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HU im Dialog

HU in dialogue - online: How do we deal with personalities in the history of the HU who have become a target of criticism?

The event series "HU in Dialogue" starts the year 2022 with a challenging topic. Time and again, highly esteemed historical personalities from academia face public criticism. After Ernst Moritz Arndt and Christian Peter Beuth, for example, the sexual preferences of the physicist Erwin Schrödinger for young women and girls made the headlines at the beginning of January. The founder of quantum physics and Nobel laureate taught and did research at Friedrich Wilhelm University from 1927 to 1933 and emigrated to England in protest against National Socialism.

What do Humboldtians think of Schrödinger today? Will the lecture hall and seminar building on the Adlershof campus keep its name? Or will it have to be renamed? How does the university generally deal with historical figures and role models who fall into disrepute? And what experiences have other Berlin universities had with the issue? These and other questions will be the subject of discussion at the event "Schrödinger, Butenandt & Co- how do we deal with historical figures who have become a target of criticism?" on 6th of April from 3 to 5 pm. Following the panel discussion, all Humboldtians are cordially invited to contribute their perspectives.

[Learn more about the event and panelists](#)

[Read the interview](#)

Aministration & Service

Letter to parents: How to talk to children about the war?

How can you talk to children about the war in Ukraine? Julia Asbrand, Professor of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology at the Institute of Psychology, frequently encounters this question at the moment. Together with colleagues who work with families both scientifically and therapeutically, she has developed a letter for parents that can help answer children's questions and categorise their fears.

[Read the parents' letter](#)

Ukraine: Inform yourself, help, contribute your own initiative

Those who are looking for ways to support Ukrainian refugees through donations in kind, their own commitment or sleeping places will find suggestions and addresses on the portal "HU stands with Ukraine" and can also get involved with their own initiatives and suggestions via the email address hu-online@hu-berlin.de. The site also contains many journalistic contributions with and by HU researchers on the topic of the war in Ukraine.

[View HU stands with Ukraine](#)

Human Resource Development: Making use of further training opportunities for managers

The Human Resources Development Unit of Department III is offering a number of continuing education events in April. These include, for example, the courses "Leading in the 21st Century- Future Leadership" and "Labour Law for Managers". The measures are part of the personnel development concept, which was discussed and approved by the members of the HU in 2019. The personnel development concept can be viewed on the website of the Human Resources Department. With the adoption of the personnel development concept, annual appraisal meetings with employees are also possible. Managers can and must prepare for this offer in the course "Annual appraisals - a climate-creating management instrument".

[Learn more about personnel development at the HU](#)

[View the personnel development concept \(2019\)](#)

[View further education offers in April](#)

Development Planning Commission: Office now in the Planning & Steering Department

One of the most important commissions of the Academic Senate is the EPK, which deals with structural issues of the University. Previously, the office was organisationally anchored in the Committee Department and now belongs to the Department for Structural Development Planning and Appointment Matters in the Planning and Control Department. The members of the EPK hope that the new structural assignment will provide them with even better support for their work in terms of content and organisation.

[Read the interview on the work of the EPK](#)

Video: Friday after one... with Boris Nitzsche on guided tours at the Bahnhof der Wissenschaften (Science Station)

In "Friday after one...", Boris Nitzsche from the Communications Department invites you to visit the Humboldt Universität's behind-the-scenes exhibition in the underground station "Unter den Linden" on line 5. The themes of Anthropocene have been visualised in an artistic way in hidden pictures and word clouds with the support of scientists from the HU. Since March, it has been possible to sign up for guided tours through the exhibition once a month, always on the third Sunday of the month. Students from the HU's sustainability office have been recruited as guides. The tours can also be booked for the supporting programme of academic conferences, alumni meetings or in the context of visiting guests.

[Watch video](#)

[Book a guided tour at the Bahnhof der Wissenschaften](#)

[Explore the exhibition independently with the "sciencely" app](#)

Portrait: Have a digital coffee with... Martin Bär

Martin Bär has recently been appointed Deputy Head of the Steering and Planning Department. The unit he heads there ensures, among other things, that everything runs smoothly during appointment negotiations. It is also responsible for the university's structural development planning. Bär has been interested in how universities function since he was a student, when he dealt with new funding distribution models in his diploma thesis at the University of Potsdam and also got involved in academic self-administration.

[Read portrait with Bär](#)

IT Security Tip: Keep Software Up to Date

If the software is outdated or security updates are not installed, cybercriminals can exploit these vulnerabilities. In the case of self-administered devices (private or business use), users must keep the software up to date themselves. Purely official devices are usually updated by the HU. Correct updating consists of two parts: Installation and restart (for Windows the entire computer, for programs such as Firefox the program in question). Automatic updates are often offered, such as in Windows, which is helpful when dealing with a large amount of software. Software should also be checked to see whether it is still needed or should be uninstalled for other reasons. (For example, the Federal Office for Security advises against using the anti-virus software of the manufacturer Kaspersky).

Research & Teaching

Apply: Scholarships for the transition from study to doctorate

The Humboldt-Universität is once again awarding Humboldt Research Track Scholarships as part of its Excellence Strategy. The six-month transitional fellowship is offered to outstanding graduates or students who are about to complete a Master's program and serves to prepare for a doctoral project. Interested persons with disabilities or chronic illnesses are given special consideration. The current application deadline is 15th of May.

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

Information event on 2 June: "Doing a doctorate - what does it mean?"

The introductory event "Promovieren - Was heißt das?" (Doing a doctorate - What does that mean?) gives a general overview of all aspects of a doctorate and is intended to help with the decision for or against a doctorate. Topics include different doctoral formats, financing, finding a supervisor and the application process. The online event will take place on 2nd of June 2022 from 10 am to 1 pm.

Information and registration can be found

HU Podcast: Lentil burgers instead of minced pork

In the March edition of the HU podcast "humboldt hören" (listening to humboldt), agricultural scientists Peter Feindt and Harald Grethe talk with author Cora Knoblauch about urgently needed agricultural reforms and animal welfare issues, and discuss the connection between environmental protection and sustainable nutrition. As usual, the podcast is hosted by Cora Knoblauch.

[Listen to the podcast on nutrition](#)

"Putin's attack on Ukraine is an attack on Europe"

HU professors Susanne Frank and Silvia von Steinsdorff talk in an interview about the reasons for Russia's attack on Ukraine, the effectiveness of sanctions and the role of the churches.

[Read the interview on the HU homepage](#)

Circle U.: Summer Schools in Paris, Oslo and Berlin

The university network Circle U., in which nine European universities work together, is organising five international summer schools this summer on topics from the fields of climate, democracy and global health. The HU is organising three of them, the other two will take place in Oslo and Paris. Students of all disciplines can apply until 29th of April for a participation free of charge, including a travel grant.

[Learn more about Summer Schools](#)

Circle U.: Prize for interdisciplinary research announced

The European university alliance Circle U. is offering the Inter Circle U. Prize (ICUP) for inter- and transdisciplinary research for the first time. Researchers from all nine partner universities are eligible to apply. The prize, co-funded by the European Union under Horizon 2020, will be awarded on 25th of November at the Université catholique de Louvain. A professional video will be made to give visibility to the research work of the three winners. The deadline for applications is 30th of May.

[To the complete call for applications](#)

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SAP: Personnel Changes, Challenges and Opportunities

In the coming months, there will be some personnel changes in the team of humboldt together. These will result from vacancies that need to be filled as quickly as possible to changes in the allocation of tasks, as optimisation is necessary here. In the meantime, existing processes and support services will be maintained. This may lead to delays in responding to enquiries.

[Learn more about personnel](#)

Personnel accounting: Start planned for next year

The GoLive of the Personnel accounting project will be delayed by one year and is expected to take place in early January 2023. More time than originally planned is needed to complete the conception phase. The good news is that preparations for the testing and qualification phase are already underway in parallel.

Budget report: new SAP training documents available

New training documents are available from the training on 17th of March on the topic "SAP Basis Implementation Budget Report (BudCon) for Secretariats".

- Training material: Budget actual report
- Training material: Budget processes decentralised

Please note: all training courses run via the professional development (Berufliche Weiterbildung) including the registration no longer via the workspace SAP: Help and Documentation).

[View training documents](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Doing research whilst studying: New StuROPx Projects in the summer semester

36 projects for students that combine research and teaching are starting in the summer semester. So-called X-Student Research Groups are offered by young researchers. Here, students can participate in current scientific projects. The X-Tutorials, which are also part of the program, are initiated and led by students. They work with fellow students largely independently on research questions of their own choosing. All students of the BUA network partners can take part in these research groups and research tutorials.

[Learn more about projects](#)

Further education: leadership development in co-operation

The Berlin Leadership Academy's multi-piece leadership development program "Excellent Leadership - Promoting Excellence" teaches how to move efficiently and goal-oriented in complex leadership structures and how to successfully shape change processes. Registration is possible until 31st of March.

[View offers of the Berlin Leadership Academy](#)

Personalia

ERC Grant: Research on the Narratives of the Diaspora

Elahe Hashemi Yekani receives a Consolidator Grant from the European Research Council (ERC) for her project "Tales of the Diasporic Ordinary. Aesthetics, Affects, Archives", which deals with everyday narratives of the diaspora. The professor of English and American literature and culture researches and teaches postcolonial studies. The prestigious grant is worth up to two million euros and is awarded by the European Research Council to top researchers in Europe who are pursuing potentially groundbreaking projects in basic research.

[Read more about the award winner and the project](#)

New: deanship at the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Mathematics professor Caren Tischendorf will head the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences on the Adlershof campus from 1st of April on. She replaces geographer Elmar Kulke, who held the position for eleven years.

New task: Oliver Zauzig is central collection coordinator

Oliver Zauzig took over the position of Central Collections Coordinator, based at the Helmholtz Centre for Cultural Technology, in February. He has been the head of the nationwide coordinating office for scientific university collections in Germany since 2019, which he helped to establish in 2012. Zauzig has been a research associate at HU since 2007 and has been involved in various research projects on university collections. He also successfully completed his doctorate on this complex of topics.

Mission: Möllers Member of the DFG Commission for Sustainability

Christoph Möllers, Professor of Public Law and Philosophy of Law, is a member of the newly founded Commission on Sustainability of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation). With experts from all disciplines, the DFG wants to give due consideration to aspects of sustainability in their actions.

[Read a short interview with Möllers on the intranet](#)

In den Medien

Der Tagesspiegel: "Silence is consent"

Alexander Timokhin writes an open letter against the war in Ukraine together with other Russian students.

[Read the interview with Timokhin](#)

Der Tagesspiegel: "Presence as a departure"

The law faculty of the Humboldt Universität relies on presence - as a vote for discourse. Read a guest article by the Dean of the Faculty of Law.

[Read the article by Stefan Grundmann](#)

DIE ZEIT: Optimism burns out

The West's deep shock about the war in Ukraine has a hidden cause: the belief of eternal progress in the world that has prevailed since 1989 turns out to be an illusion.

[Read guest article by Andreas Reckwitz](#)

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