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## **Start into 2022: "Actively pursue projects and tasks together and solve problems"**

For Humboldt-Universität, the past year brought some challenging surprises - not least because of the ongoing pandemic, but also because of the new Berlin Higher Education Act and the subsequent resignation of President Sabine Kunst - and ended with an appeal by the Presidential Board to the Constitutional Court. The new year also promises to be exciting and eventful. Peter Frensch has been acting president of Humboldt-Universität since the beginning of January. Until a new president takes office. By no means does Peter Frensch only want to administer; he naturally has an agenda. You can read his welcoming words and his most important points on the intranet.

[Read Peter Frensch's message on the intranet](#)

[Watch the video of the handover with Sabine Kunst](#)

## Research & Teaching

### **Berlin Higher Education Act: Statement of the Executive Board on the Complaint to the Federal Constitutional Court**

Now, judges in Karlsruhe are to clarify whether the state is exceeding its competences: Represented by its president, the HU filed a constitutional complaint with the Federal Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe on 30 December 2021 against a provision of the new Berlin Higher Education Act. In a statement, the presidium explains how it came to this step and what goals it is pursuing.

[Read the Presidium's statement](#)

[Notice of appeal to the Federal Constitutional Court](#)

### **Diversity: Digital workshops on diversity and equality**

The office of the central women's representative supports lecturers and colleagues working in an advisory capacity in building up skills in the fields of diversity, equality and anti-discrimination. Several workshops are offered in January:

["Designing courses gender and diversity-consciously" on 21 January](#)

["Diversity-sensitive teaching" on 19 and 26 January](#)

["Legal Bases of the AGG/LADG" on 27 January](#)

### **Video: "Freitag nach eins" with Wolfgang Deicke on the Preis der guten Lehre 2021**

In the first edition of "Freitag nach eins..." in the new year, Wolfgang Deicke, director of the bologna.lab, calls for participation in the Preis für gute Lehre. This time, the prize will be awarded on the topic of "Digitally Supported Teaching Concepts". We are looking for teachers and teaching concepts that have succeeded particularly well in digitally supporting and securing the return to face-to-face teaching. Deadline for submission is 2 February.

[Watch the video on the intranet](#)

[More information on Preis der guten Lehre 2021](#)

## **Call for entries: Tiburtius Prize 2022 for theses and dissertations**

This year Landeskonferenz der Rektoren und Präsidenten (LKRK) awards the Tiburtius Prize to doctoral students for outstanding dissertations and to graduates of universities of applied sciences for outstanding theses. The deadline is 15 May.

[Learn more about the prizes and the application procedure](#)

## **Call for proposals: Gerda Henkel Foundation supports projects with a focus on democracy**

The fact that democracy cannot be taken for granted and that the rule of law, separation of powers and freedom of opinion are being relativised and called into question even in the core countries of democracy has gone from being a rather abstract realisation to a fact of experience in recent years. Based on contemporary experiences, the Gerda Henkel Foundation promotes the funding priority Democracy in two different sub-areas.

[Further information at the Servicezentrum Forschung](#)

## **Administration & service**

### **Pandemic: Vaccinations at the Humboldt Forum from 18 to 20 January**

In cooperation with the Humboldt Forum and Aino Betriebsmedizin GmbH, Humboldt-Universität is holding a vaccination campaign at the Humboldt Forum from 18 to 20 January, from 9 am to 6 pm. All HU staff and students are invited to pick up their first, second or booster vaccination there.

[Read the message with further information on the intranet](#)

### **Survey: Identifying infection risks and making work at HU safer**

As a member of AGUM e.V., which serves universities as a platform for cooperation in occupational health and safety, the HU is actively involved in the "Working Group on Pandemic Management". A master's thesis being written in this context by student Fabian Kahlenberg aims to develop a supporting guide for pandemic planning at universities. By participating in a survey among employees, the management of the pandemic at HU can be evaluated in order to uncover any weaknesses and improve it for

the future. The data collected is completely anonymous.

[Take part in the survey now](#)

## **SAP: Current training offers in January and February**

Due to the continued high demand, SAP training courses are planned for January and February 2022. A new feature from January is booking via the professional development department. In addition to two existing offers, others are currently being coordinated and will be bookable in the course of January. The two fixed training offers will deal with the topic of budget reporting.

[Read message with dates on the intranet](#)

## **Berlin University Alliance**

### **Change of spokesperson: Christian Thomsen becomes BUA spokesperson**

Christian Thomsen, President of Technische Universität Berlin, took over as spokesperson of the Berlin University Alliance for the following two years at the beginning of 2022. The background to this is the resignation of Sabine Kunst from her office as President of the HU, who also resigned from all associated offices with this step.

[Read the BUA press release](#)

### **Panel discussion: "Research data. Developments, Services and Conflicts" on 26 January**

As a joint event of Objective 3 and Objective 5 of the Berlin University Alliance, the topic of research data will be the focus of a colloquium on 26 January at 2 pm. The aim is to take up different perspectives and to ask what BUA as a network can contribute in the future so that more researchers (can) make their data available and how the quality of this data can be ensured.

[Further information and registration](#)

### **Info Event: "Call for Proposals for Signature Projects of the BCGE" on 14 January**

Building on the Inaugural Call 2020, research projects will be funded as Signature Projects for the funding period July 2022 to June 2024/2025, which strengthen the emergence of exemplary, highly visible structures in the BCGE's priority areas. At an information event on 14 January at 11 a.m., the BCGE team can be asked questions about the call for proposals. The event is aimed at all interested parties.

[Further information on the event](#)

## People

### **Award: Benjamin Kiesewetter receives ERC Starting Grant**

The project "The Structure of Normativity" at the Institute of Philosophy is funded with 1.5 million euros. The philosopher Benjamin Kiesewetter, who holds a doctorate, has received a Starting Grant from the European Research Council (ERC) for his research project "The Structure of Normativity" as part of the European research programme Horizon Europe. His research group will look at the concept of normativity from a philosophical perspective.

[Read press release](#)

### **Obituary: Horst Albach**

The Faculty of Economics at HU mourns the death of the renowned business economist Horst Albach. He passed away on 25 December 2021 at the age of ninety. An obituary by Wulff Plinke.

[Read obituary on the intranet](#)

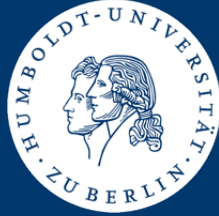
### **Obituary: Ernst Lindemann**

The long-serving dean of the former Faculty of Agriculture and Horticulture at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Prof. Dr. habil. Dr. h.c. mult. Ernst Lindemann passed away on 23 December 2021, a few weeks after his eighty-fifth birthday. An obituary by Otto Kaufmann and Manfred Krockner.

[Read obituary on the intranet](#)

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