



"LICHTember": A month dedicated to mental health

The University Health Management (HGM) is turning the grey month of November into "LICHTember" - a month dedicated to mental health. This is because the HGM's health surveys clearly show that many Humboldtians feel mentally stressed. Throughout November, daily events on topics such as self-care, dealing with crises and resilience are on the programme - both digitally and in person. The film "Expedition Depression" will be shown in Adlershof on 7 November and in Mitte on 13 November. Each screening will be followed by an Insight Talk, which will provide in-depth insights into the topic of depression. The "LICHTember" aims not only to provide inspiration, but also to create space for exchange and co-design, as well as to focus on resource management and coping strategies. Under certain conditions, HU employees can count up to three hours of working time for LICHTember events.

[View the "LICHTember" programme and working time regulations](#)

Research & Teaching

Innovation Corridor Berlin - Berlin-Adlershof - Cottbus: Joint projects are presented

On 27 November, researchers from HU and BTU Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Seufdenberg will present eleven ambitious project ideas for cooperation projects at a joint workshop at BTU. After the project presentations from 10:30 to 15:00 pm, it will be announced which of the initiatives will receive start-up funding of 16,000 euros for further project development.

[Find out more about the projects](#)

Science festival for all: HU events at Berlin Science Week

Humboldt-Universität will be presenting itself in public lectures, discussions, exhibitions, science slams and performances at Berlin Science Week from 1 to 10 November. This year's HU contributions will focus on topics such as the consequences of climate change, the threat to academic freedom and the perception of science in other cultures. There will also be a children's university. Berlin Science Week is one of the world's largest science events and offers scientists, artists, socio-political actors and citizens a platform to present and discuss scientific research and findings.

[Find HU events at the Berlin Science Week](#)

Future WINS: Conference on science, careers and communication

On 21 and 22 November, the interdisciplinary conference "Future WINS: Cross-sections and interfaces in science, careers, and communication" will take place on the Adlershof campus. It brings together young talents in the natural sciences with experienced researchers and promotes innovations in energy research, environmental and material sciences. The focus is on developments at the interfaces between the various disciplines. Participants can present their research, take part in workshops and make contacts. The event will take place in the Erwin Schrödinger Centre, Room 0/101 and Foyer, Rudower Chaussee 26. The registration deadline is 7 November. The conference language is English.

[Find out more about Future WINS](#)

Afterlives of Empire II: Becoming artistically active on 6 November

Do you like drawing, painting or photography and are you interested in the HU's scientific collections? Gesa Steinhilber, professor at the HU's Great Britain Centre, is researching the history of the HU's scientific collections and their imperial heritage through artistic approaches. She invites you to participate in the project "Afterlives of Empire II: Art in the Lunch Break" and offers all interested Humboldtians the opportunity to combine artistic work with scientific research. The first meeting will take place on 6 November at 12:30 pm in the foyer of the main building, Unter den Linden 6.

[Find out more about the project](#)

Workshops: "Anti-Muslim racism in schools" on 4 and 5 November

Student teachers and interested staff at Humboldt-Universität are invited to take part in a series of workshops on the topic of "Anti-Muslim racism in schools". The events will take place on 4 and 5 November in the Faculty of Theology, Burgstraße 26. The programme includes topics such as "Forms of racism at school" and "Strategies against anti-Muslim racism in religion and ethics lessons". Registration is via Moodle (password: amura). The number of participants per workshop is limited to 25.

[View and register for workshops](#)

Everyday school life and AI: theme day on 15 November

How can artificial intelligence (AI) meaningfully support everyday school life and what educational and ethical challenges does it pose? These questions will be discussed at the theme day "Teaching with Bit's - AI technologies in the context of school and teaching" organised by the Professional School of Education (PSE). The AI projects AI-Skills, Impact and KI-Campus will also be represented. Teachers, teacher training students, teachers and other interested parties from the education sector are invited to attend. The theme day will take place on 15 November from 10:00 am to 18:00 pm in the Centre for Technology-Enhanced Learning, Room 0223, at PSE, Hausvogteiplatz 5-7, 10117 Berlin.

[Registration and further information on the AI theme day](#)

Sustainable teaching and Circle U. Climate Day: submit proposals by 22 November

In 2025, the focus will be on sustainability: the "Sustainable Teaching" theme week from 3 to 5 June will focus on teaching and learning projects that deal with sustainability. The week will open with the Teaching Day on 3 June, when the prize for good teaching will also be awarded. On 5 June, the Circle U. Climate Day will take place simultaneously at all partner universities. Numerous events and initiatives aim to raise awareness of sustainable teaching and promote dialogue. Humboldtians of all status groups are invited to submit proposals for Climate Day events by 22 November.

[Submit event proposals for Climate Day](#)

Event: Dealing with sexual violence in educational science

On 12 November, Prof. Dr. Elke Kleinau (University of Cologne) will give a lecture on "Responsibility and entanglement - perspectives and limits of dealing with sexual/sexualised violence in the German Society for Educational Sciences". This will be followed by a discussion with the Federal Government Commissioner for Abuse, Kerstin Claus. The event will take place from 18:00 to 20:00 pm in the auditorium of the Grimm Centre, Geschwister-Scholl-Str. 3.

Participatory research: workshops with experts from Oxford on 20 November

How can we master the major social challenges of our time? Participatory research brings science and society together and could be the answer. The event "Researching with Society: International Perspectives" invites researchers, members of BUA institutions and interested science-related organisations to exchange ideas with experts from the University of Oxford on 20 November. In two workshops, participants will develop strategies for the successful implementation and impact of participatory projects. The event will take place from 13:00 to 17:30 p.m. in the Animal Anatomy Theatre on the North Campus.

[Find out more about the event and register](#)

Student of the year wanted: Nominate by 31 December

There are many students who are involved in government and society, politics and clubs beyond their studies, but above all in voluntary and altruistic work, often in areas related to their studies. The German University Association and the German Student Union award the Student of the Year prize to such students. It is endowed with 5,000 euros. Candidates can be nominated for the award until 31 December.

[Go to the call for entries](#)

Humboldt-Universität after 1990: Lively panel discussion in the Humboldt Lab

What was everyday life like at HU 35 years ago, when people in the GDR took to the streets to demonstrate for freedom, justice, a constitutional state and other universal values? Did the "wind of change" take hold of the university and in which direction did it develop after the fall of the Berlin Wall on 9 November 1989? HU historian Gabriele Metzler spoke about these topics with contemporary witnesses and the audience on 16 October in the Humboldt Labor.

[Read the post-event report](#)

Knowledge Hub: Artificial Intelligence: Circle U. Academic Chair wanted

As a member of the European university alliance Circle U., Humboldt-Universität has advertised the position of an Academic Chair for the new Knowledge Hub "Artificial Intelligence". Circle U. Academic Chairs dedicate 20 per cent of their working time to activities in the Knowledge Hub. This includes initiating new teaching and research initiatives and promoting collaboration with partner universities. Candidates should have a strong, preferably interdisciplinary research profile with expertise in artificial intelligence. Innovative ideas for combining teaching and research with the potential to have a positive impact on social transformation processes are also key. The application deadline is 15 November.

[Find out more and apply.](#)

Administration & Service

Committee elections in January 2025: submit nominations by 27 November

The committee elections in the winter semester 2024/25 will take place on 14 January at HU. The Central Election Board has announced elections to the Academic Senate/Council, the Faculty Councils of the Faculties of Law, Cultural Studies, Social Sciences and Education, Life Sciences, Mathematics and Natural Sciences and Theology, among others. The councils of the Central Institutes for Islamic and Catholic Theology will also be elected. Nominations can be submitted until 15:00 pm on 27 November.

[Further information on the elections](#)

"Lichterzauber": Submit your own ideas by 8 November

The "Lichterzauber" event - a winter afternoon and evening with music ensembles from Humboldt-Universität - will take place on 11 December in the Senate Hall in the main building. This year, all employees are invited to work together with the event management team to create a varied and entertaining programme. Suggestions for activities, games or themes are welcome and can be sent by email to veranstaltungen@hu-berlin.de by 8 November. One highlight could be a communal buffet where participants bring a snack or drink to share. Feedback on this idea by e-mail is also welcome.

Invitation: Autumn editorial conference of the communications department on 13 November

All colleagues at institutes, faculties and in projects with an interest in public relations are invited to the autumn editorial conference of the Communication, Marketing and Event Management department. The exchange will focus on the "New HU Website" project. In addition, information will be provided on upcoming dates and current developments. There will also be space to discuss further improvements to internal collaboration. The event will take place on 13 November from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Senatssaal, Unter den Linden 6, 10999 Berlin. Please register by 6 November and let us know your preferred topics: office_pr@hu-berlin.de

Image gallery: Humboldt-Universität in bright colours at the 20th Festival of Lights

Under the motto "Celebrating Freedom", light displays were shown at around 50 Berlin landmarks, buildings and squares in October. One of the eye-catchers was the HU main building, whose façade was wrapped in colourful works of art. The "Kommode" on Bebelplatz stood out with an impressive architectural display.

[View image gallery.](#)

Health precautions: flu vaccination on 1 and 13 November

HU employees and students can once again get vaccinated against seasonal influenza this winter at the university's medical centre. For people over 60 years of age, the retroviral high-dose vaccine recommended for this age group cannot be covered by HU. You are advised to contact your family doctor. Signed consent forms must be brought to the appointments. Prior registration is not necessary. Vaccination appointments will take place on 1 and 13 November from 9:00 am to 14:00 pm on the Adlershof campus (Institute of Chemistry, room 0233).

[Find out about flu vaccination and download documents](#)

CMS: New AI language model ready for use

The Computer and Media Service is making a new language model available on the KI@HU platform: HU-LLM3-Text - Cobex Command-R. The service is aimed equally at HU staff, lecturers and students. It is characterised by fast processing of instructions and can also efficiently process extensive and consecutive information. LLM3 is designed for multilingual text generation and is particularly powerful in supporting software development. As with HU's previous AI services, access remains data protection compliant. Entries are not saved and personal data remains in the HU systems. The service can be used in the HU network or via VPN.

[Find out more about the AI language model](#)

New: General security instruction for students

From the winter semester 2024/25, all enrolled students at Humboldt-Universität will have access to general safety instructions in the AGNES portal. It contains information on accident insurance, reporting accidents, behaviour in the event of fire and alarm as well as behaviour in the event of accidents. It is displayed to students when they enrol and when they re-register for each semester.

[Learn more about safety instructions](#)

Don't forget: Digital retrieval of salary documents in Employee Self Service

Since January 2023, employees of Humboldt-Universität have been able to retrieve salary statements, social security registration certificates and income tax statements for previous calendar years (from 2023) via the Employee Self Service (ESS). It is not possible to retrieve documents in the ESS for the period before 1 January 2023. In this context, the Salaries Office would like to point out that access to ESS ends with the employment relationship. Employees must retrieve their documents promptly and regularly.

[Read more about the ESS](#)

Berlin University Alliance

BUA Open Space #3: Trust in science on 1 November

The BUA alliance will kick off Berlin Science Week on 1 November with a major topic. The third edition of the BUA Open Space salon series will focus on trust in science. What are the key factors? What role do the media play? What about scientific integrity? And which best practices and studies provide new insights? At the Berlin Science Week salon evening, Prof. Dr. Mazda Adli from Charité, Dr. Anne-Sophie Behn-Bahat from Wissenschaft im Dialog and Sascha Karberg from Tagesspiegel will report on their experiences and perspectives in the lecture theatre ruins at Charité's Berlin Museum of Medical History and enter into conversation with the audience. Admission is free of charge.

[Find out more about the event and register](#)

StuROPx: Call for Proposals for the summer semester 2025

The Berlin University Alliance is once again supporting research teams of early career researchers and students in the summer semester 2025 with the Student Research Opportunities Programme x (StuROPs). Doctoral students and postdocs who would like to work with students on a sub-question of their research and gain experience in research group leadership can apply. The projects are funded with a teaching assignment and material resources. The application deadline is 1 December. An online information event on the call will be held in English on 6 November at 13:00 pm.

[Find out more about the call and information event](#)

Personalia

Expertise: Susanne Schreiber reappointed to the Federal Government's Ethics Council

Susanne Schreiber, Professor of Theoretical Neurophysiology at the Institute of Biology at HU and Einstein Professor of Computational Neurophysiology, has been appointed to the Federal Government's Ethics Council for a second term of office. The neurobiologist has been a member of the German Ethics Council since 2020. The Council members, who fulfil their mandate on an honorary basis, represent various scientific, ethical and social disciplines and are intended to reflect the diversity of opinions in society.

[Find out more about the Ethics Council](#)

Beats and education: Lila Sovia new Humboldt spoken word poet

Spoken word artist Lavender Szymula aka Lila Sovia will enrich teaching and research at HU in the 2024/25 academic year with workshops and performances. The poet will offer student teachers the opportunity to experience language beyond its function of conveying information as an artistic medium and to expand their own language and reflection skills. Prof. Dr. Petra Anders from the Institute of Educational Sciences initiated the artist-in-residence programme. It is funded by the Berlin Senate Administration in order to improve the quality of teacher training and to raise the profile of the "Berlin macht Schule" education programme.

[Find out more about Lila Sovia and the programme](#)

Obituary: Emily Ewald passed away

Emily Ewald passed away unexpectedly and far too soon in September. The colleague had worked in the Budget and Personnel department since January 2022, initially in the Human Resources department and then in the Civil Servants personnel unit. She was a committed employee who, although she had not been a member of HU for long, was committed to HU employees, for example in the WVG Engeltgerechtigkeit, or through her candidacy for the office of decentralised Women's and Equal Opportunities Officer of the Central University Administration this year. Her sudden death has deeply affected all colleagues.

New publications of official bulletins

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