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"Scenes from the Long Night of Science at Freie Universität, June 8, 2013. 16,500 people interested in humanities, social and natural sciences, visited Freie Universität, all universities and research institutions in the Berlin area visited by more than 160,000 visitors".

Foreword

June in Berlin

Fifty years ago, on June 26, 1963, President Kennedy delivered two famous speeches in Berlin. First he spoke in front of Rathaus Schöneberg (City Hall of Schöneberg, the then seat of the government in West-Berlin) for an audience of 450,000:

"Two thousand years ago, the proudest boast was civis romanus sum (I am a Roman citizen). Today, in the world of freedom, the proudest boast is Ich bin ein Berliner. All free men, wherever they may live, are citizens of Berlin, and therefore, as a free man, I take pride in the words Ich bin ein Berliner."

Later in the day, President Kennedy addressed students and faculty of Freie Universität Berlin in front of Henry-Ford-Building, after being made an Honorary Citizen of Freie Universität Berlin. Kennedy extensively deliberated upon the terms of "Truth, Justice and Liberty", the three commitments of the university (*Veritas – Justitia – Libertas*), in relation to the special situation of Berlin two years after the Berlin wall was erected in August 1961. This speech of President Kennedy at Freie Universität was more or less the starting point of a policy called *Wandel durch Annäherung*, Change by Convergence, which led, after 26 years, to the collapse of the Berlin wall and the GDR.

Almost fifty years later, President Obama, on June 19, 2013, made a speech in Berlin, not on the territory of the former West-Berlin but on the east side of Brandenburg Gate, just behind the former line of demarcation. The world has changed between the two speeches. Will Obama's address change the world? Let us wait till 2063.

On the 16th of June 1953, an uprising started with a strike by construction workers in East-Berlin. It turned into a widespread rebellion against the GDR government the next day, in more than 500 villages and towns. The uprising was, as you know, suppressed by tanks of Soviet forces and the police. In West Germany June 17 was later established as a national holiday, called *Day of German Unity*. After the uprising, the dramatic increase of emigration from east to west continued, and ended only on August 13, 1961 when the Berlin wall was constructed.

June in Berlin: From a rebellion in 1953 via solidarity and change of policies in 1963 to normality within this part of the world 2013, fifty years later

Dahlem to India

Signing of MoUs for enhancing education relations between India and Germany

Hon'ble HRM, Dr. M. M. Pallam Raju, who is accompanying the Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh during his visit to Germany, took part in the 2nd Inter Governmental Consultations between India and Germany co chaired by Hon'ble P Mand and Hon'ble Chancellor of Germany held today at Berlin. Two MoUs were signed on the occasion in the presence of Hon'ble PM and Hon'ble Chancellor of Germany. [Read More...](#)

Freie Universität in QS Ranking: Best German University in Three Subjects

According to the prestigious QS World University Rankings by Subject, Freie Universität is the best German university in three subjects and among the world's 50 best universities in five subjects. As announced by QS, Freie Universität leads the German universities in the subjects of history, linguistics, and communication science. In a global comparison, Freie Universität ranked 14 in history, 41 in modern languages and linguistics, 44 in communication sciences, and 48 in sociology. [Read More...](#)

Subjects Taught at Freie Universität Berlin Ranked Very High in New CHE University

Ranking: Freie Universität Berlin performed very well in the most recent university ranking by the Centre for Higher Education (CHE). New good results were achieved for the subject of history. In English and American studies, education, German studies, psychology, and Romance languages, Freie Universität's good performance in the previous evaluation in 2010 was reconfirmed. [Read More...](#)

New Focus Area: Disease in Human Aging: Dynamics at the Level of Molecules, Individuals and Society (DynAge): Focus Area DynAge

Acute illness and chronic disease are triggered by a multitude of exogenous and endogenous factors, by health-relevant behaviour (e.g. sedentary lifestyle), and the societal environment. Many diseases are age-related in the sense that exposure to risk-factors, which eventually drive the development of morbidity, change or cumulate over the life-span. With this Focus Area, the group will make use of the unique Berlin/Brandenburg location that is often regarded as a model area for rapidly aging societies and join expert knowledge on age-related disease processes from natural sciences, biomedicine, humanities, and social sciences at Freie Universität Berlin and Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin. [Read More...](#)

Inspire students at Freie Universität Berlin

We have announced the programme for research internship in our first Newsletter, the first group is now in Dahlem, doing projects in IT, Physics and Chemistry. Report with interviews will be published on Campus Leben (see address at the end of newsletter) very soon.



First Group of Inspire students at FU Berlin from left to right: (Meghana Raghunandan, IISER Pune, working with PD Pelster (Theoretical Physics) Sunny Mehrotra, IIT Roorkee working with Prof. Bockmayr (Mathematics) Mousumi Mukherjee, Benares Hindu University working with Prof. Wolter (Informatics) Kaustubh Chaharia, IIT Kanpur working with Prof. Andrae (Chemie/ Biochemie) Mihir Hasabnis, IIT Kharagpur with Prof. Wolter (Informatics) Rupali Chawla, IISER Mohali working with Dr. Tremblay (Chemistry/ Biochemistry)

India to Dahlem

New Structure of Undergraduate Programme at University of Delhi: These two articles sound familiar to Berliners when the University has to go under the restructuring the study programmes. These articles present the picture of both the sides.

i *Jayanti Ghosh (JNU)* [Read More...](#)

ii *Kamala Sankaran, Professor of Law, and MalashriLal, Professor of English, at Delhi University* [Read More..](#)

JNU, DU English Departments in top 100: The Centre for English Studies (CES) at Jawaharlal Nehru University has done it once again. The department has been adjudged as one of the top 100 English departments in the world by the QS World University Rankings 2013, released recently. [Read More...](#)

Brief Summary on “DWIH Excellence Tour”: The “DWIH New Delhi – Excellence on Tour 2013!” was concluded in Hyderabad on 3rd May 2013. We would like to summarize this tour as follows: The programme of activities for this eight day show was very extensive, which included active participation of the speakers from various fields of Science (including Social Sciences & Humanities). New concepts of events were introduced like DWIH Science Quiz, DWIH “Meet a Top Diplomat” and DWIH “Hands-on Workshop”, which were very

openly received by the young students & researchers.

Excellence on Tour in “Ahmedabad”: Next destination for Excellence Tour is “Ahmedabad”. Tentative dates of the Event: 15th November 2013- 23rd November 2013. Like the one in Hyderabad it will also cover the wide range of activities.

Dates to remember

Indigo Call: Call for proposals in Energy Research within New INDIGO Partnership Programme (NPP). The aim of the NPP is to fund high quality research projects involving European and Indian researchers, and at the same time to lay the basis for continuous STI cooperation and enhanced joint funding programmes between Europe and India on a trans-national level.

Topics: Smart Grids / New Energy Materials

One- submission phase: 8 May 2013- 23 August 2013 (12:00 CET / 15:30 IST)

Expected starting date of projects: Spring 2014

BMS/SFB Summer School: Discrete Differential Geometry: September 9-20, 2013

at TU Berlin organised by the [Berlin Mathematical School](#) and the [SFB/TR 109 "Discretisation in Geometry and Dynamics"](#), [Alexander Bobenko](#) and [Boris Springborn](#). This summer school combines various current research topics in geometry, topology and applications that are characterised by a close interplay of smooth and discrete aspects.

Subsidiary financial support may be offered to selected participants to cover accommodation and possibly travel costs.

Online registration will be available until July 1, 2013. [Read More...](#)

KOSMOS Summer University (October 1st to October 5th, 2013): In this KOSMOS Summer University we want to investigate the role of multiple zeta values in algebraic and arithmetic geometry as well as in physics and furthermore study the mutual interplay of these phenomena.

The KOSMOS Summer University is aimed primarily at graduate students in mathematics and physics.

Furthermore, postdoctoral researchers are also encouraged to attend. The University offers financial support to cover travel and accommodation costs for selected participants (graduate students, postdoctoral researchers).

Applications have to be submitted until 31st July 2013. [Read More...](#)

Interesting Links for more information about Freie Universität Berlin

“fundiert” Research Magazine: Each issue of [fundiert](#), a research magazine published in German by Freie Universität Berlin, is devoted to a particular theme. Various aspects of the theme are covered, based on research conducted in different departments at Freie Universität. [Read More...](#)

Tagesspiegel Newspaper Supplement: Our [supplement in the nationwide newspaper Der Tagesspiegel](#) is published six times per year in German. We use this format to present new research results and portray outstanding scholars and scientists at Freie Universität, as well as to show trends and provide information about events concerning academic policy. [Read More...](#)

Online Magazine Campus.leben: A click at <http://www.fu-berlin.de/campusleben/index.html> opens the gate to the virtual campus of Freie Universität. News and background reports, information about services, dates and deadlines, as well as stories from everyday life at the university can all be found here. [Read More...](#)

Interview of Prof. Peter-André Alt (President of Freie Universität Berlin) and Prof. Bernd Huber (President of Ludwig Maximilian Universität Munich):

The interview expresses the view of two presidents on the success in Excellence Initiative and New Cooperation:

The Interview is in German [Read More...](#)

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