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9 June to 2 July: Open Humboldt Festival and Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften

After a two-year break, the Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften celebrates its comeback on 2 July and will once again take place in presence. Numerous staff members will participate, present their research projects and this time show scientific perspectives on current crises. The topics include conspiracy myths in pandemics of the present and the past, climate change, colonial entanglements of the university, migration and cultures of rejection. The Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften is the climax and finale of the Open Humboldt Festival. Starting on 29 June, the festival will feature some of the HU's most popular public formats on current issues: A Mosse Lecture and a Cosmos Reading address water crises, the Du Bois Lectures recall the Black History of Science. The readings are accompanied by workshops, walkshops and guided tours.

The Department of Communication, Marketing and Event Management is giving away ten stickers to employees that enables them to attend the Long Night of Sci-

ence at the HU. All employees who send an e-mail with the subject "Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften" to interne-kommunikation@hu-berlin.de on 15 June will be entered into the raffle.

Reminder

Event on 15 June: General Plan East - How Science Planned War Crimes

Between 1940 and 1943, Heinrich Himmler had a total of five variants for the violent transformation of Eastern Europe drafted. The key figure in these plans was the National Socialist, agronomist and professor at Berlin University Konrad Meyer. The historian Sven Oliver Müller works on and researches topics of violence in the First and Second World Wars and has now published a paper on the background to the General Plan East entitled "How Science Planned War Crimes. The Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin's Dealings with the National Socialist General Plan East". On 15 June, an event under this title will take place with experts from the HU and other institutions. It will be moderated by HU historian Michael Wildt. The event begins at 6 p.m. in the Senate Hall of the main building, Unter den Linden 6, and will be streamed.

Registration via e-mail to: veranstaltungen@hu-berlin.de

[Watch the panel discussion in the livestream](#)

Research & Teaching

Inaugural lecture on 21 June: Is there a critical science research?

Prof. Martin Reinhart, Professor of Science Studies with a focus on evaluation research at the Institute of Library and Information Science (IBI), will give his inaugural lecture on 21 June under the title "Is there a critical science research?". The focus will be on the core question: is research on scientific misconduct, scientific evaluation practices or the societal benefit of research critical per se or does it rather aim at a science research of critique? The inaugural lecture will take place at 6 pm in room 121 of the IBI, Dorotheenstraße 26.

[Learn more about the lecture](#)

Propose by 1 July: Candidates for the Humboldt Award 2022

Every year, the Humboldt Award recognises outstanding academic work by students and junior researchers. The Humboldt Award 2022 has been extended to include an innovation award. The deans of the HU are eligible to submit proposals. The deadline for submissions is 1 July.

[Learn more about the Humboldt Award](#)

Humboldt Talk on 29 June: "War Crimes in Ukraine and the International Criminal Court"

In the small event series "Humboldt Talk", experts from the HU spend half an hour exploring the background to current events from an academic perspective. On 29 June, the jurist Prof. Dr. Florian Jeßberger will explain under the open sky what is meant by war crimes and how they are prosecuted. The Humboldt Talk will take place at 12:30 p.m. in the Court of Honour of the main building. Journalist Katja Weber will lead the discussion.

[Register for Humboldt Talk on War Crimes on 29 June](#)

Administration & Service

Video: Friday after one... with Martin Heger as Chairman of the Constitutional Commission

In "Friday after one..." the lawyer Martin Heger has his say in his function as chairman of the constitutional commission of the council. The commission's task is to examine the extent to which the amendments to the new Berlin Higher Education Act affect the HU's constitution. Other necessary and sensible changes are also to be considered. The members of the University are to be involved. A survey is being planned.

[Watch video with Martin Heger](#)

Pandemic: All Corona Service Orders are Out of Force

At HU, as of 4 June the mask requirement in particular and all legal SARS-CoV-2-

specific regulations have ceased to apply, and thus all Corona service instructions are no longer in force. Nevertheless, it is desirable that everyone continues to act in solidarity and continue practised and proven measures of infection protection on their own responsibility. It is recommended to wear a mask wherever the minimum distance cannot be maintained or several people work together for long periods of time.

Magical sounds on 19 June: Soloist concerts in the Reutersaal

Music lovers can once again look forward to a concert in the presence of "Music at the HU" in the series "Magical Sounds - Soloist concerts in the Reutersaal". It will take place on 19 June, 5 pm, in the HU building on Hegelplatz, Dorotheenstr. 24. On the programme are: Gabriel Fauré: Sonata for Violoncello and Piano No. 2 in G minor op. 117, André Jolivet: Nocturne for Violoncello and Piano and Dmitri Shostakovich: Sonata for Violoncello and Piano op. 40. Nina Monné, violoncello, and Constantin Alex, piano, will perform.

Don't forget: Family Day in Schmöckwitz on 18 June

On 18 June, young and old can enjoy a varied day with the whole family at the Schmöckwitz water sports centre. The sporting framework of the family day will be an exciting race on the water, where the Berlin University Sailing Championships will be held at the same time. The two-day competition will determine the Berlin university champions.

[More information about the Family Day](#)

IT-Security: Video conferencing system "Meeting Owl Pro" insecure

The HU information security team, Frank Kühnlenz and Annett Rettke, warns against the 360-degree video conferencing system "Meeting Owl Pro". It has serious security gaps. Devices and cloud architecture are easily compromised so that communications can be intercepted and stored content can be easily viewed. The team recommends shutting it down until appropriate patches are available and installed. While this system is not used by the Computer and Media Service, it enjoys some popularity.

Continuing Education: Participate and help shape the programme for 2023

The employees' vote is needed. The Professional Development Department is planning the course programme for 2023. For the coming year, the colleagues would also like to create a programme that is oriented towards the concrete needs of the staff. Everyone is invited to share their training needs.

Specify training needs

Berlin University Alliance

River stories on 30 June: A walk along the Spree and Panke rivers

Rivers say a lot about the state of the earth. The two river researchers Lothar Müller and Tobias Krüger invite the public to take a walk along the Panke and Spree rivers to get to know Berlin's rivers better from both a hydrological and literary perspective. The walk will take place on 30 June from half past four to half past six in the afternoon and will start at Campus Nord, Philippstraße 12. The event is organised by the experimental lab AnthroPoScenes of BUA in cooperation with the Mosse Lectures of HU. Participation is free, the number of participants is limited.

Please register via e-mail: mosselectures@hu-berlin.de

People

Honour: Mathematician Member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy

Gavril Farkas, Professor of Algebraic Geometry, has been admitted to the Mathematical and Natural Sciences Class of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities. Farkas is regarded worldwide as one of the leading mathematicians in the field of algebraic curves. He received his doctorate from the University of Amsterdam. After holding positions at the universities of Michigan, Princeton and Texas, Farkas has held a full professorship at HU since 2007. He has recently been named the first MATH+ Distinguished Fellow. His other awards include an ERC Grant for his groundbreaking research.

Award: Mira Sievers Member of the Junge Akademie

Mira Sievers, Junior Professor of Islamic Foundations of Faith, Philosophy and Ethics, was inducted into the Junge Akademie in June. Ethical thinking in the Islamic tradition, systematic theology, Islamic theology and gender as well as historical-

critical Quranic research are her main research areas. The Junge Akademie offers outstanding young academics the opportunity to contribute not only interdisciplinary research work but also their ideas for shaping the academic system.

[Read more about Mira Sievers](#)

In the media

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