



Climate-neutral by 2030: Humboldt-Universität's climate protection concept

Humboldt-Universität wants to become climate-neutral by 2030 and must reduce its CO2 emissions to zero to achieve this. The associated climate protection concept had already been unanimously approved by the Academic Senate at its meeting on 14 February. It is now available for download for all staff and students. "The Academic Senate's commitment obliges us to consistently orient all our action logics towards sustainability and climate protection in the future," said President Julia von Blumenthal, commenting on the resolution. The concept was developed with the participation of numerous stakeholders from various areas of the university and is intended to serve as a basis, guide and guideline for not losing sight of the ambitious goal of climate neutrality.

[Download and read the climate protection concept on the intranet](#)

[Download the concept at `humboldts17.de`](#)

Science & Teaching

Heritage in Transformation: "The humanities make a decisive contribution to Humboldt-Universität's reputation".

The art historian Eva Ehniger and the social anthropologist Sharon Macdonald head the Käte Hamburger Center for Advanced Study in the Humanities "Heritage in Transformation" (InHerit) at Humboldt-Universität, which was recently approved by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and will be funded from 2024. With "InHerit", the participants turn the idea of history, which one passively "inherits" and which clearly determines where one belongs, on its head. They understand "heritage" as an activity that involves the most diverse processes and actors in widely dispersed places and that is subject to constant change. In the interview, the researchers talk about the application process, content and the importance of the humanities.

[Read interview with Eva Ehniger and Sharon Macdonald](#)

HU im Dialog: Actively shaping ChatGPT in university operations

Since "ChatGPT" was launched on the market in November 2022, a social debate on the significance of text-generating AI has begun. On 2 March, Humboldt-Universität dedicated the hybrid event "HU in Dialogue" to this topic, which was attended by a total of almost 500 students, lecturers and administrative staff at HU, who were able to put their questions to five internal experts on the topic of AI. Is this a revolution or an evolution? asked Torsten Hiltmann in his keynote speech introducing the event - and immediately clarified: "The whole thing has come to stay.

[Read the follow-up report on the intranet](#)

[Watch the keynote speech on YouTube](#)

New opening: International Max Planck Research School on the history of knowledge and its resources

A new International Max Planck Research School on "Knowledge and Its Resources: Historical Reciprocities" (IMPRS-KIR) opened on 6 February. The unique interdisciplinary graduate school is a joint project of the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität and Technische Universität Berlin together with international partners in Singapore and the USA. Its research agenda aims to highlight the political interconnections between knowledge and resources from a global and long-term perspective.

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Exhibition: Berlin - Capital of Women Scientists in the atrium

Humboldt-Universität is showcasing women pioneers in science and their work from 13 March to 14 April in the Lichthof Ost. The touring exhibition "Capital of Women Scientists" presents influential female scientists in Berlin who paved the way for future female scientists and who also initiated and are initiating significant changes at Humboldt-Universität.

[Read article about the exhibition](#)

Call for entries: Langen Science Award 2023

The Paul Ehrlich Institute, together with the City of Langen and Stadtwerke Langen GmbH, awards the Langen Science Prize worth 15,000 euros. The prize is donated by the Verein zur Förderung des Langener Wissenschaftspreises e. V. (Association for the Promotion of the Langen Science Prize) and has been honouring special achievements by scientists in the field of health research since 1993. Applications are welcome until 31 May.

[View call for entries for the Langen Science Award](#)

Inter Circle U. Prize 2023: Apply now with interdisciplinary projects

Researchers at HU are invited to apply for the second round of the Inter Circle U. Prize for inter- and transdisciplinary research. The ICUP is designed to highlight the best examples of cross-disciplinary research at Circle U. universities and is awarded annually to three scholars and/or research teams. The work of the winners will be presented in a professionally produced video. Applications must be submitted by 31 March.

[Further information on the application](#)

Online trainings: cross-sectional topics for young researchers

Circle U. is offering several free online training sessions on cross-cutting topics for early career researchers (ECR) this spring. Registration is now open for two sessions on Open Science: "The Contemporary Open Access Ecosystem: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (15 March, 12 to 1 pm) and "The Future of Scientific Integrity in an Open Science: Challenges and prospects" (17 March, 12 to 1 pm). Another training on "Diversity, Inclusive Communication and Cooperation" (20 April, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm) is also open for registration.

[To the registration](#)

Administration & Service

Offer: The Deutschlandticket is coming - also to Humboldt-Universität

The Deutschlandticket is the new local transport ticket that allows journeys on public transport throughout Germany. On 1 May, the new Deutschlandticket will be available at a starting price of 49 euros. Humboldt-Universität will also offer this ticket in the form of an additional job ticket. An overview of what interested parties need to know, how to apply and what else is important has been compiled by the colleagues in the Budget and Personnel Department in the Special Personnel Affairs Unit on the intranet.

[Read overview on the intranet](#)

Reminder: Women's Assembly in hybrid format on 15 March

On 15 March, from 1 to 3 p.m., President Julia von Blumenthal and Central Women's Representative Ursula Fuhrich-Grubert will welcome women to an expert dialogue on the topic "Does digitalisation have a gender? Artificial intelligence, equal opportunities and discrimination", followed by a discussion.

[Participation information](#)

Berlin University Alliance

VIVO Talks on 23 March: Theme card for SAMURAI catalogue

The VIVO Talks team invites you to a new VIVO Talk on 23 March. Dr. Sae Dieb from the National Institute for Materials Science (NIMS), Japan, will give an online talk on creating a map to visualise research topics for the SAMURAI catalogue and an introduction to the NIMS Materials Data Platform (DICE). The lecture starts at 10 a.m..

[Register for the event](#)

People

Award: Dr Manfred Gentz receives Humboldt University Medal

Dr. Manfred Gentz was awarded the Humboldt University Medal at the beginning of February on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Gesellschaft an der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin e. V. (WWG). It is awarded to outstanding personalities in social life who have rendered outstanding services to Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Gentz, a trained lawyer and long-time employee of the Daimler-Benz Group, has not only been committed to Humboldt-Universität, but also to the scientific and cultural landscape of Berlin as a whole. Added to this is his commitment to humanitarian causes, especially the rights of Nazi forced labourers and international understanding with Israel.

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