



BUA Open Space: Event on AI and ethics on 25 September

‘Alexa, tell me: How do we design AI fairly and responsibly?’ This is the title of the Berlin University Alliance’s Open Space #2. All interested parties are invited to discuss the topic of artificial intelligence and ethics with academics and representatives from business and civil society. Researchers from the Cluster of Excellence ‘Science of Intelligence’ and other panellists will provide impulses on responsibility and prejudice, justice and inequality and explain the current state of research. The event will take place on 25 September from 6 to 9 pm at the Merantix AI Campus in Berlin.

[Find out more and register](#)

Research & Teaching

Workshop on 8 October: Strengthening research and teaching with a connection to Great Britain

The Presidential Board, together with the UK Centre (GBZ), invites you to a workshop on strengthening research and teaching with a UK focus. The event will take place on Tuesday, 8 October from 1 to 5 pm in the auditorium of the Grimm Centre at Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 3. The event offers participants from all disciplines the opportunity to contribute their own projects, ideas and questions and to network even better with the GBZ.

[Find out more about the event](#)

Reminder: Apply now for Open Humboldt Freiräume

The Open Humboldt Freiräume funding programme is entering its next funding round. Until 11 October, professors and academic staff with a teaching load can apply for teaching leave for one semester for projects on knowledge exchange with society. The team from the Knowledge Exchange with Society competence field at the Centre for Cultural Technology will provide information online on 19 September about funding requirements and how to apply. Funding recipients and practice partners will report on their experiences in a current image film.

[Register for the information event](#)

[Find out more and watch the image film](#)

KOSMOS lecture: focus on agroecology on 9 October

Prof Philippe Baret from the Université de Louvain will give the next KOSMOS lecture. In his lecture ‘From policies to practices. An agroecological approach to social change’, he will show how agroecology can help to reshape agriculture and what role changing eating habits and progressive environmental policies play in this. The event will take place on 9 October from 6 to 7:30 pm in the Senate Hall of the main building, Unter den Linden 6, and will be held in English.

[Find out more about the KOSMOS lecture](#)

Peace Bread Project: sowing rye on the former Wall strip

In the middle of Berlin’s urban hustle and bustle, there is an extraordinary place: the only field in the centre of a metropolis in the world. Rye is now being grown on the former strip of the Berlin Wall. Supported by Humboldt- Universität and the Friedensbrot e.V. association, the rye field not only symbolises the connection between agriculture and the city, but also stands for the preservation of peace in Europe and the importance of sustainable agriculture. The Albrecht Daniel Thaer Institute for Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences is supporting the sowing, cultivation and harvesting of rye in two fields to the left and right of the Chapel of Reconciliation. Michael Baumecker, head of the open-air teaching and research station at the HU’s experimental fields in Dahlem and Thyrow, will be sowing rye for the 20th time on 17 September.

[Learn more about the project](#)

Online workshop: Research data management solutions from Japan

The CMS team for research data management invites you to an online workshop on 9 October from 10 to 11 a.m., which is dedicated to the topic of research data management in the context of Open Science. Under the title ‘National Institute of Informatics, Japan: Advanced Research Data Management Services for Academia’, Prof Dr Yusuke Komiyama will present state-of-the-art RDM solutions from the National Institute of Informatics that are advancing academic research and infrastructure in Japan.

[Find out more about the event](#)

Flex funds: Collaborations with Princeton, São Paulo and Zurich

Researchers, faculty and administrative staff can now apply for internal HU funding to initiate collaborations with our strategic partner universities in Princeton, São Paulo (USP) and Zurich (UZH). Project proposals can include joint publications, teaching activities, workshops, exhibitions, staff exchanges and more. Funding of between 2,500 and 5,000 euros is available per project. Please use the application forms provided for your applications. The deadline for submissions is 23 September.

[Read the call for proposals](#)

Collaboration: Flex Funds for London, Toronto and Canberra

Researchers, teaching staff and administrative staff can now apply for internal HU funding to initiate collaborations with our strategic partner universities in London (KCL), Toronto (UoT) and Canberra (ANU)! Project proposals can include joint publications, teaching activities, workshops, exhibitions, staff exchanges and more. Funding of up to €2,500 is available per project. The deadline for submissions is 23 September.

[Read the call for applications](#)

Webinar: Virtual info session on Circle U. Seed Funding

On 19 September, 13 -13:45, the Circle U. office will present the most important points of the Seed Funding Call 2024 in a webinar. The focus will be on the aspects that are most important for submitting your project application. Afterwards, previous successful applicants will report on their experiences in preparing the application and implementing the project. Finally, a large part of the info session will be dedicated to an open Q&A session. The Circle U. Seed Funding Call is open until 15 October, with up to 10,000 euros per project being advertised.

[Register for participation](#)

[Find out more about the call](#)

Competition: Apply for the European Stanislaw Lem Research Prize

The University of Science and Technology in Wroclaw is awarding the European Stanislaw Lem Research Prize, which is endowed with 23,000 euros. The competition is aimed at scientists working at a university or research centre in an EU member state or an associated country of the Horizon Programme. The prize is awarded for outstanding recent discoveries or significant achievements made in the past three years in a broad field of science and engineering. The application deadline is 30 September.

[Find out more about the Stanislaw Lem Research Prize](#)

Workshop ‘Rediscovering Carl Stumpf’: Focus on a forgotten thinker

Carl Stumpf (1848-1936), philosopher, experimental psychologist, founder of the Institute of Psychology and even Rector of Friedrich Wilhelm University, remained largely unnoticed despite his important role. The workshop ‘Rediscovering Carl Stumpf’, organised in collaboration by two researchers from the HU’s Institute of Philosophy and King’s College London, aims to rediscover Stumpf’s thought and present his work to a wider audience. The event will take place on 19 and 20 September in the main building, room 3059.

[Find out more about the workshop and take part](#)

Administration & Service

Reminder: Invitation to the kick-off for the new HU website on 27 September

The website is the HU’s central means of communication and its digital showcase to the world. In order to fulfil all the requirements of a modern website and offer an optimal user experience, the outdated website will be completely redesigned and technically revised over the next few months. All employees are cordially invited to the kick-off event on 27 September from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Senate Hall in the main building. After a presentation of the project, there will be an opportunity to exchange knowledge and ideas on the focus topics. All important information on the new website will be continuously updated on the project intranet page.

[Find out more about the website project and register for the kick-off](#)

Object of the month: Insight into the history of the HU through its photography

In the Object of the Month series, Dr Aleksandra Pawliczek, Head of the University Archive, provides insights into the University’s photo archive. Since the early 1950s, the HU’s University Film and Image Centre has played a central role in the visual documentation of academic life. From the reception of foreign delegations and sports competitions to conferences and congresses - the university photographers captured countless moments on black and white film, which today form a valuable part of the university’s history. All these photographs are now in the HU Archive’s photo collection - both as positives and as negatives and contact prints. Particularly interesting and remarkable objects from the Humboldt-Universität collections are presented in the Object of the Month.

[Learn more about the photo archive](#)

HPC at the HU: application and use

With HPC@HU, the HU’s Computer and Media Service (CMS) provides a powerful high-performance computing platform for computationally intensive applications. For example, a batch system (Slurm) and various software packages (including EESSI) are available. In addition, there are Kubernetes clusters for managing Docker containers, single-user workstations with various applications such as RStudio and Jupyter(-Hub) instances. Researchers and teaching staff use the HPC@HU platform for projects in solid state physics and chemistry, among others. There are further applications in the fields of geography, agricultural and horticultural sciences, computer science and digital history. Test access for HPC@HU can be requested at hpc-support@hu-berlin.de (access only possible from the HU network or via VPN).

[Find further information on HPC](#)

Family Fund grants: Apply for final scholarships by 2 October

The Commission for a Family-Friendly University (KiF) is offering funding from the HU Family Fund until 2 October. Final scholarships will be awarded to academically outstanding doctoral and postdoctoral students at HU in financial need. The KiF also provides ongoing support through other grants, such as for childcare for doctoral students, postdoctoral researchers and professors as well as employees in technology, service and administration at HU.

[Find out more about four funding opportunities from the Family Fund](#)

Autumn holidays: Three-day workshop for children at the Humboldt Forum

In the three-day sustainable art workshop, children aged nine to twelve can grapple with questions of sustainability and transform waste into works of art. Together with the artists Marjorie Chau and Vitor Garcia de Almeida, a student at the HU, costumes will be tailored, masks designed and creative objects made. The works of the children will be presented in an exhibition. The workshop will take place from 23 to 25 October from 9 am to 4 pm. Participation is free of charge for children of HU members.

[Find out more about the holiday workshop](#)

Announcement: Election committees for the General Staff Council and the University Staff Council

The election committee consists of: Susanne Graß, Thomas Krause and Maik Kunert (Chairman). The local election committee (PR university sector) consists of: Susanne Graß, Thomas Krause, Maik Kunert (Chairman), Rene Pawlak, Silke Steinborn, Gabriele Sommer and Guido Tschacher.

[Find further information](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Leadership programme for female professors: apply by 6 October

The Leadership Programme for Female Professors is a flagship programme of the Berlin University Alliance.It offers female professors the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills and expand their professional network at the same time. The focus of the one-year programme is on individual support in order to optimally support the participants.W2/C3 and W3/C4 female professors in permanent positions are invited to apply. The application deadline is 6 October.

[View further information on the programme and apply.](#)

Transdisciplinary research: Apply for funding by 31 October

When research and practice come together, the result is often particularly innovative and practical solutions for many major current challenges. In order to further strengthen and promote the exchange between science and society, the TD-Lab- Laboratory for Transdisciplinary Research of the Berlin University Alliance promotes various formats of participation. In a current call for proposals, researchers from the BUA alliance partners can apply until 31 October with work packages that aim to involve non-university stakeholders in research and receive up to 10,000 euros for this. There will be online information events on the call for proposals on 25 September and 17 October.

[Find out more about TD-Lab funding](#)

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ERC Starting Grant: Dr Nina Hanning receives 1.5 million euros for the ‘Free-View’ project

Dr Nina Hanning, neurocognition researcher at the Institute of Psychology at Humboldt-Universität and at the Cluster of Excellence ‘Science of Intelligence’, has been awarded a Starting Grant from the European Research Council (ERC) in the amount of 1.5 million euros. The funding is intended for her innovative research project ‘Free-View - Neuro-cognitive processes underlying gaze control and perception across free-viewing eye movements’. In the project, Dr Hanning and her research group will investigate how people perceive their surroundings through eye movements. She will combine precise methods of classical vision research with modern, flexible computer-aided approaches in order to gain deeper insights into the neurocognitive processes of gaze control and perception.

[Find out more about the project and the award winner](#)

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