



Interview: "We want to be interwoven with researchers, teachers and students," says the new UB director

Martin Lee, until recently Deputy Library Director and Head of the Research Services Department at Freie Universität, has headed the HU University Library since 1 November. He replaces Andreas Degkwitz, who is retiring. In the interview, both report on how they shaped the transition period together, talk about the focus of their work, new experimental spaces for researchers such as the Scholarly Makerspace and digitality as a new challenge for libraries.

[Read interview with Martin Lee and Andreas Degkwitz](#)

Focus

Gender justice: Award ceremony and action week against violence against women

In the current video "Friday after one...", the Central Women's Representative of the HU, Ursula Fuhrich-Grubert, invites you to the award ceremony of the Caroline von Humboldt Professorship and the award of the same name on 16 November in the Senate Hall of the main building. The lawyers Anna-Bettina Kaiser and Corinna Coupette will be honoured. In addition, on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the HU is sending a clear signal against all forms of sexualised discrimination and violence with an action and theme week from 16 to 24 November. In addition to a series of events, the play "Marta" will be performed on the Adlershof campus on 23 and 24 November.

[Watch: Freitag nach eins... with Ursula Fuhrich-Grubert](#)

[Registration: Ceremonial Event and Award Ceremony 2022](#)

[Portrait: Have a \(digital\) coffee with... read lawyer Anna-Bettina Kaiser](#)

[View programme: Action and Theme Week against Sexualised Violence](#)

Science & Teaching

Circle U.: Join the discussion on European universities and the Green Deal

The European university alliance Circle U. invites colleagues, students and the general public to discuss the contribution of universities to a climate-neutral continent with guests such as Maja Göpel, Joybrato Mukherjee and Ruppert Stüwe. The public part of the two-day conference entitled "Europe and the Green Deal in the Academic World" will take place on 28 November. To kick off the conference, Circle U. is also organising an extraordinary Christmas Lecture on the evening of 27 November at the Animal Anatomical Theatre. The event will also be livestreamed. The registration deadline for the conference is 18 November.

[View detailed information on the conference](#)

Image gallery: Presentation of the Humboldt Award 2022

On 8 November, the Humboldt Award 2022 was presented in the Lichthof-Ost of the Main Building. The award recognises excellent theses by students and young researchers. This year's award winners are: Erika Meibauer, Leonard Clauß, Antonia Anna Maria Kölbl, Dr. Alexander Mezari, Dr. Meike Zehlike, Dr. Paul Maximilian Fischer, Benet Lehmann and Heidi Jalkh.

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Administration

Order now: HU New Year Cards 2023 via Print on Demand

Once again this year: choose, order, pick up and send. Together with the in-house print shop, the Department of Communication, Marketing and Event Management is once again offering the printing of New Year's cards for all HU institutions. Printing orders for the New Year's post will be accepted until 20 December 2022.

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Attention: Need for help in the cold season for homeless persons

During the cold season, homeless people will again frequently try to use the HU buildings as a place to stay or spend the night. For safety and hygiene reasons, Humboldt-Universität cannot allow people to stay or spend the night outside of opening hours. Should staff members encounter homeless persons, please inform the security guard, who will then contact the cold assistance and refer the persons concerned.

[Learn more about help for homeless people](#)

Saving energy: With blankets and sports equipment through the office winter

Even though November still brought us pleasant temperatures - it is slowly getting cold in the offices due to the prescribed energy-saving measures. Your own blankets, socks, pulse warmers as well as gymnastic exercises and sports equipment can help to keep warm in university rooms. The Energy Taskforce would like to point out once again that the use of fan heaters in the offices is not permitted for fire safety reasons. In addition, the use of additional heaters would counteract the mandatory goal of saving ten percent of total energy costs.

[Learn more about saving energy at the HU](#)

Reminder: be careful with gifts and rewards

An invitation to lunch, a bottle of champagne: public service employees should not accept even small gifts. The Senate Department of Finance informed in a circular about the details of the ban on accepting gifts in the public service. The details can be found in the "Merkblatt über das Verbot der Annahme von Belohnungen, Geschenken und sonstigen Vorteilen durch Beschäftigte des Landes Berlin". In addition, attention is drawn to the "Guideline on the Reimbursement of Representation and Hospitality Expenses of the HU", which is published in the Official Gazette (45/2020).

[View detailed information on the gift ban](#)

Change: New Dean at the Faculty of Theology

The Faculty of Theology elected a new dean on 1 November. Prof. Bernd U. Schipper, Professor of the History of Israel in the Ancient Near East, is responsible for the Faculty's business.

Pay: Information on pay increase from 1 December

As of 1 December, the final phase of the collective agreement will be implemented within the framework of the Amendment Collective Agreement No. 12 of 29 November 2021. Due to the completion of the signature procedure, the provisions of the amending collective agreement are legally binding. The agreements reached for the TV-L Berlin will be adopted simultaneously for Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin due to the provisions of § 15 TV-HU.

[Learn more about the collective agreement increase](#)

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If you have questions: Use SAP consultation hours

Colleagues who have questions about working with SAP software can contact Sven Hellweg and Kai-Thoralf Fischer from the humboldt together programme during the weekly SAP consultation hours. The two experts answer questions about working with SAP. The consultation hours are open to all HU employees.

[View information in the workspace "SAP: Help and Documentation"](#)

People

Farewell: Elke Graupner retires

After 37 years of work at Humboldt-Universität, Elke Graupner, who was the representative of severely disabled people from January 2017 until the end of March 2022, is retiring. In a letter to the employees of the HU, she looks back on an eventful but also interesting time in her professional life: this concerns both her work at the Institute of Philosophy and her involvement in interest groups.

[Read the letter from Elke Graupner](#)

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