



## Hybrid teaching theme week: discuss and try out new formats from 24 June

Humboldt-Universität's first 'Themed Teaching Week' is dedicated to hybrid teaching. All teaching staff, students and employees as well as interested guests are cordially invited to take part from 24 to 28 June. The programme consists of various discussion events, there are many practical examples and opportunities to try things out. With a focus on inclusion, flexibility and internationalisation, the question of what contribution hybrid teaching and learning formats can make to improving teaching will be explored together. The event itself will take place in a hybrid format - in person and via Zoom.

[Watch the video & programme of the theme week](#)

## Science & Teaching

### Humboldt Teaching Day: focus on internationality on 27 June

'International teaching and learning' is the motto of the 'Humboldt Day of Teaching' on 27 June. In its new mission statement for teaching, HU is committed to developing and promoting multi-perspectivity and internationalisation in all areas of teaching and studies. The focus will be on the question of how this important task can be implemented - by teaching staff and students, at the faculties and institutes and in central and decentralised administration. The highlight of the day will be the ceremony to present the 2023 Award for Good Teaching, which will also be streamed live.

[View the Humboldt Teaching Day programme](#)

### Research Lounge on the topic of 'Artificial Intelligence' on 18 June at Campus Adlershof

The Vice President for Research, Christoph Schneider, invites you to the third edition of the Research Lounge on 18 June from 3 to 6 pm. This time, eleven HU researchers from various disciplines will present their research on and with artificial intelligence in short keynote speeches at the Leap Quantum Technology Hub at Rudower Chaussee 29, 6th floor, 12489 Berlin at Campus Adlershof. Afterwards, there will again be the opportunity for discussion and informal network.

Please register in advance: [vprefer@hu-berlin.de](mailto:vprefer@hu-berlin.de)

[To the Research Lounge programme](#)

### Rethinking freedom: take part in the competition until 31 August

Students and young scientists are invited to submit their as yet unimplemented project ideas and designs to the 'Rethinking Freedom' competition. The focus is on the interrelationships between artificial intelligence and freedom, ranging from questions of personal autonomy and privacy to ethical and economic aspects and principles of state regulation. The winner will receive an exclusive slot at the Speakers' Corner of the Berlin Science Week Campus at the Naturkundemuseum Berlin. Applications are open until 31 August.

[Take part in the competition](#)

### Looted books: University Library researches the provenance of unlawful book acquisitions under National Socialism

Since 2022, the HU University Library has been investigating all acquisitions between 1933 and 1945 that were in the former 'Central University Library' as part of a large-scale project. The suspect books are being sought out and scrutinised for evidence of their previous ownership. In total, there are at least 13,500 accessions. Library staff are also given a face in the provenance research. The aim of the project is to reconstruct the previous histories of looted books, identify rightful claimants and return books or at least document and publish the processes.

[Read the article on the website](#)

### Reminder: Take part in the lecturer survey on AI in higher education

All teaching staff at HU are invited to take part in the survey as part of the AI Campus 2.0 HU Berlin project. The survey analyses attitudes and approaches to AI in higher education, use of AI in research and teaching, AI-related skills, curricular anchoring of AI and needs. Participation in the survey takes approx. 15 to 20 minutes and is anonymous.

[Take part in the survey](#)

## Administration & Service

### Representatives for severely disabled employees: focus on accessibility and employment rate

Around 200 severely disabled and equivalent employees work at HU. Maria Indyk and her representative Deborah Zehner are elected representatives for these colleagues - the Representative Body for Severely Disabled Employees (SBV). They provide advice and ensure that laws, regulations and collective agreements are complied with. They are involved in shaping the content of procedures and agreements that affect these employees. In the interview, the two representatives report on what is currently occupying them intensively, namely barrier-free access to the university and increasing the quota of severely disabled and equal employees at HU.

[Read interview with Indyk and Zehnder](#)

### Academic Senate: Committee meets on 18 June

The Academic Senate will meet on 18 June in the Senate Hall in the main building. The public part of the meeting will be livestreamed for interested members of the public from around 10.15 am. The agenda includes the statement and approval of the draft supplementary budget 2024 of Humboldt-Universität.

[Follow AS via livestream](#)

### Gender equality: 'Gender equality concept for parity' published

Gender equality, equal opportunities and diversity are values that Humboldt-Universität is committed to - and also sees as an active challenge and task. The 'Gender Equality Concept for Parity' presented to the Academic Senate last year provides an overview of HU's gender equality strategies and measures over the past 15 years and defines specific goals and priorities in the field of action for 2024.

[View equality concept for parity](#)

### Photo gallery: Networking meeting of the Vice President for Research

The networking meeting between the departments of the Research Division on 30 May was creative, communicative and relaxed. Colleagues from the University Library, the Computer and Media Service, the Research Service Centre, Humboldt Innovation GmbH, the Humboldt Graduate School and the team of the Vice President for Research took the opportunity to come together in the historic ambience of Luisenstraße 56 outside of their everyday working lives.

[View photo gallery](#)

### Invitation: Second university-wide Office Day on 27 June

The AG Entgeltgerechtigkeit für Sekretariate invites you to the second university-wide Office Day on 27 June. In addition to secretarial staff, all other employees in technology, service and administration (MTSV) are also invited. The programme includes topics such as 'Stress management and break management in the home office' and 'The MTSV in the HU committees'. The working group will also report on its work. The event will take place from 9 am to 1 pm in the Grimm Centre. Registration is via the Professional Development Centre under 'Course IY032 Office Day 2024'. Please register by 20 June.

[View the programme and register for Office Day](#)

### New infrastructures: AI in research, teaching and administration

The Computer and Media Service promotes the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in research, teaching and administration and provides new infrastructures and services based on open source products that comply with data protection regulations. These include large language models (LLM), a High Performance Computing Cluster (HPC@HU) and a JupyterHub. These services are designed so that they can be used easily and securely within the HU network or via VPN. To support the secure use of generative AI in all areas of the university, the CMS has also developed a guideline that acts as an AI policy.

[Find out more about the CMS AI offering](#)

### Family day: Enjoy the summer in Schmöckwitz on 6 July

University Sports and the HU Family Office cordially invite all university members to the third Family Day on 6 July from 1 to 6 pm at the Schmöckwitz Water Sports Centre. Spend a relaxing day together with your children and the families of colleagues and fellow students at Lake Zeuthen in south-east Berlin. Sailing, stand-up paddling, boating and a range of other hands-on activities on the water and on land are on the programme for young and old.

[Find out more about the family day](#)

### Institute of Social Sciences: Clean-up work in progress

Since the end of the occupation of the Institute of Social Sciences (ISW) on the evening of 23 May, cleaning and renovation work has been underway in the institute building. The aim is to resume normal teaching activities in the building as soon as possible. Teaching is currently taking place at other HU locations or digitally. In the meantime, the damage and evidence survey in the four-storey, listed old ISW building has been completed. The university assumes that the damage to the building totalled around 150,000 euros. The HU has filed a criminal complaint for damage to property and a criminal complaint for the use of signs of a banned organisation (Hamas), among other things.

[Read statement](#)

### CSMB Meets Arts: Works that combine science and art

The research centre 'Center for the Science of Materials Berlin' (CSMB), based on the Adlerhof campus, is exhibiting works by Dr Sabine Wrabetz, a researcher from its own ranks. Her pictures, which have already been shown in numerous exhibitions in Germany and abroad, are characterised by a deep connection between scientific knowledge and artistic expressiveness. The exhibition can be seen at Zum Großen Windkanal 2, 12489 Berlin.

[More about the exhibition](#)

### Stadtradeln: HU team cycles around the equator twice and defends 2nd place

Things remain exciting in the second week: so far, the HU cycling team has successfully defended its second place in the overall standings, but since last Friday, the much larger team from 'mehrWert Berlin' has been putting on the pressure. The HU team already has well over 700 participants and has already (virtually) circumnavigated the equator twice. Fresh legs who want to cycle along are still welcome: The campaign runs until 19 June, and you can join one of the 35 teams at any time.

[Read more about participation and the live blog](#)

## Berlin University Alliance

### 'Sciencefluencer 2024': title goes to bat researcher

Biologist Anja Bergmann from Freie Universität Berlin is the 'Sciencefluencer 2024'. She came out on top against several competitors in a competition initiated by the Berlin University Alliance. The BUA launched the 'Berlin is looking for the Sciencefluencer' programme last year to increase the visibility of science and its protagonists from the Berlin Excellence Network. More than 130 students and researchers applied for the programme. 15 of them were allowed to take part in a six-month training programme. In addition to Anja Bergmann, psychologist and criminologist Stefanie Giljohann from Technische Universität Berlin and sociologist Leonie Reuter from Freie Universität Berlin were honoured.

[Read message on Sciencefluencer](#)

### Sharing electron microscopy: Information event on 16 July

The Alliance Centre Electron Microscopy (ACEM) offers scientists from the Berlin University Alliance cross-institutional access to electron microscopy research infrastructure. On 16 July at 3 pm, the new 'BUA Core Facility Presentation' at Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin will offer scientists from the BUA the first opportunity to exchange ideas, network and obtain information about the ACEM's services. The event will take place in the auditorium of the Charité Cross Over (CCO), Virchowweg 6, Campus Charité Mitte.

[Learn more about ACEM](#)

## People

### Circle U.: Julia von Blumenthal elected as new President

HU President Julia von Blumenthal was elected as the new President of the Circle U. university alliance at the General Assembly, which took place on 31 May at the UCLouvain in Brussels. She will fulfil her mandate for one year. Circle U. is a network of research-intensive universities from all over Europe that reflects the European identity in its diversity and cosmopolitanism. In addition to the HU, its members are the universities of Aarhus, Belgrade, Oslo, Pisa and Vienna as well as the Université Paris Cité, UCLouvain and King's College London.

[Read press release](#)

### Obituary: Mourning for Andrea Lingthaler

The Berlin Institute for Islamic Theology (BIT) and the Central Institute for Catholic Theology (IKT) mourn the loss of their administrative director, Mrs Andrea Lingthaler.

[Read obituary on the intranet](#)

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