbeauftragte@hu-berlin.de](mailto:antisemitismusbeauftragte@hu-berlin.de)

### Award: Scherer Prize 2024 for Jasper Schagerl

The literary scholar Jasper Schagerl has been honoured for his dissertation submitted to Humboldt-Universität entitled "Umstände erzählen. Die Prosa des Falls bei Harsdörffer, Thomasius und Gayot de Pitaval" submitted at HU has been honoured with the Scherer Prize 2024. Schagerl was a fellow at the Graduiertenkolleg "Literatur- und Wissenschaftsgeschichte kleiner Formen" at the HU and is now a research assistant at the University of Bremen. The Scherer Prize is awarded every two years by the Richard M. Meyer Foundation together with Humboldt-Universität and Freie Universität Berlin for dissertations or postdoctoral theses in the field of older and modern German literature.

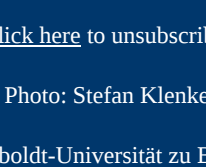
[Find out more about dissertations and the Scherer Prize](#)

### Junge Akademie: Two new members from the HU

Christian Neumeier from the Faculty of Law and Prof Dr Sven Wang from the Institute of Mathematics have been elected to the Young Academy of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina and the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities. The Young Academy brings together scientists from various disciplines from German-speaking countries who are dedicated to interdisciplinary discourse. Every year, ten members are elected for a period of five years.

## New Official Bulletins

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