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Open at last: Humboldt Lab presents exhibition "After Nature"

After months of waiting and pandemic-related postponements, the time has finally come: the Humboldt Forum opens its doors and with it the Humboldt Lab. With the inaugural exhibition "After Nature", the university is addressing the great challenges of the present at this prominent location: the interactions between climate change and biodiversity loss as well as the global crises of democratic principles of order. Many Humboldtians have been involved in the project for years, both in terms of content and organization: In addition to the curatorial team, there are researchers with their national and international partner organizations, students with research projects and initiatives, and partners from the Berlin University Alliance. The results of their work can be viewed from July 20.

Time slots can be booked through the Humboldt Forum starting July 13. Admission is free.

[Read more about Program & Opening of the Humboldt Lab](#)

Out of series

Save the date: Open Humboldt Festival from August 10 to 28 on Campus North

August will be a busy time on the North Campus: everyone is invited to the Open Humboldt Festival, which combines science with art. The program includes cosmos readings on sustainable fisheries and modern slavery, performances and workshops by the Theater of the Anthropocene, performances and discussion on the connection between tango and migration, concerts around Hermann von Helmholtz's acoustic experiments, explorations of Rudolf Virchow's ideas of social hygiene, and much more. All Humboldtians will also have the opportunity to meet in the "After-Work-Area" for an evening drink and exchange of ideas. Over the course of four days, employees can look forward to an extra program with sports courses, theater workshops and much more.

The festival is also a tribute to Hermann von Helmholtz and Rudolf Virchow, two scientists whose social commitment is closely linked to Berlin University. Helmholtz's birthday is the 200th anniversary on August 31, Virchow's on October 13.

[Learn details about the Open Humboldt Festival](#)

Research & Teaching

Plan for teaching in the winter semester: more presence and personal exchange

What will be possible in teaching in the winter semester? Eva Inés Obergfell, Vice President for Teaching and study, presents the HU concept for the winter semester in an interview. It provides for different scenarios, depending on the pandemic situation. The focus is on enabling different attendance offerings, especially under the keyword blended learning.

[Access the interview with the Vice President](#)

ProFIL kick-off event: discussion on impact of pandemic on science careers

The impact of the Corona pandemic on science careers in Germany, especially for scientists in temporary positions and tenure-track professorships, will be the focus of the kick-off event of the 15th ProFIL round on July 8, starting at 5 pm.

The event, which will also be attended by HU President Sabine Kunst, will discuss which measures are sensible and purposeful in order to counteract these new inequalities and ensure fair career opportunities. ProFIL stands for Professionalization for Women in "Research and Teaching: Mentoring - Training - Networking" and is a cross-university program of FU, HU and TU. The event will take place online via Zoom in German with simultaneous English translation.

[View registration and information](#)

Video: "Freitag nach eins..." with Jule Specht

The current video is about #IbinHanna. Jule Specht, professor at the Institute of Psychology, explains the ongoing heated discussion about careers and employment relationships of scientists after the PhD and reports how her situation is at HU.

[Watch video](#)

Lunchtime Talk: Maria Große presents innovative teaching formats

Dr. Maria Große, winner of the Good Teaching Award 2020 (Preis für gute Lehre), will be a guest at the Lunch Talk hosted by the Vice President for Teaching and Student Affairs. On July 7 from 1 to 2 p.m., she will present her innovative teaching formats under the title "On the Way to Blended Learning - Initial Models and Perspectives" and discuss examples of good teaching, also with a view to the winter semester.

To enable participants to experience directly how different teaching-learning forms can be innovatively combined, the Lunch Talk will guide them through a specially designed Moodle course. It is recommended to register for the course in advance:

[Link to Moodle Course](#)

(registration key: LT_BL)

[Zoom link to the event](#)

Meeting ID: 623 5842 1836

Password: 583278

Portrait: "Auf einen (digitalen) Kaffee mit ..." Maria Große

Dr. Maria Große, who received the Good Teaching Award 2020, reveals in the portrait what shaped her own school and university years, why she was well prepared for the digital semesters in the pandemic, and why, in order to relax, she hangs her head - literally.

[Link to the portrait](#)

Podcast: "Hermann von Helmholtz was a pop star"

Formulating scientific questions and thoughts in a way that everyone really understands is a science in itself - and Hermann von Helmholtz was one of the best in the field, says Daniel Tyradellis, visiting professor at the Humboldt Forum Foundation and curator at the HU's Helmholtz Centre for Cultural Technology. Together with Felix Sattler, curator of the Animal Anatomical Theater, he talks about one of the most enigmatic scientists of the 19th century in the HU podcast "Humboldt hören," whose 200th birthday HU is celebrating this summer as part of the Open Humboldt Festival from August 10 to 28.

[Listen to "Humboldt" via Apple and Spotify](#)

Digitale KOSMOS Lesung: "Alpine Regions by the Sea"

As part of the digitale KOSMOS Lesung, Henrik Steffens Professor Marie-Theres Federhofer will give a lecture on July 1 at 7 p.m. on "Alpengegenden am Meere. Leopold von Buch's Journey to the Far North (1806 - 1808)". Musicians from the Humboldt Universität will present a Nordic music program in keeping with the theme.

[Learn more about the event.](#)

KOSMOS On Air: A look at South America's land use

In the third episode of KOSMOS On Air, the journey takes us to South America. The guest is Dr. María Piquer-Rodríguez (FU/HU), who researches the transformation of ecoregions in South America that produce raw materials for export to Europe. In the podcast, she talks with Dr. Theresa Frommen (IRI THESys) about why originally identical natural areas have developed in different directions, and what motivates farmers to change land use in these ecoregions, sometimes radically.

[Listen to KOSMOS On Air via Apple and Spotify](#)

Call: Apply for Open Humboldt project workshops

Open Humboldt aims to reimagine the exchange between society and research and foster innovative research partnerships. The search is now on for new projects and ideas to share knowledge with society. 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

[Learn more about Open Humboldt](#)

Apply: Scholarships for the transition from studies to doctorate

Humboldt-Universität is once again awarding Humboldt Research Track Scholarships as part of the 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. The application deadline is July 22.

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

Administration & Service

Humboldt's Middy Music: Concert Open Air

An event from last year is coming back to life: On July 1 at 12:30 p.m., the next Humboldt's Middy Music (Humboldt MittagsMusik) will take place - a musical lunch offering for employees. The musicians of the HU invite you to a concert on the Hegelplatz under the open sky. Listeners can expect samples from the repertoire of Johannes Brahms and Ludwig van Beethoven. The event will be broadcast live via Instagram.

[Link to Instagram page](#)

Don't forget: Enter the betting game for the 2020 European Football Championship

The final matches of UEFA Euro 2020 are underway: Don't forget to submit your final picks to move up into the top 10 and win prizes.

[Take part in the European Championship betting game](#)

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SAP Ariba: All dates for the planned rollouts at a glance

The SAP implementation is in full swing. The updated roadmap in the SAP Help & Documentation workspace provides information on when the individual change steps are due.

[View Roadmap](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Shared Core Values: Magna Charta Universitatum 2020 Signed

BUA sets an example for freedom of research and teaching as well as for institutional independence: In a public online event, Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, and Technische Universität Berlin signed the Magna Charta Universitatum 2020 (MCU 2020). Established in 1988, the MCU is a commitment to university autonomy, unity of research and teaching, academic and teaching freedom, and open knowledge exchange.

[Read more about the signing of the Magna Charta](#)

Collaborative project: The future of health care in large cities

Surveying the medical and social needs of older people in large cities is the focus of the international research project "Integrated Care for Older Adults Living in Urban Areas - Assessing Health and Social Care Needs," which is funded by BUA's Berlin/Singapore partnership and began work in June. The data obtained can form the basis for new care concepts in which different health sectors work together to ensure citizen-centered care for older people.

[Learn more about the project](#)

Personalia

Award: Federal Cross of Merit for HU alumnus

Dr. Tsegaye Degineh Gugssa has been awarded the Federal Cross of Merit on Ribbon of the Federal Republic of Germany for his successful, long-standing humanitarian commitment. With many years of personal and voluntary commitment in and for sports - especially in the field of judo and ju-jitsu - he has worked as a trainer primarily to meet the needs of children, young people and adults in his country of origin, Ethiopia, as well as in Germany. Gugssa studied and earned his doctorate at the Faculty of Economics at Humboldt University, where he was also a research assistant. Today, he works for Daimler AG as a diversity officer and is responsible for communicating human resources issues.

Honor: Two biologists are admitted to the Academy of Sciences and Humanities

The Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities recently admitted fourteen scientists to the Academy as full members. Among them are two professors from HU's Institute of Biology: Michael Brecht, Professor of Animal Physiology/Systems Neurobiology and Neural Computation, and Holger Dobbek, Professor of Structural Biology/Biochemistry.

HUMB official bulletins

Newly published:

- Renaming of the master's program Psychologie to Psychology
- Subject-specific study and examination regulations for the Master's program in Psychology
- First amendment of the subject-specific study and examination regulations for the Master's program British Studies

The archive of the official bulletins can be found [here](#).

