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Theological Institutes: Ceremonial Openings

After more than two years of pandemic-related delays, the Central Institute for Catholic Theology (IKT) – on 20 May - and the Berlin Central Institute for Islamic Theology (BIT) - on 8 June - will finally celebrate their openings. The IKT will frame its ceremony with an academic symposium on "Theological Anthropology in Plurality" on 20th and 21st of May, which will be live-streamed. Also available for live streaming will be BIT's opening ceremony. The pandemic did not give an easy start in teaching to both institutes, which began their work in the winter semester 2019/20. In the meantime, both institutes have filled all professorships. Our photo shows professors of the IKT: Benedikt Schmidt, Christoph Jäger, Katharina Pyschny, Georg Essen, Günther Wassilowsky and Teresa Schweighofer (from left to right). In our video series "Friday after one...", Prof. Dr. Georg Essen, Executive Director of the IKT and Prof. Dr. Serdar Kurnaz, Executive Director of the BIT, report on the state of affairs.

[Video: Watch „Friday after one..." with Essen and Kurnaz](#)

[Get to the livestreams, learn more about the theologies](#)

Extra

Humboldt Talk: The war and the fight against world hunger

The war in Ukraine also affects the global grain supply. The danger of famine worldwide is growing. In a conversation with journalist Katja Weber, HU agricultural scientist Prof. Dr. Jonas Luckmann explains the consequences of the war for world food supply and what can be done about it. The event will take place on 2nd of June from 12:30 to 1 p.m. in the courtyard of honour of the main building, Unter den Linden 6. At the Humboldt Talk, experts from the HU Open Air will explain the background to current events.

[Register for Humboldt Talks](#)

Administration & Service

Portrait: Have a digital coffee with ... Wiebke Hampel

Wiebke Hampel has known the North Campus of the HU since childhood, she lived there. Later, she studied in the master's program "Integrated Natural Resource Management" at the Thaer Institute for Agricultural and Horticultural Sciences, where students learn to implement sustainability goals. Today, she is HU's climate protection manager. "Our earth needs us," says Hampel, who is currently conducting various workshops, the results of which will be incorporated into HU's climate protection concept, as will the results of the mobility survey that is currently underway. Wiebke Hampel is also privately committed to climate protection, volunteers and pays attention to sustainability in everyday life.

[Read portrait of Wiebke Hampel](#)

Climate protection: Participate in mobility survey

As part of the creation of a climate protection concept for Humboldt-Universität, Climate Protection Manager Wiebke Hampel is asking for participation in a short anonymous mobility survey. The goal of this survey is to create an information base to unlock the potential for developing climate-friendly, efficient, and student- and

staff-friendly mobility strategies.

[Participate in mobility survey](#)

Save the date: Family day in Schmöckwitz on June 18th

Try sailing, stand-up paddling, chilling, swimming. This and much more is on the program of the Family Day, which will take place on 18 June at the Schmöckwitz Aquatic Sports Center. The university sports and the family office of the HU together with the family offices of the FU and TU Berlin invite to this event. All university members and their families are welcome. The Family Day will take place on 18 June from 1 to 6 pm.

[Read more about the family day](#)

Petition: For performance-related pay for secretarial staff

The working group "Pay Equity for Secretaries", which was founded by the decentralized women's representatives, is campaigning for performance-related pay for HU secretarial staff. The stereotypical job description of the "secretary" is no longer up-to-date; the necessary activities in university secretariats have changed considerably in recent years. "These are more advanced clerical tasks that require, among other things, a high degree of independence," the petition letter states, among other things. The AG therefore asks professors and managers in the central institutes, the central facilities and in the university administration to support the cause and sign the petition.

[Access the petition](#)

Equal Opportunity Funds: Funds can be applied for until 14th of June

For the winter semester 2022/2023, funds from the Equal Opportunity Fund of Humboldt-Universität can be applied for again. For example, female habilitation students can receive a final fellowship for a period of usually six months and female doctoral students can receive a Caroline von Humboldt final fellowship for a period of maximum six months. Applications can be submitted until 14 June.

[Full announcement and application forms can be found](#)

Equal opportunities: Apply for teaching positions for women by 19th of June

For the winter semester 2022/2023, the Berlin Program for the Promotion of Equal Opportunities for Women in Research and Teaching invites applications for teaching positions. Funding is available for young female scientists who, due to their professional biographies, have had little opportunity to gain teaching experience. The application deadline is 19th of June.

[Full announcement and further application modalities can be found](#)

Professional Development: new offerings for June

A sampling of HU's professional development offerings:

- "Actively managing onboarding as a manager and retaining new employees"
- "Science - Career - Family: Actively meeting the multiple demands carousel!"
- "The perfect LinkedIn profile (online course)"

[View further education offers for June](#)

After fire damage: Mensa Campus Mitte to be renovated

Due to fire damage from last year, the HU South refectory in the main HU building could not be opened at the start of attendance. According to information from the Technical Department, the renovation work can begin in the course of this week and is expected to be completed in two months. The Backshop "c.t.", part of the Mensa Süd, is still available for meetings with coffee, cake and sandwiches.

Science & Teaching

Faith & Knowledge: Discussion on war and peace on 31 May

Titled "Between War and a Possible Peace. What theology can contribute to a successful peace in Ukraine," there will be an online panel discussion in the series "Faith & Knowledge" on 31 May at 6 pm. How are the texts from the Bible and the Koran to be understood and interpreted in the area of tension between threat, death and hope for peace? Under what conditions can one speak of a just peace? Christian

and Islamic theology professors of the HU as well as a historian will speak about this. More information will follow soon on the intranet and on the HU homepage.

Help us: Fundraiser for Ukrainian students and researchers

HU is very concerned to give refugee students, PhD students and researchers from Ukraine, who are currently approaching the university, security and a perspective in our academic community, if possible. In order to help - for example with transitional scholarships and infrastructure - HU has launched a sponsorship program and needs your help. With a donation, Humboldtians support refugee students and researchers from Ukraine in their new academic start at Humboldt-Universität and enable them to continue their studies or research.

[This is how you can donate and support](#)

Study: How employees develop into leading figures

You are not born to be a leader, but with the right personality, taking on a leadership position is more likely. This is shown by a study conducted by HU scientist Jule Specht together with Eva Asselmann from the Health and Medical University, Potsdam. Even in the years before making the leap to the executive suite, later managers were more extroverted, more open, more emotionally stable, more conscientious and more willing to take risks. Overall, the results make it clear: Leaders grow into their new role bit by bit - long before they even take it on. Consciously helping to shape this process of change can be helpful if necessary - for example, in personnel development or for people who are specifically working toward a leadership position.

[Read more about the study](#)

Circle U.: Apply for project-based travel grants by 7 June

The Early-Career Researchers (ECRs) International Mobility Scheme allows early-career researchers who are collaborating on a project-based basis with a chair at another Circle U. university to apply for travel grants. Travel and accommodation costs are funded up to 4,000 euros. The deadline for applications is 7 June.

[Access the call for applications](#)

Current SAP courses in June: Procurement, budget planning and more

In May and June, we will continue to offer regular training courses on all aspects of working with SAP software. Topics include procurement with SAP Ariba, the basics of central electronic invoice receipt, and budget planning with Budcon.

[View SAP training courses](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Experimenting: living materials in the shopping center

On 20 and 21 May, the experimental lab for science communication "CollActive Materials" invites you to the "Mall Anders Learning Lab" in the Wilma Shopen shopping mall (Wilmerdorfer Str. 46, 10627 Berlin). Around the question "What is your future made of?" adults and children can discover unimagined living materials in workshops, experiments and discussion rounds. This is a project of the Berlin Clusters of Excellence "Matters of Activity" and "Science of Intelligence". The event will take place Friday, 2 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Apply: Teaching concepts for student research projects wanted

Learning to do research during your studies - BUA's Student Research Opportunities Programx (StuROPx) makes this possible in a special way. PhD students or postdocs can apply for the research groups, the so-called X-Student Research Groups, with a teaching concept. They investigate their research question together with students. What is special about the X-Tutorials concept is that students can apply with a project idea and thus pursue their own research questions early in their studies. For the winter semester 2022/23, up to 16 X-Student Research Groups and up to eight X-Tutorials will again be announced for funding. Applications are open until 6 June.

[To the Call for Proposals X-Tutorials](#)

[To the Call for Proposals X-Student Research Groups](#)

Personalia

Honour: Peter Hegemann Member of the American Academy

Prof. Dr. Peter Hegemann has been named an international member of the American Academy of Arts and Science, one of the oldest and most prestigious honorary societies in the United States, for his outstanding and continuing achievements in research. Hegemann is being honored for the discovery of light-sensitive microbial rhodopsins (microbial proteins) and the use of their properties to develop optogenetics. He has already received a number of prestigious awards for this work.

Academic Union: Christoph Marksches new president

The president of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, HU theologian and historian, Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. mult. Christoph Marksches, was recently elected as the new president of the Union of German Academies of Sciences and Humanities. The Union of the German Academies of Sciences and Humanities is an association of the eight larger German academies of sciences and humanities. Marksches served as president of HU from 2006 to 2010 and was dean of the Faculty of Theology for many years.

Portrait: Volker Hoffmann from Humboldt Innovation

Volker Hoffmann deals with future issues on a daily basis. As managing director of Humboldt-Innovation, the HU's transfer company, his focus is on scouting innovations and talents in the academic environment and applying the knowledge gained in research to the economy and society. As a Brain City ambassador, he promotes Berlin as a center of science.

[Read portrait of Hoffmann](#)

In the Media

rbb24: [Read Article "Lateral entrants for the teaching profession in Berlin complain about hurdles and problems"](#)

rbb24: [Watch the evening report with Niels Pinkwart on career changers](#)

Islamische Zeitung: [Read interview with Guardini professor Dr. Christoph Jäger](#)

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