



Foreword

HOPE was the name and the message of an 'International Humboldt Kolleg', a conference which took place from September 12 till September 14 in Nainital. The event was well organized by Prof. Bahadur Kotlia, Kumaun University and alumnus of Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation and of Freie Universität Berlin. Prof. Rank Riedel, Freie Universität Berlin, was the the Guest of Honour.



HOPE-2013 is an acronym for 'THIRD POLE DEMANDS PROTECTION'. Before I joined the conference I was ignorant enough not to know that for scientists a third pole exists, next to the North and the South Pole the Himalayan and Tibetan regions as a third factor influencing our climate in similar ways.

Around 80 participants from all over India met, most of them AvH-Alumni but a significant number of the new generation of scientists. I was given the opportunity to speak about trends in international student mobility. Prof. Kotlia is preparing to publish the presentations; those of you who are interested in the matter should use them as the best sources for the respective subject. Due to the disaster which met Uttarakhand in June this year, the topics of the conference got an unforeseen importance. Politicians and administrators are called on to learn from the latest findings presented during HOPE in order to avoid similar disasters in the future.

The scientific conference was supplemented by visits of the famous 'tals' - lakes in and around Nainital, and a cultural program – with a song presented by our host. Please, click his picture and enjoy.

We wish that more and more alumni of Freie Universität Berlin have the chance to organize similar events. There is a chance to discuss this matter during our next meeting on 1st December at the IIC in Delhi.

See you soon,

Ulrich Podewils

Freie Universität Berlin is organizing its third Alumni Meeting in New Delhi on Dec 1st, 2013

We would like to welcome our FU Alumni to join us for the talk of Prof. Wieler, Director Institute of Microbiology and Epizootics and speaker of the International Research Training Group 'Functional Molecular Infection Epidemiology' of the University Hyderabad and Freie Universität Berlin on Dec 1st, starting 12 noon at at the Indian International Center (IIC), Seminar Hall III. For further Information please [Read more...](#)

Times Ranking

Freie Universität at Rank 86 Worldwide

Freie Universität Berlin, according to the latest World University Rankings by the highly regarded journal, *Times Higher Education (THE)*, is one of the four best universities in Germany. As announced by *THE* in London, Freie Universität ranked 86 in the overall world rankings, an improvement of 42 positions since the last such rankings. In the humanities subjects, LMU Munich at rank 21 and Freie Universität Berlin at rank 22 are the best German universities. In two additional subject groups, Freie Universität is among the top 100 universities: in the social sciences at rank 87 and in the life sciences at rank 94. [Read more...](#)

'DWIH Excellence on Tour', Ahmedabad on November 16 -22, 2013

Freie Universität Berlin participated in the 'DWIH Info Session – Study & Research in Germany' at 'DWIH Excellence on Tour', Ahmedabad on November 16 -22, 2013

The 'DWIH Info Days – Study & Research in Germany!' are intended to give first-hand information about the German university and research landscape through interactive exchanges with experts of various German Universities, Research institutions and Funding organisations. The event aims at providing information about aspects ranging from admission requirements, financial support and visa procedures to issues such as German language requirements, part time work, employment prospects and lots more.

Successful workshop organized by FU Berlin in Delhi on 'European Union as a Security Actor in a Multipolar World'

The NFG Research Group 'Asian Perceptions of the European Union', based at the Freie Universität Berlin, recently organized its third annual conference and workshop in New Delhi exploring the theme of 'European Union as a Security Actor in a Multipolar World- the Views from India and China'. [Read more..](#)

Call for Applications: INSPIRE Research Internship 2014

Opportunity for Summer Internship at Freie Universität Berlin for the INSPIRE Scholar Research internships up to 3 months offered at Freie Universität Berlin in the field of Natural Sciences under DST 'INSPIRE' Program. Students of the INSPIRE program in their fourth or final year are eligible. Please find information on subjects and application on <http://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/delhi/index.html>

Looking to Brazil

The country that was this year's guest of honor at the Frankfurt Book Fair is also an area of focus for research activities at Freie Universität Berlin – *campus.leben* spoke with Professor Susanne Klengel of the Institute for Latin American Studies. [Read more..](#)

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The scholarships will commence on 1 October 2014;

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Call for Applications: IMPRS Moral Economies

Freie Universität Berlin, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Humboldt- Universität zu Berlin and Technische Universität Berlin are offering up to six PhD scholarships of the International Max Planck Research School for Moral Economies of Modern Societies (IMPRS Moral Economies) at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin, Germany, under the direction of Prof. Dr. Ute Frevert, starting October 2014.

Highly motivated M. A. (respectively M. Phil. or equivalent) graduates in history or a related field with an outstanding academic record and a strong interest in the relevant topics are encouraged to apply for a PhD scholarship from November 1st – December 1st, 2013.

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