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## CURRENT TOPICS .....

### Alumni meet Franziska Giffey in New Delhi, India

Freie Universität Berlin's India & South Asia Office along with the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in New Delhi organized a meeting on July 10th, 2025 in honor of the visit of Ms. Franziska Giffey. Four FU Alumni - Dr. Amit Prakash, Dr. Shilpi Gupta, Arnab Mandal and Apoorva Sharma - participated in the event. They shared their experiences from their time in Berlin and relived the nostalgic memories of the time they spent at FU, and how this experience has shaped their careers in India. Ms. Giffey asked them about their favorite spots in Berlin and invited them to visit Berlin again.

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### "Our strategy as an international network university is working"

Freie Universität has been able to secure nearly two million euros in funding for the Erasmus program outside Europe. Read the interview with Stefanie Ritter and Herbert Grieshop:

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### New training courses on internationalization (in German)

The Training Center is offering new events on the subject of internationalization, including courses on intercultural competence.

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### Events for international students prior to the new semester

The Career Service and the International Office offer various events to help new international students prepare for their studies and life in Germany.

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### Una Europa's Live taster classes:

## CALLS .....

### DAAD RISE Worldwide Canada

**Deadline 18 September 2025**

The RISE Worldwide program (Research Internships in Science and Engineering) matches bachelor students of German universities to research internships in biology, chemistry, physics, geography, medicine, IT and engineering.

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### Celebrate European Day of Languages 2025 with us!

Come and learn the basics of Irish, Ukrainian, French, Afrikaans and more! These 'bite-size' sessions will introduce you to the basics of a new language in just 45 minutes. You will learn how to introduce yourself, and practice your new language skills with staff and students from across the alliance.

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### Delegation of visitors from "Germany Today" program visits Freie Universität

On June 20, a delegation of 21 representatives from North American universities visited Freie Universität Berlin as part of the DAAD's "Germany Today" program. The talks focused on current developments in science policy such as the Excellence Strategy, the FU's research priorities and geopolitical challenges. In addition to a meeting with the social science Cluster of Excellence Scripts, the group was also able to gain insights into natural science research at the FU during a visit to the SupraFab research building.

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### International Staff Week 2025

175 guests from fifty-three countries visited Freie Universität Berlin for International Staff Training Week 2025. From Finland to South Africa, from Taiwan to Peru: As part of its annual International Staff Training Week, Freie Universität hosted university employees from all over the world from June 23–27, 2025. Participants came together to foster international exchange, share professional expertise, and contribute to making the world of science and research a more open and accessible space.

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### Open Call "Hit The Jackpot" 2025

**Deadline: 10 October 2025**

Apply for the call Hit the Jackpot 2025 and receive up to €10,000 to build and strengthen regional, national, or international networks that directly support postdoc career development. Whether it's through conferences, workshops, research visits, or collaborative initiatives – your project should be clearly focused on building strategic networks that strengthen postdoctoral career.

➔ [Further information](#)

**Europaeum Brussels Policy Seminar: Strategic Autonomy Brussels**
**14.-16. October 2025**

The 2025 Policy Seminar explores strategic autonomy through examination of its various dimensions and implications for European institutions and the processes of preparing and implementing EU policies. The seminar programme includes visits to several EU Institutions (including the EU Parliament) and involves talks and discussions with top decision makers and analysts engaged with shaping Europe's path toward greater strategic independence and resilience. We invite applications from Master's and PhD students in any discipline, who wish to learn more about EU policy making and the EU institutions.

➔ [Further information](#)

**Self-funded Fellowships at the Cluster of Excellence 2020 Temporal Communities**
**Deadline: 1 November 2025**

The Cluster of Excellence Temporal Communities invites applications for self-funded fellowships in 2026.

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## EVENTS .....

**Info session "Hit the Jackpot"**
**19 September 2025, 9.30am**

This is an information event regarding the BUA Call Hit the Jackpot. Registration is not required.

➔ **Webex: [nadia.zysman@fu-berlin.webex.com](mailto:nadia.zysman@fu-berlin.webex.com)**

**European Day of Languages 2025**
**26 September 2025**

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➔ [Further information](#)

**ID-E 2025: Exploring Difference: How AI is Changing Higher Education**
**30 September 2025**

The upcoming International Dialogue on Education will feature representatives from higher education institutions in Finland, the USA, the UK, and Germany and will explore key issues related to higher education and AI, such as ensuring ethical standards through policies and training, the importance of data security, and the influence of AI on research integrity and technological sovereignty.

➔ [Further information](#)

**New academic program of the Inter University Centre Dubrovnik**

The Inter University Centre Dubrovnik offers a diverse program:

- Participating in the current academic programmes and conferences
- Scholarship options
- Erasmus + support for scholars from Europe
- Possibilities to organise new international academic activities

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**Orientation days for international students**
**1&2 October 2025**
**fu:binar series on International Scientific Careers (in Russian)**
**7/8 October 2025, 3pm**

The seminars provide information on differences in scientific career paths in Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and Germany, highlighting varied approaches to train young researchers and opportunities for gaining research experience through international stays.

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