



Invitation: HU in dialogue - perspectives for postdocs

The Berlin Higher Education Act (BerlHG), and in particular Section 110, is currently stirring up emotions throughout Germany. The issue is better prospects for the employment of postdocs. On 9 December, Dr. Jule Specht, psychology professor and university expert, law professor and Dean of the Faculty of Law Dr. Dr. Stefan Grundmann, literary scholar Dr. Constanze Baum and Dr. Ludwig Kronthaler, Vice President for Budget, Human Resources and Technology, will discuss the topic digitally. The event will take place in fishbowl format.

Employees can also use the intranet to introduce topics that interest them in the context of the event theme, and to present their positions and comment on them.

[Go to the event announcement on the intranet](#)

At a glance

Time: 9 December, from 3 pm
Place: [Zoom](#)

Extra

Anticipation: digital Advent calendar for employees

As of 1 December, staff members can open one door of the digital Advent calendar on the intranet every day. This much can already be revealed at this point: Recipes from colleagues, music, gift tips and also texts on social topics that are particularly moving during the Christmas season await the users. Everyone is invited to "knit along" with the Christmas calendar and post their own contributions.

[Click here for the Advent calendar](#)

Administration & Service

Pandemic: Implementation of the 3G regulation in the workplace

With the federal government's new Infection Protection Act, new rules apply to the workplace: employees may only enter their workplace if they have either been fully vaccinated against the SARS Cov2 virus, recovered from a Covid infection or tested negative. Evidence must be carried by employees and presented during inspections and deposited at the place of employment. Employees who have neither been vaccinated nor recovered must present a negative test at the beginning of each working day. The test must not be older than 24 hours, in the case of PCR tests not older than 48 hours. Proof of vaccination or recovery must be presented once. In order to contain the pandemic and for the personal protection of all, employees should, in consultation with their supervisors, increasingly work from their home offices, if possible. Many employees would like to refresh their vaccination protection and ask for booster vaccinations at the HU. These are being planned, but until then it is important to continue to make private appointments.

[Learn more about the implementation of the 3G regulation at the HU](#)

[3G regulation: read what evidence applies](#)

Home office: "Mobile working" service agreement signed

The University management and the HU's General Staff Council signed a service agreement on mobile working in November, thus responding to the wish of many staff members to work on the move even after the pandemic. The DV allows maximum flexibility for the proportion of mobile work and work in presence, which is to be coordinated between superiors and employees depending on the task. As a rule, the ratio of presence to mobile work is 60 per cent to 40 per cent. Mobile work is not only permitted in the home office, but also at another location within the country. HU employees can read the full service agreement and accompanying tips on occupational health and safety, data protection and information security on the intranet on the "Mobile Working" page.

[Go to the "Mobile working" page on the intranet](#)

Order now: HU New Year Cards 2022 via Print on Demand

Select, order, pick up and send: Together with the in-house print shop, the Department of Communication, Marketing and Event Management is offering the printing of New Year's cards for all HU institutions again this year. Print orders for New Year's mail are accepted until 20 December. A digital version for downloading for e-mailing is also available.

[Order or download New Year cards](#)

Note: Deadlines to close the 2021 financial year

The Department of Budget and Personnel reminds you that it is essential to observe the regulations and deadlines for the proper and timely preparation of Humboldt University's 2021 financial statements. Even a few delays in individual process steps can lead to significant delays in the submission of the budgetary accounts as well as the fulfilment of other reporting obligations of the Presidential Board.

[View dates and regulations](#)

Collective bargaining successful: employees to receive more money

Humboldt employees can rejoice: employees in the public service of the Länder are to receive 2.8 per cent more pay from December 2022 for a period of 24 months. Pay improvements are also planned for trainees. A tax- and duty-free Corona special payment is also planned. These are the results of the central collective bargaining negotiations in 2021. Before the collective bargaining results can be implemented, the collective bargaining texts and the final editing must be awaited.

Research & Teaching

humboldt sponsors: Support students with your donation

The Deutschlandstipendium provides students with monthly support of 300 euros for at least two semesters. One half comes from private sponsors, the other half is financed by the federal government according to the "matching fund" principle. By participating in our fundraising campaign "humboldt sponsors", you help to finance new Germany Scholarships for students at Humboldt-Universität. Every euro counts. Smaller amounts are pooled in a scholarship fund: As soon as 1800 euros are collected, an additional scholarship is secured. Last year, 15 additional scholarships were awarded to HU students in this way. More than 80 employees and friends of Humboldt-Universität took part in the campaign with contributions of between 20 and 1800 euros.

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For a digital coffee with... Karma Ben Johanan

As a child, Karma Ben Johanan was already grappling with the questions that would determine her everyday life as a scientist: Can or should religions be reconciled? How can science and religion, how secular and religious people enter into dialogue with each other? The endowed professor for the history and present of Jewish-Christian relations at the Faculty of Theology conducts research on these questions.

[Read portrait with Karma Ben Johanan](#)

Video: "Freitag nach eins..." with members of Circle U.

The current edition of "Freitag nach eins..." is about Circle U.: The European university alliance, consisting of Humboldt-Universität and eight other European universities, is celebrating its first anniversary. On this occasion, Climate Chair Marcel Robischon and Circle U. speaker Isabelle Mensching inform about current activities and upcoming events.

[Watch the video](#)

Call for entries: Apply for the Open Access Prize by 5 December

All members of Humboldt-Universität, both individual researchers and project or research groups, can apply for the Humboldt-Universität Open Access Award 2021. With this award, the University Library honours outstanding achievements and strengthens the topic of Open Access. The call for entries runs until 5 December. The total prize money is 5,000 euros.

[Learn more about the Open Access Prize](#)

Event series: Support for blended learning formats

The event series "HU-Forum Onlinelehre" offers support for teachers in the implementation of blended learning formats. On 3 December, under the title "Universitas as a community of learners and teachers", the focus will be on promoting participation and commitment, dealing with stress and strengthening resilience. The event on 14 December has "Teaching for Mindfulness. How to promote openness and creating learning with simple tools". It is about the use of teaching methods, external and internal tools that help to increase students' mindfulness in virtual teaching.

[Learn more about the event series and register](#)

Apply: Scholarships for the transition from study to doctorate

Humboldt-Universität is once again awarding Humboldt Research Track Scholarships as part of the Excellence Strategy. The six-month transitional scholarship is aimed at outstanding graduates or students who are about to complete a Master's degree and is intended to help them prepare for a doctoral project. The current application deadline is 15 January 2022 for funding to begin on 1 April 2022.

[Detailed information on the transitional scholarships can be found at](#)

Announcement: Communicator Award 2022

With the Communicator Award, the DFG and the Donors' Association honour researchers from all disciplines for making their scientific work and their field accessible to a broad public in a particularly creative, diverse and sustainable way, and thus for their commitment to the dialogue between science and society. The prize money is 50,000 euros. Applications are open until 7 January 2022.

[Learn more about the prize](#)

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Trainings: SAP Ariba, budget report and central electronic invoice receipt

In December, practice-oriented training courses on the use of SAP Ariba, SAP's budget tools and central electronic invoice receipt will be held.

[To register for the SAP Ariba training](#)

[Register for the basic training Budget Report \(BudCon\)](#)

[Register for the training on central electronic invoice receipt](#)

At a glance: Purchaser groups and contact persons

Who can users contact in the event of discrepancies and ambiguities in open invoices in SAP? In the workspace "SAP: Help & Documentation", lists are available that list the responsible purchasing groups and contact persons, including their contact details.

[To the buyer group overview in the intranet](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Berlin Science Survey: Studie zu Forschungskulturen läuft

The Berlin Science Survey is a long-term online survey of scientists from the Berlin research area. The focus is on changes in the research culture in Berlin as a science location. The multi-topic survey includes aspects of research integrity, cooperation, knowledge transfer and open science. The survey is the core of the BUA-funded project Berlin Research Landscape, which is based at the Robert K. Merton Center. The results of the survey serve to monitor changes in the Berlin research landscape and to critically reflect on initiated science policy and organisational measures (e.g. on the part of the Berlin University Alliance) as accompanying research.

To take part in the survey, you only need to allow 12 to 15 minutes.

[Access the survey](#)

[Find further information on the survey](#)

Panel discussion: How open is Open Access?

How can knowledge production and communication be made transparent, open and comprehensible? How must open science be designed in order to present itself as an alternative to commercialised science? In a Zoom panel discussion on 9 December, 4.30 to 6.30 p.m., these and other questions will be discussed and the achievements of the open research movement critically reflected upon. The panel discussion will be moderated by science journalist Jan-Martin Wiarda.

[View more information on the event](#)

Short-term funding from the Oxford/Berlin Science Cooperation

The Oxford/Berlin Science Cooperation supports mobility and further networking between the two locations. Short-term funding is now available to strengthen existing research projects or collaborations, or to set up joint new projects. The funding can be applied for until 10 December by researchers from the University of Oxford for workshops, conferences or research stays.

[Learn more about the funding](#)

Personalia

New appointment: Sabine Hunke heads the Humboldt Graduate School

Sabine Hunke will take over as Head of the Humboldt Graduate School on 1 January 2022. She replaces the long-time director Brigitte Lehmann, who has retired. Sabine Hunke knows the HU as a junior researcher and science manager, and was, among other things, Head of Academic Affairs at the HU Faculty of Life Sciences. She was inspired by a postdoctoral stay at the Institut Pasteur in Paris. Together with all doctoral and post-doctoral researchers as well as other stakeholders and institutions at HU, she would like to work for a modern promotion of young researchers.

[Learn more about Sabine Hunke's professional stations and plans](#)

Honour: Brigitte Lehmann receives Humboldt-Universitätsmedaille

For almost 30 years, Dr. Brigitte Lehmann, as Head of the Research Department and Managing Director of the Humboldt Graduate School, rendered outstanding services to the successful development of research administration, technology transfer and the promotion of start-ups and junior researchers at HU. In recognition of her commitment, she received the Humboldt University Medal on the occasion of her retirement in November.

[Read more about Brigitte Lehmann](#)

Award: Order of Maximilian for microbiologist

Bärbel Friedrich, retired professor of microbiology, has been awarded the "Bavarian Nobel Prize". She received the Bavarian Order of Maximilian, which was awarded to personalities from science and art by Prime Minister Markus Söder on 10 November in the Antiquarium of the Munich Residence. In addition to her successful scientific work, the HU alumna has rendered outstanding services to the dialogue between science, politics and society, for example during her involvement with the German Research Foundation and the Leopoldina National Academy of Sciences.

[Read more about Bärbel Friedrich](#)

Recognition: Young Scientist Award for Climate Researcher

In recognition of his outstanding achievements, Dr. Jan Nitzbon received the Potsdam Young Scientist Award for his dissertation, which was rated "summa cum laude". The work closes a knowledge gap in Earth system research and for the first time provides insights into why the permafrost of the Arctic reacts faster and more intensively to climate warming than previously predicted. Dr Nitzbon holds a PhD in geography from Humboldt University and conducted his research at the Alfred Wegener Institute in Potsdam.

In the Media

Tagesspiegel: "Almost Half Drop Out of Berlin Islam Studies"

Almost half of the students at the HU's new Islam Institute have already dropped out of their studies. The CDU is calling for improvements in studyability.

[Read article about Islam studies](#)

Leipziger Volkszeitung: Lawyer Eva Inés Obergfell new rector of Leipzig University

A lawyer will be the next rector of Leipzig University: Eva Inés Obergfell comes from Humboldt University Berlin, where she was most recently vice-president for teaching and studies.

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