



Academic Senate bids farewell to Sabine Kunst

At its meeting on 14 December, the Academic Senate bid farewell to HU President Sabine Kunst and thanked her for her outstanding work for Humboldt-Universität and its members. Sabine Kunst has led the Senate since taking office in May 2016. "During this time, the Academic Senate, as the HU's parliament, has closely accompanied the development of our university and actively shaped it in many places," said Sabine Kunst. "Many meetings have demanded a lot of us. But without debate and discourse, academia I thank you for these experiences, the discussions and what we have achieved together."

"We very much regret your resignation," said Prof. Dr. Elmar Kulke, Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. "We will especially miss your efficiency, your humour and your reliability. We wish you all the best for your future."

[Read the article on the farewell of Sabine Kunst](#)

Extra

„humboldt fördert“: Support students with donations now

Christmas time is also donation time for many people. Since last year, the HU has been organising its own fundraising campaign: "humboldt fördert" (humboldt sponsors), with which it provides financial support for students at Humboldt-Universität within the framework of the Deutschlandstipendium. Through the Deutschlandstipendium, students receive monthly support of 300 euros for at least two semesters. Half of this comes from private sponsors, the other half is financed by the federal government according to the "matching fund" principle. Anyone can participate in the fundraising campaign with any amount. The donations are pooled in a scholarship fund. Once 1,800 euros have been collected, a further Germany Scholarship of 3,600 euros can be awarded.

[How employees can donate](#)

Science & Teaching

HU im Dialog: Space for lively discussions on perspectives for postdocs - a follow-up report

The Berlin Higher Education Act (BerlHG), Section 110 and career prospects for postdocs were the focus of a digital panel discussion at Humboldt University on 9 December. Around 160 interested people followed the discussion between psychology professor Dr. Jule Specht, literary scholar Dr. Constanze Baum, Vice President for Budget, Personnel and Technology Dr. Ludwig Kronthaler, and law professor and Dean of the Faculty of Law Dr. Dr. Stefan Grundmann.

[Read the follow-up report on the intranet](#)

Gender Studies: HU participation with programme at Science Day

On 18 December, scientists, research institutions and other science-related institutions will report on their current research projects under the hashtag #GenderStudies. Humboldt-Universität is participating with an extensive programme. Gender studies stimulate debates, question social realities and offer food for thought and ideas. They make an indispensable contribution to current social challenges as well as to political and cultural discourses.

[Learn more about the action day and the programme](#)

Lunchtalks: Teaching between presence and zoom

Students, lecturers and other members of Humboldt-Universität are cordially invited to exchange views on the implementation of teaching and learning between presence and online in the "Lunchtalks Lehre". As the name suggests, participants are welcome to bring their lunch to the Zoom meeting. The Lunchtalks take place monthly on Wednesdays from 1 to 1:50 p.m. in the run-up to the Jour Fixe of the deans of studies.

[To the Lunchtalks programme](#)

Awarded: Preis für gute Lehre for "Digitally Supported Teaching Concepts"

This year's Good Teaching Award 2021 is looking for teachers, teaching concepts and institutions that have supported students in combining digital and face-to-face offerings and have succeeded in motivating students to engage in both face-to-face and digital teaching and learning units. All members of Humboldt-Universität can nominate other members of Humboldt-Universität for the Good Teaching Award 2021 via an online nomination form until 2 February 2022.

[Read more about Preis für gute Lehre](#)

Pandemic: Supplement to the key points for teaching in the winter semester

Berlin's higher education institutions and the Senate Chancellery maintain that face-to-face teaching will continue to be enabled and offered. In view of the importance of face-to-face encounters in the educational process, the return to purely online operation at the universities should only be considered as one of the last measures to reduce contact. This is clear from the supplement to the "Cornerstones for the Winter Semester 2021/2022", which the Berlin universities and the Senate Chancellery - Science and Research agreed on in December.

[View all additions to the cornerstones](#)

Research information: Why it is difficult to get it

The Council of Science and Humanities recommends a standardised approach to research information, which, in addition to providing an overview and networkability, also makes it possible to compare institutions. This is information on the research activities of researchers, groups or entire research institutions - such as information on third-party funding, patents and publications. Prof. Dr. Vivien Petras, Dr. Philipp Barbaric and Dr. Fadwa Alshawaf, who are working on this topic, report on why this is not an easy undertaking.

[Read research information articles](#)

For young researchers: Friedmund Neumann Preis 2022

The Ernst Schering Foundation awards the Friedmund Neumann Prize to young scientists who have carried out outstanding work in basic research in human biology, organic chemistry or human medicine. The prize is endowed with 10,000 euros and is not earmarked for a specific purpose. The deadline for applications is 6 February 2022.

[Learn more about the Friedmund Neumann Preis](#)

Administration & service

§ 110 BerlHG: Adjustments to the transitional arrangements for recruitment and retention

The HU presidium reacted very promptly to the mandatory de-termination option for postdocs mentioned in the Berlin Higher Education Act and developed solutions for dealing with this situation pragmatically. Now there are further adjustments: For the time being, hiring and further employment of postdocs are only possible with the following qualification goals: "Acquisition of experience in the German higher education system" and "Qualification for an activity outside academia".

[Read more information and minutes excerpt](#)

Livestream: Christmas Oratorio from the Gethsemane Church

Today's door in the Advent calendar will have to wait until the evening to reveal its actual contents: from 8 p.m., Musik an der Humboldt-Universität will be streaming Johann Sebastian Bach's Christmas Oratorio (Cantatas I - III) live. The concert, which was originally to take place with an audience, will be conducted by Constantin Alex.

[To the Livestream](#)

Highlights from the Advent calendar in retrospect:

[Inspiration for digital Christmas parties](#)

[Flying shoes and golden pigs at Christmas time in Prague](#)

[Live from the Animal Anatomy Theatre: Circle U. Christmas lecture](#)

You can find more contributions daily until 24 December in the Advent calendar on the intranet.

Continuing professional development: The 2022 annual programme is here

The professional development programme of the Budget and Personnel Department was conceptually revised. The focus is on the development of offers for the establishment of systematic management development. For academics, the focus was placed on offers for interdisciplinary competence development and the further expansion of teaching competence as well as the team leadership function.

[On the new programme of continuing vocational education and training for 2022](#)

Technical Department: Conversion and refurbishment of Invalidenstraße 110

The premises at Invalidenstraße 110 are being renovated and converted. In order to allow colleagues to prepare for moving out or relocating in good time, the Technical Department has announced that the rooms will have to be vacated by the end of February 2022. In order to ensure that the preparatory measures run smoothly, the Technical Department needs information from staff working there by 21 January 2022 at the latest.

[Learn more about the redevelopment of Invalidenstraße 110](#)

Main building: barrier-free access to the east wing via west wing

Due to construction work, barrier-free access to the east wing of the main building is currently only possible via the lift in the west wing for approximately six months. Those affected, especially students, should contact the security staff in the foyer of the main building, who will guide them through the construction site.

The security guard can also be reached by phone: 030 2093-2416.

All affected facilities or institutes can obtain keys for deliveries and similar directly from the construction management of the Senate Department for Urban Development and Housing, Mr. Mordtmüller, in the construction container, 1st floor, in the courtyard of the main building.

Last chance: HU New Year's 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. The offer also includes a digital version for downloading for sending by e-mail.

[Order or download New Year cards](#)

Berlin University Alliance

„Mall Anders“: Open learning lab in the shopping centre

Until 28 February 2022, all interested parties can discuss pressing questions of the future and suitable solutions with scientists in a BUA-sponsored learning lab. The interactive events will discuss, for example, forms of social urban development and sustainable consumption, the right to repair, pop music as a form of political communication and the future of teaching at universities. The "Mall Anders" laboratory is located on the ground floor of the Wilma Shoppes shopping centre in Berlin-Charlottenburg.

[Learn more about "Mall Anders"](#)

Survey: Handling research data

The BUA project "Concept Development for Collaborative Research Data Management Services" is conducting a survey to identify the needs of researchers in relation to research data management. The aim is to better align services and information infrastructures and to support researchers in the best possible way, for example through consulting, training, communication and services. The survey will run until 7 January 2022 and will take approximately 15 to 20 minutes to complete. Participation is voluntary and completely anonymous.

[Go to the survey](#)

People

DAAD-Preis 2021: Congratulations to award winner Farah Hasan

The winner of the "DAAD Prize 2021 for Outstanding Achievements by International Students and Doctoral Candidates" is Farah Hasan. The student of the Master's programme Global Studies impressed with outstanding academic achievements and inspiring social and intercultural commitment. For example, she joined the "studis4studis" as a mentor and was involved in the "Humboldt-Forum Wirtschaft" 2020 of the Faculty of Economics. She is also involved with Nightline Berlin e.V., an anonymous student crisis hotline. A short video presents Farah Hasan, her research interests and her intercultural commitment. The prize is endowed with 1,000 euros.

[Watch the video](#)

In the media

Action against denigration: Press Council examines collective complaint

The HU has condemned the media denigration of scientists and filed a complaint with the German Press Council against the Bild-Zeitung. On 4 December, the editorial staff had described three scientists, including Dirk Brockmann (HU), as "lock-down makers". In this way, it is suggested to the readers that scientists are responsible for political decisions. This kind of reporting is far removed from any journalistic honesty, says the HU press release. The German Press Council is now examining a collective complaint by several scientists against Bild and Bild.de.

[Learn more about the HU complaint](#)

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