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## **Diversity: Driving cultural change forward**

Humboldt-Universität sees itself as a place of diversity: students and employees of different lifestyles, abilities, religions and cultures meet here every day. However, even at the university, people are devalued or upgraded on the basis of certain characteristics and thus experience social discrimination or privileges. Structural racism and inequality do not stop at a university. The central women's representative, Dr. Ursula Fuhrich-Grubert, is committed to a cultural change in the sense of diversity and anti-discrimination. In this interview, she talks about the role of the Diversity Working Group and why a diversity concept is important to her.

[Read interview with Ursula Fuhrich-Grubert](#)

Information and offers around the topic of diversity can be found on a central page in Humboldt Intern, the HU intranet.

[Visit page on diversity](#)

## Research & Teaching

### **Study and teaching: further opening steps as of June 18**

In view of the falling infection figures, the Berlin Senate today decided on further opening steps for Berlin's universities. From Friday, June 18, 2021, universities will be able to expand the attendance portions of study and teaching, subject to hygiene concepts and the use of their testing strategies.

[Read press release of the Senate Chancellery for Science & Research](#)

### **Promoting young scientists: 26 tenure-track professorships filled on time**

In 2017, HU was awarded a contract in the federal-state program for the promotion of young researchers: in July 2021, all 26 funded tenure-track professorships with a funding volume of 24.5 million euros have been filled successfully and on time. After successful evaluation, the young researchers will receive a tenured professorship. HU has achieved a tenure-track quota of 30 percent for new appointments up to and including 2020.

[Learn more about tenure track at HU](#)

### **Call: Apply for Open Humboldt project workshops**

Open Humboldt aims to rethink the exchange between society and research and to promote innovative research partnerships. Now the search for new projects and ideas for knowledge exchange with society is on. Interested parties can flesh out their project ideas in individually tailored workshops starting in September and network with each other. Projects in all stages of development and from all scientific status groups are welcome - simply apply by sending an informal e-mail to Laura Wollenweber by July 2.

E-mail: [laura.wollenweber@hu-berlin.de](mailto:laura.wollenweber@hu-berlin.de)

[Get to know Open Humboldt](#)

### **Apply: Scholarships for the transition from studies to doctorate**

Humboldt-Universität is once again awarding Humboldt Research Track Scholarships as part of its Excellence Strategy. The six-month transitional fellowship is aimed at outstanding graduates or students about to complete a master's degree and serves to prepare them for a doctorate. It includes a monthly grant of 800 euros. The application deadline is July 22 for funding to begin on October 1.

[Information on the transitional scholarships can be found](#)

## **Look up: HU theology talks from March and May available for viewing on YouTube**

So far, two theology talks with Islamic, Protestant, and Catholic theologians from HU have taken place in the series Faith & Knowledge. The topics were: "Society in upheaval - what does solidarity mean in the crisis?" and "Loneliness in Corona times - what gives confidence?". If you missed the discussions or would like to review them, you can now find the summaries on YouTube.

[Read more about Theology Talks](#)

[Read interview with Georg Essen on the current crisis in the Catholic Church](#)

## **Lecture: Talking monkeys and buzzing wind-up birds in Murakami's works**

"Talking Monkeys and Buzzing Wind-Up Birds. On the Translation of Language Images in Texts by Haruki Murakami" is the title of Ursula Gräfe's lecture. After a short reading from Murakami's latest volume of stories "First Person Singular", the translator will use examples to illustrate associative properties of Japanese language images and discuss them with the participants.

The lecture will take place on June 17, 6 to 8 p.m., via Zoom.

[Read more about the event, go to the link](#)

## **Administration & Service**

### **Pandemic: Vaccination offer for all employees and students**

Employees and, as of today, students of the HU can make an appointment at the Charité Occupational Medicine Center at the Virchow-Klinikum campus to be vaccina-

ted. A fixed quota of vaccine is available per day, which will be vaccinated by appointment. It is also possible to register on a waiting list. The prerequisite for this is that you can appear at the vaccination center within 60 minutes of being notified that an appointment has become available.

[For more information, get to appointment booking](#)

## **Professional Development: Your wishes for the 2022 course program are requested**

HU's Continuing Professional Education is planning the 2022 course program. For the coming year, they would also like to create an offer based on the needs of the employees. All interested parties are invited to submit their suggestions.

[Writing wishes for the course program](#)

## **Short report: "Freitag nach Eins..." with Rieke Bruns and Jens Tiedjen**

"Friday after One..." is visiting the North Campus this time. Rieke Bruns and Jens Tiedjen, employees of the University Sports Department, are currently coordinating fewer sports courses, but rather vaccination appointments, which are assigned by the Charité's Occupational Medicine Center. They explain why they are happy about this in the video.

[Watch the video](#)

## **Portrait: "Auf einen (digitalen) Kaffee mit..." Kristina Kütt**

Kristina Kütt is an advisor to the central women's representative, focusing on the topic of diversity. The question of how to overcome racism, discrimination and devaluation has interested her not only since she joined the team of women's representatives in February 2020, but has also occupied her during her studies and doctorate.

[Read portrait of Kristina Kütt](#)

## **Inner courtyard of the main building: controlled entry for drivers**

The security guards are again controlling the entrance to the inner courtyard of the main building. Since vehicles have repeatedly parked in the bypass loop (fire department access road) or even blocked the entrance to the inner courtyard at Dorotheen-

straße 19, only vehicles for short-term loading and unloading (mail carriers, suppliers, utilities and others), service vehicles, registered vehicles or vehicles with a valid parking permit will be admitted.

## **Loss: Purple chestnut in the courtyard of honor broken**

The main building's courtyard of honor is still closed to the public due to the pandemic, but when the gates open again, many will miss the large purple chestnut tree to the left of the main entrance. The tree's crown collapsed in the early morning hours of June 8: presumably under its own weight and due to lack of water. The loss of the tree does not only move HU President Sabine Kunst, who comments in the video.

[View video on intranet](#)

## **Take part and win: Predictor game for the 2020 European Football Championship**

The 2020 European Football Championship has been underway for a few days now, and HU employees have the opportunity to participate in a betting game and win prizes. Even latecomers still have a chance to make it into the top 10 with just a few correct picks.

[Participate in the betting game](#)

## **Committees & Representations**

### **Result: Election of the body for the election of women's representatives**

On June 8, the body for the election of full-time women's representatives and their deputies was elected. The results of the election have been announced.

[View election result](#)

## **humboldt gemeinsam**

### **Announcement: Information events for accounting in SAP**

The program team humboldt gemeinsam is offering a series of informational events on SAP in the context of accounting in the coming weeks, starting June 16. Interested colleagues, especially of course the budget officers\*, are cordially invited to attend. Registration is not required.

[Lear more about information events](#)

## **Offer: digital consultation hour for questions about SAP**

Every Monday from 1 to 2 p.m., the "humboldt gemeinsam" program team invites you to digital consultation hours on the topic of SAP. Christine Krug, Accounting Project Manager, and Christin Vater, Procurement Project Manager, are available to answer employees' questions and provide information on current topics. The event will take place via Zoom.

[Zoom link to the event](#)

## **Berlin University Alliance**

### **Announcement: Career Development Awards for Postdocs**

With the "Career Development Awards", BUA for the first time invites applications for research semesters for postdocs. We are looking for outstanding postdocs who would like to work intensively and in a focused manner on a research project for one semester and take a leave of absence for this purpose. The application deadline for the winter semester 2021/22 is July 8.

[Learn more about awards](#)

### **Startups: funding of almost 7 million euros in the field of artificial intelligence**

Science & Startups, the network of startup services of the BUA partners, will receive 6.85 million euros from the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology to support spinoffs in the field of artificial intelligence (AI). The focus of the nationwide model project will be an AI-focused expansion of the entire innovation chain, from identifying startup potential in research, to targeted acceleration of the feasibility phase, to an accelerator program at the new Artificial Intelligence (AI) Campus Berlin.

[Learn more about the funding](#)

## **Funding: Open Science methods for more research quality**

What makes for good research? How can the quality of research and its results be assessed and sustainably ensured? These are the questions addressed by five projects funded under BUA's "Research Quality and Open Science" call for proposals. The scientists from various disciplines are developing measures that are dedicated to ensuring research quality and opening up science. The projects will be funded with approximately 1.2 million euros for two years.

[Learn more about the projects](#)

## **Discussion: Digital exams - between equal opportunities and data protection**

In order to understand the different legal perspectives of digital examinations, to identify overlaps, needs and problems as well as to point out possible courses of action, the E-Assessment Alliance invites to a digital discussion under the title "Spannungsfeld digitale Distanzprüfungen - zwischen Chancengleichheit und Datenschutz". Three experts from the fields of data protection, examination law and university examination boards will provide insights into topics such as equal opportunities and digital supervision on June 24, 2 - 4 p.m.

[Read more about the event](#)

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## **Personalia**

### **Awarded: Good Teaching Award (Preis für gute Lehre) for Maria Große**

Dr. Maria Große has been a lecturer for special tasks at the Professional School of Education in the field of language education and German as a bilingual since 2017 - she teaches student teachers. In June, she was awarded Humboldt-Universität Good Teaching Award 2020 for her innovative approaches to digital teaching. It is endowed with 10,000 euros.

[Read more about Maria Große](#)

## Successful: Historian Member of the Junge Akademie

Dr. Christopher Degelmann, research associate at the Institute of Historical Studies / Ancient History, has been accepted into the Junge Akademie. For him, this marks the beginning of a five-year membership, during which he can work and research in interdisciplinary projects together with the other 50 members. His research focuses on: the political culture of classical Athens, the Roman Republic and the early imperial period, historical rumor research, and the history of the body and gender.

## Honored: Joachim Sauer Member of the Academy of Sciences in Turin

Joachim Sauer has been elected a member of the venerable Accademia delle Scienze di Torino, of which the mathematician Lagrange was a co-founder. The quantum chemist was Professor of Physical and Theoretical Chemistry at HU from 1993 to 2017 and has continued his research as a senior researcher at the Institute of Chemistry since his retirement. He has received numerous awards for his work, including an honorary doctorate from University College London.

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