



Handover: Julia von Blumenthal is President - Peter Frensch takes leave

It is an autumn of change: The new president of Humboldt-Universität, Julia von Blumenthal, took office on 1 October. She has already served at HU as a professor of political science, dean and member of the university senate. As the university's third president, she is now responsible for around 38,000 students, 440 professors and more than 5,000 employees. What issues are important to her and how she would like to lead the HU University of Excellence, she writes in a letter to the staff:

"I thank you, the Humboldtians, for your trust and look forward to working with my colleagues in the Presidential Board, the faculties, the administration and the students. Together, open and historically aware of the future - this is how I would like to lead our Humboldt-Universität as President."

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Peter Frensch had already retired from the university once as Vice President for Research. But retirement did not materialise for the time being; he returned to Humboldt-Universität as acting President. In a letter, he now bids a final farewell to the Humboldtians with thanks and looks to the future with confidence:

"With Julia von Blumenthal, a proven science manager is now taking over the baton who, as President of the European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), has already lived the approach of meeting challenges together. As a long-time Humboldtian, she is also very familiar with the DNA of our university. I am convinced that the leadership of Humboldt-Universität will continue to be in good hands in the future."

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