



Teaching mission statement: development process with 350 representatives from all status groups

Humboldt-Universität began drafting a Teaching mission statement at the beginning of the year. Since the first kick-off meeting in February 2023, over 350 Humboldtians from all functional and subject groups have been involved in the participatory process. The Editorial Board has provided editorial support and formulated a mission statement for teaching from the diverse contributions. The final draft will be presented to the committees during the winter semester. "The fact that a diverse team was able to come together in such a short space of time and complete this challenging process of coworking is something I've never experienced before at the university," says Lukas Rösl, Junior Professor at the Northern European Institute. Now the focus is on how the teaching mission statement wants to present itself visually in the future. A workshop on 30 November from 1 to 5 p.m. will therefore focus on the question of what external form the mission statement should take so that it is present and manageable in everyday teaching and learning. All Humboldtians are invited to take part in the workshop.

[Register for the workshop](#)

[Members of the Editorial Board report on their work on the teaching mission statement](#)

Administration & Service

Committees: Council and Academic Senate meet on 21 November

On 21 November, a meeting of the Council will take place from 9.15 a.m., followed by the regular meeting of the Academic Senate. The third reading of the amendment to Humboldt-Universität's constitution is on the Council's agenda. The draft has been developed over the past year and a half by the members of the Constitutional Commission and also takes into account suggestions from a survey of elected representatives and officials at the university. The current HU constitution is ten years old and needs to be revised in order to fulfil the requirements of the amended Berlin Higher Education Act. The Academic Senate will also deal with the constitutional amendment at its meeting if the Council adopts it on 21 November. Both meetings will take place in the auditorium of the Grimm Centre and will be livestreamed.

[Watch the Council meeting in the livestream](#)

[Watch the AS session \(public part\) in the livestream](#)

Announcement: Day of action against sexualised discrimination and violence on 27 November

The Central Women's Representative and her decentralised colleagues invite you to a day of action to set an example against sexualised discrimination and violence at Humboldt-Universität on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence. In the foyer of the main building and at various other HU locations on 27 November from 10 am to 2 pm, there will be an opportunity to talk to the Women's and Gender Equality Officers and find out more about their work. At international level, the United Nations has been dedicating 25 November to the elimination of violence against women for 20 years. The date goes back to the murder of the Mirabal sisters. They were killed by the military secret service in the Dominican Republic on 25 November 1960 because they had defended themselves against the then dictator Rafael Trujillo.

[Find out more about the day of action at the HU](#)

Important: Change for Adobe software from November 30th

From November 30th, Adobe products (Acrobat Pro, Photoshop, etc.) at the HU will be switched from serial number-based to personal licensing. This ensures continued access to Adobe products as existing serial numbers expire and cannot be renewed. Practical instructions for the changeover will be provided to all employees on November 21st. The IT officers in the areas remain contact persons for the necessary new installations. The Computer and Media Service asks for your understanding during this transition phase.

Reminder: Reinstallation of all Eduroam clients necessary

A change to the Eduroam infrastructure made it necessary to update the configuration of all clients. Employees who have failed to reinstall Eduroam are asked to follow the instructions for their respective operating system. The Eduroam Wi-Fi network can no longer be used without updating the configuration.

[View instructions for the installation](#)

If you have any questions or problems, please contact the user advice centre: cms-benutzerberatung@hu-berlin.de

Humboldt's Magic of Lights: Choral music in the main building on 13 December

Let's sing! All Humboldtians are cordially invited to sing along and listen on 13 December: The HU's a cappella choir and chamber choir will be presenting a colourful musical mix of international Christmas music and traditional chorales in the foyer of the Main Building from 5pm. Music groups and choirs who would like to take part in the programme with their own contributions can do so between 3 and 5 p.m. and register for Humboldt's Magic of Lights at veranstaltungen@hu-berlin.de by 1 December. Hot drinks and snacks can be purchased on site.

Staff meeting: focus on occupational health and safety

All HU employees are invited to take part in the staff meeting "Excellence or blatantly underserved?" on 15 November from 9 am to around 12 noon and join in the discussion. The topics will be "Optimisation needs in occupational health and safety" and "Better employment standards - dream or reality". The meeting will take place on the Adlershof campus in the Erwin Schrödinger Centre, Lecture Hall O'015, Rudower Chaussee 26, 12489 Berlin. It will also be livestreamed. In the run-up to the staff meeting, questions, messages and suggestions can be sent to personalrat@rz.hu-berlin.de

[Submit questions anonymously via chat](#)

[Access the livestream on 15 November](#)

Happy Birthday Adlershof: celebrating 20 years on campus

On 22 November, Campus Adlershof will be celebrating its twentieth anniversary. Governing Mayor Kai Wegner and Senator for Science Dr Ina Czyborra are expected to attend the celebrations. The institute buildings for physics, geography and psychology as well as the Erwin Schrödinger Centre were completed in 2003, while the institutes for computer science, mathematics and chemistry had already moved to the campus in the preceding years. The ceremony will take place on 22 November from 3 pm and will also be livestreamed.

[Go to the livestream and find out more about the programme](#)

Construction: 30 million euros for the Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences

The historic building at Ziegelstraße 5 has been undergoing renovation and refurbishment since the summer. The listed building is expected to once again house all areas of the Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences, which are currently housed in various rented properties in Mitte, in 2027. The HU has received 30 million euros for this project from the Senate Department for Science, Health and Care and, unlike many other projects, is the client.

[Find out more about the construction process at Ziegelstraße 5](#)

Advent calendar: Your contributions are needed

The Advent calendar workshop of the Communication, Marketing and Event Management department is already hard at work. From 1 December, you can open a door every day in the digital Advent calendar on the intranet. Behind each one is a little themed surprise. This year, we are looking for ideas from HU employees for the Christmas and Advent season. Write to us and let your colleagues share your special experiences over the Christmas period, give us tips for successful Christmas parties at work or tell us what you'll be putting on the table in the weeks leading up to the New Year and during the festive period: interne-kommunikation@hu-berlin.de

Reminder: flu vaccination in Adlershof and at Charité

On 16 November, 1 December and 18 December from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., HU members, staff and students alike, can get vaccinated against the flu (influenza) on the Adlershof campus. The time invested for this counts as working time for employees. Furthermore, an additional flu vaccination programme is offered via the vaccination consultation hours at the three Charité sites in Mitte, Steglitz and Wedding. The Standing Committee on Vaccination at the Robert Koch Institute (STIKO) recommends that older and chronically ill people should be vaccinated against the flu every year.

[Find out more about the vaccination programme and view the Charité's schedule](#)

Exhibition: "Hiroshima: People for World Peace" on 1 and 2 December

The atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki more than 70 years ago cost the lives of 200,000 civilians. The victims and their descendants are still suffering from health problems caused by the attacks. The government of Hiroshima Prefecture would like to promote peace and international understanding through an objective and informative perspective on this tragic event and is presenting an exhibition in the foyer of the main building of Humboldt-Universität on 1 and 2 December. Various historical artefacts from the bombing of Hiroshima and its consequences will be presented in the form of panels, photos and virtual reality.

Research & Teaching

Ten years of BIM: Objectifying the migration debate

The Berlin Institute for Empirical Integration and Migration Research (BIM) at HU is celebrating its tenth anniversary in November. The BIM not only conducts research, it also has an impact on the general public - with the aim of objectifying the public debate on integration and migration with scientific expertise. In this interview, Gökce Yurdakul, Co-Director of the BIM, talks about milestones, research priorities and the transfer of knowledge to society in times of migration debates, growing anti-Semitism and wars. To accompany the anniversary, the institute is presenting a series of lectures with international guests under the title "Redefining the Horizons of Critical Migration Research". The BIM's activities also include the podcast B.O.M., where the two migration researchers Özgür Özvatan and Daniel Kubiak speak with guests on the topic of Berlin.Ost.Migrantisch.

[Read interview with Gökce Yurdakul](#)

[Watch the anniversary lecture series](#)

[Find out more about and listen to the B.O.M. podcast](#)

Ideas competition: Social innovations from the university

The BMBF has published a new guideline for funding projects on the topic of "Society of Innovations - Impact Challenge at Universities - Ideas Competition for Social Innovations from the University Landscape". Funding is available for projects that develop and test new solutions for pressing social challenges. The solutions should be social innovations. These can be existing ideas from work at universities or ideas that are first developed and then further developed in the subsequent funding phase. The implementation phase is funded for up to twelve months with up to 175,000 euros per project for personnel, material and travel expenses.

[Further information on the guidelines can be found at](#)

Exhibition, concert and lecture: A history of the domino problem

The domino problem, an algorithmic decision-making problem, is the focus of the exhibition "A few thoughts on how things fit together..." in the east atrium of the main building, Unter den Linden 6. It will open on 17 November at 7 pm and will be on display until 1 December. The exhibition features individual and collaborative works by artists Michael Winter and Mareike Yin-Yee Lee. In addition, mathematician Jarkko Kari (University of Turku) will introduce the topic of the domino problem with his lecture "From Wang Tiles to the Domino Problem: A Tale of Aperiodicity". The accompanying programme also includes the Kali Ensemble from The Hague, which will give a concert on the topic. The concert and lecture will take place on 22 November in the Fritz-Reuter-Saal of the HU on Hegelplatz at Dorotheenstr. 24. The exhibition and programme have been organised by Gaëtan Borot, Professor of Mathematical Physics at the HU.

[Find out more about the domino problem and the events](#)

Knowledge: Lecture series at the HU in the winter semester 2023/2024

In the current winter semester, the HU is once again offering numerous public lecture series. Among other things, the lecturers will address developments and future prospects in Ukraine, discuss right-wing extremism and justice, the concept of reconstruction and concepts that can help us to better understand our society. The student sustainability office is once again taking part with the lecture series "The Green Thread", which looks at the topics of sustainability and climate protection from different perspectives.

[View the lecture series of the winter semester](#)

Insights: European universities and sustainability

Six European university alliances are presenting their initiatives in the area of sustainability: from governance and community engagement to a transdisciplinary master's degree program to a concert on climate change, there are many different approaches. Circle U., HU's European network, will present its Knowledge Hub on Climate. Following the short presentations, there will be a panel discussion: What does sustainability mean in the alliances? How can European universities learn from each other and contribute together? The event in English, organized by Circle U. and Una Europa, will take place on December 6th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Heilig-Geist-Kapelle at Spandauer Straße 1.

[Register for participation](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Oxford-Berlin Research Partnership: Apply for funding by December 8th

This year, the University of Oxford is once again offering funding to support the establishment of new research collaborations or the continuation and further development of existing collaborations as part of its research partnership with the Berlin University Alliance. Funding amounts average up to £5,000. However, applications with larger funding amounts can also be submitted. Applicants should be based at the University of Oxford. The projects must be carried out between February 1st and December 31st, 2024. Applications are open until December 8th at 11:59 p.m.

[Further information can be found on the Oxford in Berlin website](#)

Leadership programme: Created at HU, continued at BUA

In the leadership programme for female professors, which was created at Humboldt University in 2013, female professors are specifically supported for a year with workshops, coaching and networking and are invited to strengthen and expand their skills. Since 2021, the programme has been open to all professors from the BUA's network partners. In October, the programme, which is now based at the Berlin Leadership Academy of the Berlin University Alliance, celebrated its tenth anniversary. Over the ten years, 71 female scientists took advantage of the offer to develop their leadership skills and expand their professional network.

[Find out more about the leadership program for female professors and the Leadership Academy](#)

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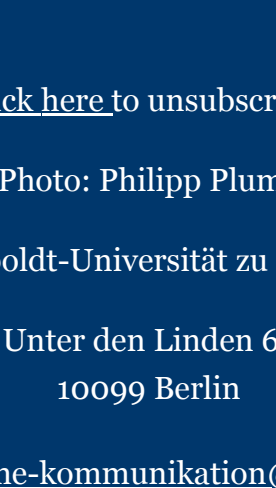
Image gallery: Humboldt Preis awarded for the best theses

The Humboldt Preis annually honors excellent scientific work by students and young scientists at the HU. This year's award ceremony took place on November 13th in the east atrium of the main building. Kieran Felix Meinhart and Marielena Rasch were each awarded 750 euros for their bachelor's thesis. Ana Nasyrova, Hannah Prawitz and Hannah Katharina Raasch each received 1,500 euros in prize money for their master's thesis. Nicole Kunkel and Paul Pfeiffer were each awarded 3,000 euros for their dissertation. The special prize for research on Judaism and anti-Semitism and 2,000 euros went to Dr. Nils Alexander Hauser. Hanke Guo and Sven Vetter won the prize for the best "Research to Innovation" and awarded 1,000 euros each. Congratulations!

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