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## Energy crisis: Humboldt-Universität takes precautions and keeps its eye on the goal of climate neutrality

In the wake of the current challenges in energy supply, Humboldt-Universität is planning short-term measures to save energy. A corresponding guideline was published yesterday and is available on the intranet for all employees to read and download as a PDF.

[Read the guide on the intranet](#)

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But the goal of making the university climate-neutral by 2030 also remains a focus of activities. Relevant, existing processes will be critically examined and corresponding measures developed. On 18 August, the fifth HU climate protection workshop took place, this time on the topic: "Governance strategies for a climate-neutral Humboldt University". The interest in this offer, organised by the climate protection managers Wiebke Hampel and Kerrin van Bergen, was great.

## Science & Teaching

### **DFG Review Board Election 2023: Proposals for HU candidates**

The next election of DFG Review Board members will take place in autumn 2023. The review boards evaluate proposals for financial support of research projects. According to the focus of their scientific work, they are each assigned to a subject, which is represented by at least two representatives. Several academically interrelated subjects form a review board. Candidates can be nominated until the end of October 2022.

[Further information on the DFG Review Board election](#)

### **Lecture by Stephen Chu: "The Climate Change Challenge and Innovative Approaches" on 21 September**

On 21 September, Steven Chu, Nobel laureate in physics and Stanford professor, will be a guest at Humboldt-Universität and will talk about research approaches that mankind can use to counter climate change. For example, he is researching methods for hydrogen production and the further development of batteries. As former US Secretary of Energy in Barack Obama's cabinet, he also brings an insider's perspective on the challenges and opportunities of climate policy.

#### **At a glance**

21 September, 10 a.m.

Senate Hall, Main Building, Unter den Linden 6

[Information on registration](#)

### **Multilingualism: Café for PhD students and live debate at King's College London on 8 September**

As part of Circle U.'s Multilingualism Week at King's College London, the Circle U. "Think and Do Tank" invites the whole community to two online events on 8 September. The first event is a Think & Do Tank Café, which will discuss how informal learning groups of doctoral students manage to improve their oral skills in other languages through thematic discussions about their own research. This will be followed by a roundtable discussion on multilingualism.

[Further information and registration](#)

## **Panel discussion on "Science & Communication: Knowledge is not enough!?" on 25 August**

Droughts, storms, heat waves, melting glaciers and rising sea levels: humanity is in trouble and there is enough scientific evidence to prove it. But is knowledge enough? How can researchers, students and other multipliers effectively communicate climate research findings and make a difference? These questions will be addressed at the panel discussion "Science & Communication: Knowledge is not enough!?" on Thursday, 25 August at 4 pm in the Main Building and online via livestream. The public panel discussion is the highlight of the Circle U. Summer School "Communicating Climate Science", which takes place at HU from 22 to 26 August.

[All details about the event](#)

## **Bridge to Market Program: Founding with the help of artificial intelligence**

With the Bridge to Market Program, created for start-up ideas in the context of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Humboldt-Universität supports researchers in validating research results in the context of AI with a view to founding a company. The programme is aimed at researchers with ideas in an early phase.

[More information on the application](#)

## **Administration & Service**

### **Interview: Here's what's on offer for SAP training**

The humboldt gemeinsam programme and the HU's professional development are in the process of putting together a large training package. At the beginning of next year, the HU will introduce another SAP module that will be used in the Department of Budget and Personnel. For the colleagues in the department, this means getting to know and penetrating a new digital tool. Reason enough to ask programme manager Bianca Leonhardt how SAP training is going.

[Read interview on the intranet](#)

## **CMS: Configuration change and client update of OpenVPN required**

Due to an update of the OpenVPN infrastructure, it is necessary to change all OpenVPN configurations and to install a new Windows client for OpenVPN. The Computer and Media Service asks that you follow the appropriate instructions for your operating system. The old servers will be switched off on 1 October this year. After that, OpenVPN will only be available with the new configuration. Fixed IP addresses will remain.

[To the instructions for OpenVPN](#)

If you have any questions or problems, please contact the user advisory service at: [cms-benutzerberatung@hu-berlin.de](mailto:cms-benutzerberatung@hu-berlin.de)

## **University Sports: Taster Week from 19 to 25 September**

University sports at the HU are celebrating their 70th anniversary this year. To mark the occasion, several events will take place throughout the second half of the year. From 19 to 25 September there will be a taster week. It offers all those interested the opportunity to try out the sports on offer at the University Sports Centre in order to prepare for booking courses for the winter semester and to be able to book their favourite course.

[Information on participation](#)

## **Berlin University Alliance**

### **First Fellowships: Funding programme on research quality launched**

Five researchers, two of them from the HU, will be funded at the start of the Berlin University Alliance Fellowship Programme in the priority area Advancing Research Quality and Value. The aim of the programme is to support measures and projects on research quality and open science and to facilitate research cooperation and knowledge exchange. National and international experts contribute their experience and competence to the work of the BUA.

[Read report](#)

## **People**

## **Award: Iris Därmann receives the Sigmund Freud Prize for Scholarly Prose**

Iris Därmann, Professor of Cultural Theory and Cultural Aesthetics at the Institute of Cultural Studies, will receive the Sigmund Freud Prize for Scientific Prose 2022. The science prize has been awarded annually by the German Academy for Language and Poetry in Darmstadt since 1964. It is awarded to academics who publish in German and make a decisive contribution to the development of language use in their field through an outstanding linguistic style.

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