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Open Access Week: Coffee Lectures, Workshops and Prizes

From 25 to 31 October, the international Open Access Week will take place under the motto "It Matters How We Open Knowledge: Building Structural Equity". Libraries, researchers and other stakeholders are offering a diverse programme. Everything takes place digitally. Humboldt-Universität will be taking part: the university library will be offering coffee lectures on the basics of Open Access. Interested parties can get advice on publishing in Open Access during thematically open consultation hours. Two thematic workshops offer more in-depth insights. In addition, the winners of Humboldt-Universität's first Open Access Award will be honoured.

[Read more about Open Access Week at Humboldt-Universität](#)

Andreas Degkwitz, Director of the University Library and the University's Open Access Officer, explains in "Friday after One..." why Open Access has many advantages and what it takes to make use of them.

[Watch the video with Degkwitz](#)

Research & Teaching

Statement: How to proceed with the promotion of young academics according to § 110?

At the end of September, the Berlin House of Representatives passed the amendment to the Berlin Higher Education Act. Section 110 in particular calls for significant changes in the promotion of young academics and poses major challenges for Humboldt-Universität. In a statement, the Presidential Board says: "There will not be a general hiring freeze at Humboldt-Universität. Initial steps have been decided for the transitional phase.

[Read the statement of the Presidential Board](#)

Finally present again: many students at the enrolment ceremony

On 18 October, the festive matriculation ceremony for the winter semester 2021/2022 took place in an autumnal atmosphere on the North Campus. There was a large crowd at the ceremony as well as at the information market. Not only first-year students were present, but also some third-year students who did not have an enrolment ceremony due to the pandemic. The keynote speech was given by Guilia Silberberger (Der goldene Aluhut).

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At a glance: The research report for the years 2012 to 2018 is here

The research report of the Service Centre for Research, which has been published in a new look, contains information on over 3000 research projects at HU and the development of third-party funding. It pays special attention to the Collaborative Research Centres and the projects of the Excellence Initiative, which are presented in a clearly arranged compact overview. In future, the research report will be published regularly every two years and will then offer more space for detailed descriptions of individual research projects and research personalities as well as non-third-party funded research lines.

[Download digital version of the research report](#)

Request print version by e-mail: szf-hotline@hu-berlin.de

Zoom & BigBlueButton: Agreement on the use of video software

For the time being, Zoom can continue to be used for teaching courses, continuing education courses, training events and online sports courses until 31 March 2023. Christoph Schneider, Vice President for Research, and the General Staff Council, led by René Pawlak, have agreed on this. Tools such as BigBlueButton are to be used for interviews with a special need for protection according to the "DSGVO". For job interviews, Zoom also works: everyone must agree, full end-to-end-encryption is mandatory.

[Read more about the agreement](#)

Apply now: Funding for Israeli-German research projects

Projects of up to four years with a maximum annual budget of 200,000 euros are funded by the German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development (GIF) in two funding lines (Collaborative Track & Young Investigators Track). German and Israeli scientists with the focus topics "Life Sciences interfaces" or "Social justice and human rights" can apply until 15 December.

[Learn more about the GIF call for proposals](#)

Marga Faulstich Programme: Developing Your Own Business Ideas

Female scientists and students at HU have until 16 January 2022 to apply to participate in the Marga Faulstich Programme. Participants will be supported through mentoring, workshops, advice and networking to further develop their innovative business ideas and work them up to market maturity.

[Apply for the programme](#)

Berlin Science Week 2021: Of art and social change

This year, Berlin Science Week will take place from 1 to 10 November and HU researchers will be taking part. Among other things, Humboldt-Universität researchers will explore the ambivalent interactions between culture, science and politics. The events will take place in the main building of the HU, in the Humboldt Labor in the Humboldt Forum and in the Tieranatomisches Theater. Admission is free, registration is required.

Administration & Service

New face: Felicitas Hentschke is new in the International Affairs Department

Humboldt-Universität is connected with partner universities all over the world. These cooperations are maintained and made useful and visible for researchers by, among others, Department IV "International and European Academic Cooperation, Profile Partnerships and Strategic Development" in the International Affairs Division. Dr Felicitas Hentschke has led the team since 1 October. She wants to expand the strategic partnerships with African universities. She talks about these and other plans in the interview.

[Read interview with Felicitas Hentschke](#)

Portrait: "For a (digital) coffee with..." with Yoan Vilain

When Yoan Vilain travelled to Berlin with his family during the school holidays in August 1990, he walked breathlessly and in amazement through the German metropolis and felt, that his life's theme lay before him here: Different worlds that can be brought together. Today, he is the Presidential Commissioner for International Affairs and Europe and the man who brings everyone together: Germany and France, faculties and headquarters, national and international researchers.

[Read portrait about Yoan Vilain](#)

Pandemic: Two Corona tests per week free of charge for employees

Since 11 October, many citizens have to pay for Corona tests. However, employees of the HU can continue to be tested twice a week free of charge at the test centres in Mitte and Adlershof. For the time being, registration takes place on site and no longer via the ticket system of the test provider, which has been changed to fee-based testing. Employees are asked to go directly to one of the test centres. Some documents have to be filled out there, which may take some time.

[View test centre locations and opening hours](#)

Please note: Deadlines for submission of purchase requisitions

The Central Procurement Office asks that the deadlines for the submission of purchase requisitions at the end of the year be observed in accordance with the overview. Purchase requisitions received after these deadlines will be processed according to available capacity. An order can then no longer be guaranteed this year.

[View deadline for purchase requisitions](#)

Breaking out the courage: Workshop against sexualised harassment and violence

The Office of the Central Women's Representative is offering the workshop "Break-out of Courage - Standing Strong Against Sexualised Harassment and Violence" on Saturday, 13 November, 11 am to 2.30 pm. The aim of the workshop is to prevent certain forms of sexualised harassment from happening in the first place through self-confident behaviour. Registration is possible until 7 November: caroline.kunert@hu-berlin.de

[Read details about the workshop](#)

In-house print shop: print teaching materials and more free of charge

After one and a half years of digital teaching, the University is officially opening its doors for teaching again: the winter semester starts with many face-to-face events. Paper teaching materials are being used more frequently again. The in-house print shop is available for all printing matters. The service provided by the Technical Department is generally free of charge.

[Overview of the services offered by the in-house print shop](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Focus on quantum technology: "Berlin Quantum Alliance"

Berlin is to become a hotspot for the research and development of quantum technologies. To this end, the new "Berlin Quantum Alliance" wants to bundle the competencies of universities and research institutes and develop joint initiatives with Ber-

lin's business community. The aim of the Alliance is to sustainably expand existing competencies in quantum technology with the help of state funding of 25 million euros.

[Focus on quantum technology: Berlin Quantum Alliance](#)

Personalia

Three in one stroke: junior researcher receives three awards

Within just four weeks, Dr Susanne Schmidt, a research assistant in the History of Science Department, has received three awards. She was awarded this year's sponsorship prize of the Society for the History of Science, Medicine and Technology. At the same time, Susanne Schmidt was also awarded the Article Prize of the NTM - Zeitschrift für Geschichte der Wissenschaften, Technik und Medizin (Journal for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine) and a Career Development Award from the Berlin University Alliance.

[Learn more about Susanne Schmidt's successes](#)

Honour: Joachim Sauer Member of IAQMS

Joachim Sauer, Senior Researcher at the Institute of Chemistry, has been elected as a member of the International Academy of Quantum Molecular Science (IAQMS), a scientific society for quantum chemistry based in France. Members included pioneers of quantum chemistry such as Fock, Roothaan, Pople as well as the HU honorary doctor Reinhart Ahlrichs, who died in 2016.

Obituary: Former HU Chancellor Rainer Neumann has died

The University mourns the death of Rainer Neumann: the Chancellor, who helped steer the fortunes of Humboldt-Universität in the 1990s, has passed away. "Rainer Neumann was more than a good head of administration. He had a feeling for what university is, universitas litterarum, he knew about the freedom and space for creativity, experimentation and exchange that science needs," remembers the lawyer and author Bernhard Schlink.

[Read Horst Bredekamp's obituary and other voices of companions](#)

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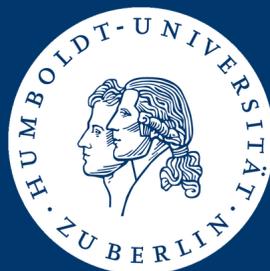
Tagesspiegel: Wonder!

"After Nature", an exhibition at the Humboldt Forum, explores the complex relationships between humans, research and the environment.

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