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# GLAUBEN & WISSEN.

Theologiegespräche an der HU

## **Theology in conversation: What contribution do religions make to a more sustainable world?**

Climate change and its ecological and social consequences, the exploitation of natural resources and the loss of biodiversity - humanity is responsible for all of these. What is the significance of religions in this context? Is the biblical mandate to rule really to be understood in terms of human exploitation of creation? What role does the Koran assign to human beings as "khalifa"? When is it about the preservation of creation? And how can environmental ethics be justified theologically? Scholars from the HU theologies will discuss these questions in the series "Faith & Knowledge" at a panel discussion at the Open Humboldt Festival on Campus North.

Date: Tuesday, 17 August 2021, 6 to 7.30 p.m.

Location: Campus North, Philippstr. 13

[Learn more about third theology talk](#)

## Research & Teaching

### **Kosmos-Lesung: "Expedition Large Hadron Collider - Journey into the Unknown"**

Cigdem Issever, professor at HU and senior scientist at DESY in Zeuthen, conducts research in the ATLAS experiment at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC). In the ring-shaped particle accelerator at CERN, the world's largest research centre for particle physics, protons collide at very high energy. Researchers from all over the world want to achieve states like those immediately after the Big Bang in order to measure and analyse these particle collisions. In 2012, researchers from the ATLAS and CMS experiments independently detected the elementary particle Higgs boson. In an interview, the particle physicist explains why the discovery was important, what she is currently researching and why research at the LHC is relevant to society as a whole. The event will be moderated by the climate geographer Christoph Schneider.

Date: 19 August, 6 to 7.30 p.m., Open Air, Open Humboldt Festival

Location: Campus North, Philippstr. 13

[Read interview with Cigdem Issever](#)

[Read more about the Open Humboldt Festival](#)

### **Black voices: How do we create a sustainable understanding of identity?**

At the Open Humboldt Festival, sociologist Katharina Warda and political scientist and author Emilia Roig discuss equality and privilege, insights from diversity and intersectionality research and current continuities of marginalisation and racism. The focus is on the question: How do we create a critical but also a solidary understanding of identities in a plural society?

Date: 16 August, 4 to 6 p.m., Open Air, Open Humboldt Festival

Location: Campus North, Philippstr. 13

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

## **Winter Semester 2021/2022: Greatest possible presence in teaching and learning planned**

Preparations for the winter semester are in full swing at Berlin's universities. Teaching and studying are again to take place predominantly in presence. Infection protection is to be ensured with established hygiene measures and tests, the highest possible vaccination rate and appropriate contact tracking. The Senate Chancellery for Science and Research and the Berlin universities have agreed that those who have been vaccinated, have recovered or have been tested can use the on-site services.

[View principles for the operation of Berlin universities in the winter semester 2021/2022](#)

## **Administration & Service**

### **New Vice-President for Research: "I am looking forward to the exchange"**

As planned, Christoph Schneider took office as Vice President for Research on 2 August: "At the moment, we are getting to know each other as a team and 'grooving' with each other in the various work processes. I'm also looking forward to the informative meetings with the heads of the various departments that are coming up now," says the new Vice President in an interview. The current agenda also includes the preparation of the second round of calls for proposals for the clusters of excellence within the framework of the Excellence Strategy and the question of how the great potential of the Berlin University Alliance can be leveraged and further developed thematically and structurally.

[Read the interview with Schneider on hu-berlin.de](#)

### **After Work Area: Open Humboldt Festival for Employees**

Over the past year and a half, many people's everyday lives have been turned upside down. Blurring boundaries between work and private life, home office and childcare, too little exercise, the lack of social contact with colleagues and fellow students put a strain on many. With cool drinks, various health checks by Techniker Krankenkasse and AOK Nordost, Humboldtians can do something good for themselves and enjoy the Open Humboldt Festival, the summer and a bit of community with colleagues

and fellow students. The festival offers a varied afternoon program especially for university members on Tuesdays and Thursdays from August 16 to 29 on the North Campus.

[Find out details about the festival programme for staff](#)

## **Portrait: "For a (digital) coffee with..." Michael Borgolte**

00004 is Michael Borgolte's current personnel number. This means that the medieval historian was the fourth employee to be hired after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the transformation process at the HU, which was in 1991. That was in 1991. Another challenging phase in Borgolte's career began when he became the founding commissioner for the Berlin Institute for Islamic Theology in 2017. A task he successfully completed despite massive headwinds.

[Read portrait about Michael Borgolte](#)

## **City cycling: Move for the climate**

Anyone who wants to do something for the climate can do so from 2 to 22 September. The "Stadtradeln" campaign is about cycling as many kilometres as possible as a group or individual to reduce individual and municipal CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. In September 2020, HU employees took part for the first time and, with 56 active cyclists from all status groups, cycled 10,365 kilometres. The aim is to break the record.

[Register for Stadtradeln or reactivate your account](#)

## **humboldt gemeinsam**

The HU is expected to start central invoice receipt on 15 September 2021. This is a big step: it means that disbursement orders will be eliminated and everything will be done electronically. The individual departments and faculties will receive extensive information on the process flows in a timely manner. The processes can already be viewed in the intranet workspace "SAP: Help & Documentation".

[Learn more about central invoice receipt](#)

## **Presentation: Online tool makes writing EU research proposals easier**

BUA has made available a new online tool for writing EU proposals. It is called Impacter and has been specially developed to support academics in writing EU proposals. The tool will be presented together with a training offer on 17 August, 10 to 11 am.

[Learn more about the training and introductory event](#)

## **Workshop: Confident leadership and efficient decision-making in challenging situations**

The Charité flagship programme for BUA's Berlin Leadership Academy helps leaders improve the quality, speed and sustainability of their decisions. In two half-day and one full-day workshop in autumn, they will learn how to deal confidently with complex situations and uncertainty. Professors and executives in projects funded by the network can apply for the first round of the programme until 20 August.

[Learn more about the workshop and flagship programme](#)

## **Personalia**

### **Teaching management: Stefanie Berger is on the board of "Moodle an Hochschulen" (Moodle at Universities)**

The non-profit association "Moodle at Universities" was founded by 29 German universities, including Humboldt-Universität, in July. Stefanie Berger, who is in charge of Moodle support in the HU's Computer and Media Service, is a member of the association's board. The Berlin-based association is a contact and multiplier, strengthens networking and knowledge transfer and coordinates further Moodle developments for university use. "Moodle at Universities" also organises network meetings and expert panels and facilitates the exchange and publication of best practices.

[Learn more about Moodle at universities](#)

### **Data Management: Vivien Petras is Vice-Chair of the Commission on Research Information**



In July, the Joint Science Conference decided to establish and promote a Commission for Research Information in Germany (KFiD). Vivien Petras, Professor of Information Retrieval at the Institute of Information and Library Science, has been elected Vice-Chair of this new national commission. The KFiD is to assume responsibility for the Core Data Set Research - Standard for Research Information in Germany (KDSF Standard) and promote its nationwide implementation and use.

[Learn more about the goals of the KFiD](#)

## **New official bulletins**

New publications include:

- Regulations on the Reimbursement of Fees for Substitute Supervision (Ersatzbetreuungsentgelterstattungsordnung - BEO)
- Eleventh Amendment to the Interdisciplinary Statutes Governing Admission, Studies and Examinations at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (ZSP-HU)

You can find the archive of the official bulletins [here](#).

## **In the Media**

### **Tagesspiegel: How to persuade the undecided to get vaccinated**

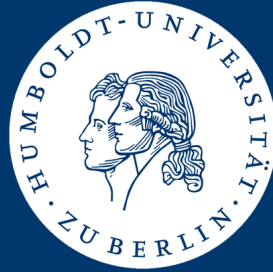
To prevent the fourth Corona wave, more people need to get vaccinated. Heike Klüver, professor of political behaviour, knows how this could be done.

[Read article with Heike Klüver](#)

### **Die ZEIT: Far from home**

What happens to a traveling master's program when the world is in lockdown? Some students simply hit the the road digitally

[Read article about HU study programme](#)



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