



Incidents of verbal sexual assault - staff member to be released until further notice

Dear students and staff,

The university management of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin has suspended the academic staff member accused of verbal sexual assault until further notice. He will not be teaching in the winter semester 2023/24.

The university management will continue the careful internal processing for the entire university. Beyond the current case, this includes, on the one hand, a precise analysis of possible structural reasons that favour the abuse of power. On the other hand, it is a matter of creating the conditions for those affected to turn to the responsible authorities without fear of negative consequences for them, in order to enable rapid clarification and punishment of proven misconduct.

Humboldt-Universität aims to be a discrimination-free place of learning and research. We pursue attacks and discrimination on the basis of origin, gender, sexual orientation, skin colour or cultural background with all the means at our disposal. To do this, we need your help: We ask all staff and students to contact the Women's representatives or the President directly if they become aware of any incidents. Students can also contact their student representatives.

The Women's representatives of the HU are Women's representatives according to the State Equal Opportunities Act (LGG) as well as counselling and complaints offices for all cases of sexualised discrimination and violence. Accordingly, affected persons are comprehensively advised by the central as well as the decentralised Women's representatives and accompanied during a complaint procedure. At every stage of the procedure, Women's representatives respect the wish of complainants for mediation and moderation, as well as for anonymity or for the initiation of legal proceedings for serious assaults.

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