



### Anti-discrimination: New Centre for Equal Opportunities begins its work

Humboldt-Universität has set up a Centre for Equal Opportunities. The aim is to strengthen diversity at HU and prevent discrimination and disadvantage. With this focus, the new centre brings together all previous activities and institutions in this context under one roof, such as the Office of the Central Women's and Equal Opportunities Officer and the office of the Berlin Equal Opportunities Programme. The Anti-Discrimination and Diversity department has been reorganised under the leadership of Katrin Meinke. She is the central point of contact for staff and students who have experienced discrimination at HU. They can seek advice, report incidents and submit complaints.

[Find out more about the Centre for Equal Opportunities](#)

[Read interview with Katrin Meinke](#)

### Administration & Service

#### Commemoration of the victims of the Reichspogromnacht: HU sets a sign of remembrance

To commemorate the victims of the Reichspogromnacht on 9 November 1938, the HU Presidential Board, together with representatives of the Student Parliament (StuPa) and the Referentinnenrat (RefRat), cleaned the stumbling blocks in front of the main building of the University, Unter den Linden 6, and laid flowers. With this gesture, the members of the university want to keep alive the memory of the victims of National Socialism and send a clear signal against forgetting.

[Read more about the commemoration](#)

#### Remembrance and hope: Sound installation "Mo(u)ning"

Thirteen months after the Hamas attack on Israel on 7 October 2023 and the start of the war, which is still claiming many lives and causing immeasurable suffering to the people in the region, Humboldt-Universität presented the sound installation "Mo(u)ning" by Argentinian composer Juan Pablo Martini. The work, which interweaves voices, poems, prayers and music from different cultures, commemorates the victims and symbolises hope for lasting peace. The installation could be heard every hour on 7 November in the foyer of the HU's main building. An online version will be available on the HU website at the end of the month.

[Learn more about the sound installation](#)

#### Annual financial statements 2024 : Deadline for short-term procurements

The Procurement department informs: For procurements whose delivery and service provision as well as invoicing is still to take place in 2024, initiation is required by 15 November at the latest. Procurements initiated after the above deadline can only be considered for the 2025 financial year.

[View important year-end closing dates](#)

#### Action week: Commitment against violence against women\*

Since 1999, 25 November has been International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. On the occasion of the International Orange Days, the staff of the Centre for Equal Opportunities are organising a theme week at the HU from 23 to 30 November. The focus will be on campaigns and events on the topics of sexualised discrimination, harassment and violence. The aim is to sensitise all members of the university to the forms and extent of gender-specific violence and to strengthen and support those affected through various offers. Events include the opening of the "Invisible" exhibition, the "Safer Spaces" workshop for students, empowerment workshops entitled "Courageous Outburst" for students and staff, the screening of "Picture a Scientist" with the keynote "Science. Power. Solidarity" and the "#MenForEquality" campaign.

[Further information on the campaign week](#)

#### Committee elections: Submit election proposals by 27 November

The committee elections in the winter semester 2024/45 will take place on 14 January at HU. The Central Election Board has announced elections to the Academic Senate/Council, the Faculty Councils of the Faculties of Law, Cultural Studies, Social Sciences and Education, Life Sciences, Mathematics and Natural Sciences and Theology, among others. The councils of the Central Institutes for Islamic and Catholic Theology will also be elected. Nominations can be submitted until 27 November 15 pm. Absentee ballots can be requested until 18 December, 15 pm, from the respective local election committee.

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

#### "Lichterzauber": Meeting with music on 11 December

On 11 December, the "Lichterzauber" will once again take place in the Main Building, this year in the Senate Hall. The HU Choir and the HU Chamber Choir will provide musical highlights in the early evening with atmospheric seasonal songs. University Sports offers dance classes for beginners, exclusively for HU employees. In addition, colleagues from all departments are invited to actively help shape the afternoon: Whether games, thematic contributions or creative ideas for small activities - all suggestions are welcome. Send your ideas as soon as possible to: [veranstaltungen@hu-berlin.de](mailto:veranstaltungen@hu-berlin.de).

#### Prevention: Vaccination for employees and students

HU employees and students can be vaccinated against seasonal influenza by the company doctors. For persons over 60 years of age, the tetavalent high-dose vaccine recommended for this age group cannot be covered by HU. You are advised to contact your family doctor. Signed consent forms must be brought to the appointments. Prior registration is not necessary. On 13 November 13, from 9 am to 14 pm., a vaccination appointment will take place on the Adlershof campus (Institute of Chemistry, room 0233). Vaccinations will also be given at the Charité sites in Wedding and Mitte.

[Find out about flu vaccination and download documents](#)

#### Don't forget: Digital retrieval of salary documents in Employee Self Service

Since 23 January, employees of Humboldt-Universität have been able to retrieve salary statements, social security registration certificates and income tax statements for previous calendar years (from 2023) via the Employee Self Service (ESS). It is not possible to retrieve documents in the ESS for the period before 1 January 2023. In this context, the Payroll Office would like to point out that access to ESS ends with the employment relationship. Employees must retrieve their documents promptly and regularly.

[Read more about the ESS](#)

#### Research & Teaching

##### METIS Lecture: Gender inequality in mathematics, on 28 November

Gender equality in mathematics has not yet been achieved at German universities. What are the causes and mechanisms that may contribute to gender inequalities in this field? What role do academics in leadership positions play as gatekeepers in creating career barriers for female doctoral students and postdocs? Anna Ransiek will present in her online lecture "Old Barriers or New Changes? Gender in a Mathematical Cluster of Excellence" on November 28, Anna Ransiek will present key findings from "Math+ as a Research Object", a sociological research project within the framework of the DFG Cluster of Excellence MATH+.

[Find out more about the METIS Lecture](#)

##### Object of the Month: The Collection of Historical Images of Palestine

Five images from Gaza, Aleppo, Baalbek, Beirut and Jerusalem were selected as "Object of the Month" from the approximately 2000 slides in the "Collection of Historical Images of Palestine" at the Faculty of Theology. Due to the war in the Middle East, the sites are currently at the centre of public attention and are threatened by violent destruction. The photographs were taken in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and depict biblical settings. The majority of the photographs in the collection were contributed by the Old Testament scholar Hugo Grossmann (1877 to 1927). In the "Object of the Month" series initiated by the Helmholtz Center for Cultural Technology together with the HU collections, special objects from the Humboldt-Universität collections are presented.

[Read more about the Object of the Month](#)

##### Everyday school life and AI: Theme day on 15 November

How can artificial intelligence (AI) meaningfully support everyday school life and what educational and ethical challenges does it pose? These questions will be discussed at the theme day "Teaching with Bites - AI technologies in the context of school and teaching" organised by the Professional School of Education (PSE). The AI projects AI-Skills, Impact and KI-Campus will also be represented. Teachers, teacher training students, teachers and other interested parties from the education sector are invited to attend. The theme day will take place on 15 November from 10 am to 6 pm in the Centre for Technology-Enhanced Learning, Room 0223, at PSE, Hausvogteiplatz 5-7, 10117 Berlin.

[Registration and further information on the AI theme day](#)

##### The Schrödinger "case": New findings on 18 November

In the ongoing debate about a possible renaming of the Erwin Schrödinger Center at Humboldt University, new, previously inaccessible sources from Schrödinger's estate, including his diaries and letters from affected women, will be presented at an event on 18 November. Massive accusations have been levelled against the physicist for two years. These range from paedophilia to sexual abuse and have permanently damaged the Nobel Prize winner's public reputation. Dr Dr Magdalena Gronau and Martin Gronau would like to make a contribution to objectifying the heated media debate with new research findings. The event "The Schrödinger case. On the clarification of the abuse allegations" will take place from 4 to 5.30 pm at the Erwin Schrödinger Centre, Rudower Chaussee 23, 12489 Berlin, lecture room 0'101.

[Find out more about the event](#)

##### Sustainable teaching and Circle U. Climate Day: submit proposals by 22 November

In 2025, the focus will be on sustainability: the "Sustainable Teaching" theme week from 3 to 5 June will focus on teaching and learning projects that deal with sustainability. The week will open with the Teaching Day on 3 June, when the prize for good teaching will also be awarded. On 5 June, the Circle U. Climate Day will take place simultaneously at all partner universities. Numerous events and initiatives aim to raise awareness of sustainable teaching and promote dialogue. Humboldtians of all status groups are invited to submit proposals for Climate Day events by 22 November.

[Submit event proposals for Climate Day](#)

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