



Women's General Assembly on 11 March: Against sexualised discrimination and violence

All Humboldtians are cordially invited to the Women's Assembly on 11 March on the occasion of International Women's Day. Discussions, dialogue and a poetry slam on the topic "No room for assault. Sexualised discrimination, harassment and violence at the university" are on the agenda. The event will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Senate Hall of the main building, Unter den Linden 6. The topic is not only on the agenda of the central Women's and Equal Opportunities Officer, Ursula Fuhrich-Grubert, and her three deputies Caroline Kunert, Verena Namberger and Kristina Kütt (photo, from left to right). A new constitution, the organisation of an action week and consultation are currently the focus of their work. In the interview, they report on the details of their work.

[Further information on the women's plenary assembly](#)

[Read interview with central women's representatives](#)

Extra

Safety drill: main building closed on 15 March

On 15 March 2024, the Berlin Police will be holding a security drill in the main building of Humboldt-Universität, Unter den Linden 6. The entire building will be closed for this from 7 am to 4 pm. During this time, people will have to work from home. The cafeteria will also not be open.

For teaching purposes, the safety exercise will be accompanied by selected people from Humboldt-Universität.

[Further information on mobile working at the HU](#)

Science & Teaching

DAAD funding: Centre for Ukrainian Studies in Frankfurt/Oder and Berlin

Humboldt-Universität is one of six partners in the "Centre of Excellence for Interdisciplinary Ukrainian Studies Frankfurt (Oder) - Berlin (KIU)", which is led by the European University Viadrina. The network, which was recently awarded the contract by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), aims to contribute to the dissemination of a differentiated image of Ukraine and to the intensification of German-Ukrainian relations. A postgraduate programme and a certificate programme are planned, which will be expanded to include a Master's degree programme in the course of the project. Knowledge about Ukrainian politics and society is also to be communicated to a broader public.

[Find out more about KIU](#)

Success: Emmy Noether funding for three research groups

Three early career researchers at HU have been accepted for Emmy Noether funding from the German Research Foundation (DFG). Under the title "'No representation without taxation' - Budget law in the multi-level system", a team from the Faculty of Law is investigating budget law in the European multi-level system, particularly in relation to national and European levels. In the "NanoMECHs" project, another group is developing tools in the form of molecular machines to realise new synthesis processes and materials. The third research project, "COMPLATn Platform", is working on the alternative production of rare plant substances that are effective against cancer. The research group aims to develop an environmentally friendly method to synthesise high-quality plant-based natural substances.

[Find out more about Emmy Noether groups](#)

Video and interview: Researching and teaching in Ukraine in the third year of war

For over two years, missiles, air raids, drone attacks and heavy fighting have been part of everyday life in many parts of Ukraine. How can teaching and research take place under these conditions? Ukrainian physicist Prof Dr Leonid Yatsenko talks about this in an interview. He is a visiting researcher at the HU's Institute of Physics and continues to play an active role in the work of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Ksenii Smyrnova and Roman Petyur, employees of the National Taras Shevchenko University of Kyiv, a partner university of the HU, report in the video what everyday life on campus is like under the constant threat of Russian attacks and how they are trying to deal with the consequences of the war.

[Read interview with Leonid Yatsenko](#)

[Watch the video from Taras Shevchenko University.](#)

Research, teaching and networks: Workshop on Central and Eastern Europe

With its wide range of languages, interdisciplinary research and the CENTRAL network, Humboldt-Universität is a particularly attractive academic centre in the field of Central and Eastern Europe. President Julia von Blumenthal hosted a workshop on this topic on 22 February to gain a more detailed picture of HU's expertise in this area and to network stakeholders. The approximately 60 participants had an intensive exchange and spoke in favour of an annual meeting.

[Read the workshop report](#)

Für Lehrende: KI-Lehrzertifikat startet am 22. März

Teachers with little or no prior knowledge of artificial intelligence can take part in the certificate programme of the "KI-Campus 2.0 HU Berlin" project from 22 March. The programme was developed at the "Career Center & Academic Continuing Education" staff unit in collaboration with "AI-SKILLS" and covers a wide range of topics from the basics of artificial intelligence to the design of appealing teaching materials.

[Further information on the KI teaching certificate](#)

Call for Participation for TURN 24: Policy and practice for innovative teaching

The call for participation for TURN24, which is being organised this year by German U15 on 14/15 November in Berlin, is open until 12 April. The event "Connecting Horizons - Politics and Practice for Innovative Teaching" is all about an exchange of perspectives between politics and practice. We are looking for contributions for community formats such as short presentations, workshops, world cafés and practical discussions on the following topics: Spaces and Learning Environments, Future Skills and Structures, AI and Technology, and Science and Society. The TURN Conference is a series of conferences on teaching and learning at universities.

[Find out more about the TURN Conference](#)

Administration & Service

Female professors programme 2030: HU convinces in the 1st selection round

Humboldt-Universität has once again impressed in the first selection round of the Women Professors Programme 2030. Together with 91 other universities, it was selected to submit funding applications based on its gender equality policy goals, structures and measures. The Women Professors Programme, which has been in existence since 2008, aims to attract more women to science and research. The selected universities now have until 30 September 2025 to submit applications for start-up funding for initial appointments of women to permanent W2 or W3 professorships.

[Find out more about the HU's gender equality strategy](#)

Workshop: "Fundamentals of diversity competence" in the summer semester

The workshop "Fundamentals of Diversity Competence" is aimed at managers and is offered throughout the year. In order to enable as many people as possible to take part, the workshops are held in Adlershof and Mitte, in presence and digitally, in German or English. The next workshops will start at the beginning of the summer semester: on 19 April from 10 am to 5 pm (in German, Campus Mitte), on 23 April from 10 am to 5 pm (in English, Campus Adlershof), on 24 April from 10 am to 1:30 pm (in English, Zoom) and on 29 April from 10 am to 1:30 pm (in German, Zoom). Registration is via the Continuing Vocational Training Centre.

[View and register for workshop dates 2024](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Open Lab evening: "Smart material for overheated cities" on 14 March

36 degrees and it's getting even hotter? This is an increasing challenge for many people, especially in city centres. Because lots of glass, concrete and metal cause temperatures to rise even higher on hot summer days. What materials can help? Anyone interested in innovative materials and visions for the future is invited to the Open Lab Evening at Futurium on 14 March from 5 to 8 pm to contribute their ideas, develop future scenarios and design prototypes for alternative materials. The event is part of the BUA-funded workshop series "Visiting Material Futures", which is organised by researchers from the Cluster of Excellence "Matters of Activity" and the experimental laboratory for science communication "CollActive Materials". Further workshops will take place in April, May and June.

[Find out more and book your free ticket](#)

Visit to the BUA: Kai Wegner finds out about the Cluster of Excellence

Berlin's Governing Mayor Kai Wegner and Science Senator Dr Ina Czyborra came to the Humboldt Labor on 26 February at the invitation of the BUA for an open exchange with the Berlin Clusters of Excellence. The topics of the meeting included the upcoming applications of the seven existing clusters and the three new cluster initiatives of the alliance, which is entering the final phase of the Excellence Competition with a total of ten full proposals. Wegner and Czyborra expressed great confidence in the applications. The science senator also made a financial commitment: the state will support each successful cluster with one professorship. The decision on further or new funding for the Clusters of Excellence will be made in May 2025.

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