



Newly opened: Portrait-exhibition in front of the Senate Hall

Many new faces have recently been added to the newly designed portrait exhibition in front of the Senate Hall in the Main Building. Unlike the Nobel Laureate Gallery that hung there for a long time, the new exhibition shows a far more diverse selection of Humboldtians worth remembering. Under the title "Excellence in Science - University for Society", more than 40 women and men who have decisively shaped the development of Humboldt-Universität and the field of science nationally and internationally as well as outstanding researchers with problematic biographies are on display. The new faces include among others: Regine Hildebrandt, W.E.B. du Bois, Alice Salomon, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Robert Havemann, Rabel Hirsch, Günther Tembrock, Karl Marx, Jurek Becker, Elisabeth Schiemann, Magnus Hirschfeld and Lieselotte Richter. The new exhibition was conceived and planned by the members of the Historical Commission. Biographical information can be accessed on site via QR codes or viewed on the internet.

[Learn more about the personalities in the new exhibition](#)

[View the picture gallery of the suspension on the intranet](#)

Research & Teaching

Success: Science Council gives green light for research building

At the end of April, the Science Council of the Federal Government and the States recommended the joint application of the Humboldt-Universität and the Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin for the funding of a new research building in the amount of around 69 million euros. Based on this recommendation, the Joint Science Conference of the Federal Government and the States will decide on the funding in early summer. The new Optobiology Centre is set to become a centre of excellence for photobiology, optical neurobiology with optogenetics and microscopy on the North Campus and provide capacity for 110 people.

[Read press release about optogenetics building](#)

Circle U.: Prize for inter- and transdisciplinary research

Until 10th of May, researchers can apply for the ICUP, the first prize of the European university alliance Circle U., which is awarded for inter- and transdisciplinary research. The prize is awarded annually to three researchers or research groups from all status groups. Disciplines can be social sciences, humanities, natural sciences, public health, technology, engineering, mathematics or computer technology.

[Access the call for applications](#)

Announcement: "Prodoc Scholarship" at the Institute of Philosophy

The Carl and Max Schneider Foundation for the Promotion of Philosophy is offering a scholarship for the preparation of a doctorate in philosophy, starting on 1st of October. With this scholarship, the foundation is making an important contribution to improving the study conditions for talented students. The deadline for applications is 30th of June.

[This is how students can apply for scholarships](#)

Micro-training for teachers: focus on large student groups

The lecture halls are open again and so the focus of lecturers is shifting from digital teaching back to classroom teaching. In the continuing education series "Microtraining", which continues to take place online in order to be accessible at an easy level, the focus is on current topics in higher education didactics. The "Activating Teaching in Large Groups" event deals with strategies and methods on how teachers can successfully encourage students to learn even in very large groups. Dates: 11th of May and 1st of June.

[Learn more about microtraining](#)

Lunchtalk Lehre: monthly exchange format continues

The "Lunchtalk Lehre" series will continue in the summer semester. The Lunchtalks take place digitally on the first Wednesday of each month during the semester from 1 to 1:50 pm. On 4th of May, the topic will be "Digital exams: Results-centred and efficient, but also competence-oriented and research-based?"

[View more Lunchtalk topics in Moodle](#)

[Go directly to the Zoom event](#) (password: 495235)

"Research to Market Challenge": apply by 8th of May

The "Research to Market Challenge" idea competition is aimed at individuals and teams with a business or product idea in an early phase that is related to research at Humboldt-Universität. Participants will receive expert feedback on their idea, have the chance to attend a training course on business model development and win prize money of up to 1,500 euros.

[Access the call for entries](#)

Lecture: How to combine entrepreneurship and sustainability

Jennifer Rasch (Goldmarie Finanzen) will talk about how to successfully combine financial investment strategies with climate protection and sustainability at the next online meeting at WiNS Adlershof (Women in Natural Sciences Adlershof) on the 10th of May from 3 to 4 pm. Together with her co-founder Caroline Löbbard, Rasch and her start-up Goldmarie Finanzen have successfully acquired an EXIST start-up grant and are currently in the Startup Incubator Mitte. Katja Brunner (Humboldt-Innovation) explains how a promising idea becomes a successful start-up project and what infrastructure Humboldt-Universität provides to support the preliminary and early stages of a start-up. The target group is female Master degree students, doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers.

[Information and registration via Petra Metz](#)

[Further information on WiNS](#)

Open Access: Stories from Research Data Management

When it comes to research data management, not much can actually happen, or can it? Anna Lehmann, a member of the FDNext research project, and Anja Herwig, deputy head of the Natural Sciences Branch Library, show how broad and varied the challenges in research data management are and tell stories to make you smile, sigh or marvel in the podcast. The conversation took place at the start of Love Data Week 2022.

[Listen to the podcast](#)

Administration & Service

Campus Management System: Kick-off workshop on 9th of May

As part of the kick-off workshop of the joint preliminary project with HIS eG, the most important tasks of the preliminary project and their effects on the introduction of the campus management system HISinOne will be presented on 9th of May from 1:45 pm on. Both the structure of HISinOne and the process of a HISinOne implementation project will be discussed. The presentation will take place in the form of a Zoom meeting.

[Go directly to the Zoom meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 684 4520 7419

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Moved: Quick Test Centre is now located at Dorotheenstraße 24

Students and employees of the University can be tested for the coronavirus at the test centres at the Mitte Campus, which has now moved to Dorotheenstraße 24, and at the Adlershof Campus, which can still be found in the Erwin Schrödinger Centre. Here, medically trained staff perform rapid tests from Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

[View more information on the test centres](#)

Climate protection management: Take part in participatory workshops

Humboldt-Universität has set itself the goal of becoming climate neutral by 2030. This means that final energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions must fall significantly and quickly over the next few years. This can only succeed if as many members of the HU as possible participate in the project and take part in the implementation of planned climate protection measures. Wiebke Hampel, the University's climate protection manager, invites all interested parties to contribute their ideas in these workshops. The topics include climate-friendly mobility at the HU, sustainability in teaching, learning, research and governance. All members of the HU are also invited to participate in a short, anonymous survey on student and staff mobility. All information will serve as a basis for the creation of a climate protection concept for the university.

[View information on workshops and register](#)

[Participate in the mobility survey](#)

Circle U.: Virtual Staff Week on Inclusion and Mobility

From the 23rd to 25th of May, Circle U. invites all interested colleagues from partner universities to a virtual staff week. The topic is inclusion and mobility: Which students have not been sufficiently considered so far? What are their needs? How can they be reached and supported?

The partners of the European Higher Education Alliance Circle U. want to work towards the inclusion of all students - especially those who are currently disadvantaged or underrepresented in mobility. The offer is primarily aimed at coordinators in the field of mobility, inclusion and communication, as well as student advisors from all institutions within Circle U. The Staff Week will be held in English.

[Go to the Staff Week programme and registration](#)

Berlin University Alliance

Funding: From the theatre of images to the archaeological archive

In order to advance an integrated research space in the field of social sciences and humanities, the BUA provides start-up funding. The six successful applicants will receive funding that will enable them to raise further third-party funds to expand existing research infrastructures or new structures used across institutions. The topics range from the theatre of images to laboratory procedures in the social and medical sciences to archaeological digital archives. The projects are funded with a total of 275,000 euros for one year.

[View funded projects](#)

Funding: What a Career Development Award makes possible

During a research semester, postdocs from the collaborative partners can work on a project of their choice with a Career Development Award while continuing to receive their salary, sharpening their own research profile and thus advancing their academic career. One of the first eleven postdocs to receive funding is Dr. Anna Kühlen, a research assistant in the Department of Neurocognitive Psychology at the HU. In the interview, she reports on her experiences during the research semester.

[Read interview with Kühlen](#)

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Award: ERC Advanced Grant for biologist Matthew Larkum

Neuroscientist Matthew Larkum has been awarded an Advanced Grant from the European Research Council (ERC) for his research project "Dendro-somatic coupling and global neuronal signalling". His research group at the Institute of Biology will look at the basics of anaesthesia in the brains of mammals, including humans. For this work, the group will receive 2.5 million euros in funding over a period of five years.

[Learn more about Matthew Larkum](#)

Honour: Prize for Good Teaching goes to German Didactics Professor Petra Anders

Petra Anders is a professor of German teaching and its didactics at the primary level at the Institute of Educational Sciences. For her conception and unusual use of an audio book in a hybrid course with over 400 students, she was awarded the Humboldt University Award for Good Teaching 2021. The award is intended for teaching concepts that supported and excelled in the transition from digital teaching to face-to-face teaching. The award is endowed with 10,000 euros, which will again go towards teaching projects.

[Read more: This is how the award ceremony went](#)

Portrait: Have a digital coffee with... Sina Krüger

Sina Krüger is an HU alumna, she studied biology and physical education to become a teacher and now works as a teacher for these two subjects in Berlin. In her Master degree thesis, she wrote about the incomplete or even erroneous depictions of the female genital area in school textbooks. This did not remain without consequences. Partly as a result of her criticism, some major school textbook publishers such as Cornelsen, Klett and Westermann have for the first time included illustrations in their teaching materials that correspond to the scientific findings of today.

[Read portrait of Sina Krüger](#)

Scherer Prize: Award for work on European modernism

The literary scholar Anna Luhn will be awarded the Scherer Prize 2022 for her dissertation presented at the Freie Universität of Berlin. Luhn is being honoured for her work "Overstretching the Possible. Dimensions of the Acrobatic in the Literature of European Modernism". The prize is endowed with 5,000 euros. The Scherer Prize is awarded every two years by the Richard M. Meyer Foundation together with Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Freie Universität Berlin for dissertations or postdoctoral theses in the field of older and modern German literature.

In the media

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Der Tagesspiegel "Chemist, War Criminal and Nobel Prize Winner"

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Berliner Zeitung: "Berlin Senate Amends Controversial Higher Education Law"

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