



"Zukunftswerkstatt Lehre 2025": On the way to a lively feedback culture

The New Year for teaching at HU begins with an exchange of ideas and a look into the future. Under the title "Change of perspective - workshop for a lively feedback culture", the future workshop for teaching will take place on 27 January. What does feedback that promotes learning look like in courses? What role do teaching evaluations play? How can participation be guaranteed? These and other questions will be discussed in four workshops on the topic of a lively feedback culture. "We are inviting all Humboldtians to discuss how studies and teaching can be systematically developed further. I look forward to seeing a large number of you and to exciting discussions," says Prof Dr Niels Pinkwart, Vice President for Teaching and Learning.

The "Zukunftswerkstatt Lehre" will take place on 27 January 27 from 13:00 to 17:00 in the Senate Hall.

[Read more about the event](#)

[Registration](#)

Out of line

Presidential Board decision: Withdrawal from social media platform X

The Executive Board of the University has decided to freeze the central HU channel on the social media platform X from 10 January. The decision to withdraw from X was triggered by the changes on the platform since the takeover by Elon Musk and his political role. By withdrawing from X, the HU is joining a joint initiative of more than 60 universities. The Presidential Board calls on all organizational units that operate an official HU account to freeze it as well.

[Read the message about the withdrawal from X](#)

Research & Teaching

Quantum Year 2025: Kick-off at HU with Nobel Prize winner Wolfgang Ketterle on 14 January

The International Year of Quantum Science and Technology will be launched in Germany with an event at Humboldt-Universität. Nobel Prize winner in physics Wolfgang Ketterle will give a lecture on the social value of quantum science. The German Physical Society is coordinating further activities for the quantum year. The opening event on 14 January from 15:30 to 18:00 in the HU's historic lecture theatre is already fully booked, but places that remain free at short notice will be allocated. There will also be a live broadcast on YouTube.

[Information on the event and link to the live stream](#)

AI image competition: Participate until 15 January

Attention AI-enthusiastic Humboldtians: An AI image competition is also taking place as part of this year's Future Workshop on Teaching. The theme of the competition is the feedback culture at HU, which is practised in learning processes, courses, teaching evaluation or as a creative participation process. The pictures will be exhibited at the event on 27 January and the most popular will be awarded a prize. All HU members can take part until 15 January.

[Find out more about the picture competition](#)

Panel discussion: "2025 Legacies of Women Forum"

The "2025 Legacies of Women Forum" brings together female leaders from different parts of the world on 28 January at the HU. Prof Dr Julia von Blumenthal, President of Humboldt University, Irene Natividad, President of the Global Summit of Women, Angie Gifford, Vice President and Head of Meta EMEA, Christin Schack, CEO 3M Central Europe Region and Julia S. Schlenz, CEO Dow Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy will discuss strategies to promote the economic participation of women. The event is the prelude to the Global Summit of Women, which will take place in Berlin in July. The forum will take place on 28 January from 17 to 18:30 in the HU Senate Hall in English.

[Read more about the panel discussion](#)

International cooperation: Research Forum China 2025

"Risk management in international collaborations: Opportunity or hurdle for cooperation with China?" is the topic of the forum on 29 January, hosted by the China Competence Training Center. The advantages and disadvantages of processes to increase research security in international cooperation will be discussed. The event will take place on 29 January from 9:30 am to 13:00 at the Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm Centre.

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

KOSMOS lecture: Challenges of the energy transition

As part of the KOSMOS series, Oxana Timofeeva from the Institute of Global Reconstitution (IGRec, Berlin) will be speaking on 30 January on the topic of "Energy and energy production - a philosophical approach". She will also address conflicts between economics and ecology and pose the question of the extent to which sustainability endeavours can come up against limits. The reading will take place on 30 January from 16:00 to 19:30 in the Senate Hall of the HU. The lecture language is English.

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

25th Long Night of the Sciences: Register project contributions

The Long Night of the Sciences celebrates its 25th anniversary on 28 June 2025! Researchers from all HU institutions and locations are cordially invited to register their projects with the event team by 12 February. The Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften e.V. in Berlin is a joint project of the scientific institutions and attracted around 30,000 visitors in 2024, almost 7,000 of whom attended programmes at Humboldt-Universität.

[Register projects for the Long Night of the Sciences: lange.nacht@hu-berlin.de](#)

Call for applications: Caroline von Humboldt Professorship 2026

The Caroline von Humboldt Professorship to support outstanding female professors at HU will be awarded again in autumn 2025. It is aimed at excellent, tenured female professors from all disciplines at HU who are characterised by their international reputation, the relevance of their research results beyond their own discipline and their outstanding publication activity. The professorship is associated with one-year financial support totalling 80,000 euros. The deadline for nominations is 27 April.

[Find out more about the call for applications and nominations](#)

Circle U. COIL: Collaborations in Europe-wide online teaching

COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) is a modern teaching method in the form of co-teaching within the Circle U. alliance. Teachers can offer a joint course with colleagues from the alliance. This gives students the opportunity to work together with fellow students from international partner universities. Funding of 5,000 euros is available per course. Interested lecturers can still apply until 28 February.

[Read more about the call for applications](#)

[Apply for funding](#)

UK-related research and teaching: Workshop paves the way for new collaborations

In autumn, the President, the Vice President for Research and the UK Centre hosted the workshop "UK-Related Research and Teaching at Humboldt-Universität". This was not only a review of existing UK-related research at the HU, but also marked the start of even closer interdisciplinary networking in the field and the joint discussion of new ideas for cooperation.

[Read the event report](#)

Micrinterventions: Knowledge also helps against antisemitism

There are various approaches at HU to effectively combat antisemitism and improve the discourse situation. Prof Dr Liliana Ruth Feierstein, the HU's antisemitism officer, offers, among other things, professional integration of the topic into courses in the form of micro-interventions. The idea behind this is to go directly to the institutes and incorporate background knowledge into one or two regular courses. This is done in close cooperation with the experts from the departments. The content of the micro-interventions can range from the background to the Middle East conflict and the history of Judaism to the influence of Jewish science on the genesis of various scientific disciplines, for example, and are designed on an individual basis. If you are interested, please contact the antisemitism officer: antisemitismusbeauftragte@hu-berlin.de

Administration & Service

Don't forget: Vote in committee elections today

Today, 14 January, the HU is holding committee elections. Among other things, the members of the Academic Senate/Council, faculty councils and councils of the central theological institutes will be elected. Anyone who has not already voted by postal ballot can cast their vote(s) in today's ballot box election.

[View an overview of the locations and opening hours of the polling stations](#)

New AI tool: Analysing images

The Computer and Media Service (CMS) is providing a new AI tool that enables images to be analysed and information to be extracted from them. After logging in with an HU account, the image can either be uploaded directly or integrated via a link. A specific prompt is then formulated and the visual information is analysed and processed. The use of the AI tool is data protection compliant and takes place on the servers of the HU Berlin without passing on personal or personal data.

[Link to the tool](#)

Professional development: Register for courses now

Using the New Year to develop your own skills? From an SAP driving licence to practical rhetoric days or courses on dealing critically with discrimination - the current programme of continuing professional development offers a wide range of formats for personal and professional development. The courses are open to all HU employees and can be attended free of charge.

[Find out more about the course programme and registration](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Doctorate: Career Day 2025 on 28 January

Doctoral candidates from all disciplines are invited to the Berlin University Alliance's Career Day. 25 doctoral graduates will report on their career paths in the fields of consulting, start-ups, patent law, political institutions, science management and science. There will also be presentations on the German labour market and steps from research to industry, personal CV checks and career advice as well as plenty of opportunities for networking. The career day will take place on 28 January from 9:00 to 17:00 at the Humboldt Graduate School.

[Read more information and register](#)

Travelling exhibition: Excellence at a glance

From 30 January, the Berlin University Alliance's touring exhibition will be on display in the HU foyer. It highlights the joint successes, goals and future vision of the only excellence alliance in Germany that is funded as part of the Excellence Strategy competition. The exhibition will be on display at Humboldt-Universität until 27 February before travelling to other locations of the Alliance partners.

BUA Insight: Equal rights, participation, equal opportunities

Excellent research needs diverse perspectives. For the Berlin University Alliance, a junior research group at HU is investigating how diversity can be strengthened in the Berlin research area. An interview with Prof Dr Gertraud (TUM) Stadler, Professor of Gender-Sensitive Prevention Research at Charité - Universitätsmedizin.

[Read interview with Prof Dr Gertraud \(TUM\) Stadler](#)

Personalia

CSMB: New managing directors Dr Annika Scior and Nora Butter

Dr Annika Scior and Nora Butter have been Managing Directors of the Center for the Science of Materials (CSMB) since 1 January. As Scientific Managing Director, Annika Scior will be responsible for the coordination of third-party funding applications, the development of the "Science of Materials" Master's degree programme and the presentation of the CSMB to the public. As Administrative Managing Director, Nora Butter will be primarily responsible for infrastructure, budget, personnel and internal university communication, including committee work.

University Sports: Jens Tiedjen is the new director

Jens Tiedjen took over as Director of the Central University Sports Centre (ZEH) in December 2024. The previous director, Martina Rost, retired after 17 years in which she played a key role in shaping ZEH. The change at the top marks the beginning of a new phase for university sports at HU. As the previous deputy director of ZEH, Jens Tiedjen brings with him extensive experience in the organisation and further development of university sports.

[Read the news](#)

Obituary: Mourning for Anette Renner

Anette Renner was associated with Humboldt-Universität for over 40 years. After studying to become a teacher at HU, she worked as an assistant in the English/American Studies department from 1974 to 1976. After working at a specialised school, she returned to the HU in 1986 as a university teacher of English Studies. At the beginning of the 1990s, she moved to the Examination Office for Computer Science. In 2001, she joined the Examinations Office of the then Faculty of Arts and Humanities III, where she supervised the Cultural Studies and Arts programmes until her retirement in 2012. Anette Renner passed away on 2 November 2024 at the age of 72.

[Read obituary](#)

In memory of: Prof Dr habil. Peter Hupfer passed away

Peter Hupfer's scientific career began in 1957 at the Institute of Geophysics at Leipzig University. In 1979, he joined the Meteorological Institute of the HU as a professor. Following the closure of the institute, he moved to the Department of Physics, where he worked until his retirement in 1988. Climate change and its effects were a topic that Peter Hupfer dealt with early on and especially towards the end of his life. He was a member of the Climate Council of the Federal Republic of Germany and was involved in numerous expert committees and founding commissions of various institutes. Prof Dr Peter Hupfer passed away on 12 December 2024 at the age of 91.

[Read obituary](#)

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