

## CURRENT TOPICS .....

### Delegation Visit of the China Scholarship Council on June 25

After a pandemic-induced several year long break in personal visits with Chinese partners, First Vice President Prof. Verena Blechinger-Talcott was delighted to meet the new general secretary of the China Scholarship Council, Sheng Jianxue, on June 25 at Freie Universität. General Secretary Sheng was equally glad and stressed the importance of Freie Universität as one of the most important partner universities of CSC in Germany. Freie Universität Berlin and CSC cooperate since 2008.

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### BUA Network Reception at the Brazilian Embassy with over 150 guests

After the successful second network meeting a year ago, Freie Universität, Humboldt-Universität, Technische Universität, and Charité, which together form the Berlin University Alliance (BUA), again invited students and researchers from Brazil or scholars cooperating with Brazil this year. More than 150 guests from the various BUA institutions attended the reception on June 26 at the Brazilian Embassy and took the opportunity to exchange ideas across disciplinary boundaries over a Brazilian buffet and cool drinks. The event was opened with a welcoming speech by Jeremias Martins Neto, Head of Science, Technology & Innovation and Cooperation at the Brazilian Embassy.

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### Freie Universität Berlin alumni dinner in Bogotá with hosts Christian Lazar and Professor Marianne Braig

The Freie Universität Berlin alumni dinner in Bogotá with hosts [Christian Lazar](#) and Professor Marianne Braig celebrated the special bond between Colombia and Germany. A group of Freie Universität Berlin alumni from diverse fields such as law, anthropology, sociology, art history, literature and cultural studies, medicine, and linguistics attended the event.

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### Labor Secretary Hubertus met Indian students of Freie Universität Berlin

On July 11, Labor Secretary Hubertus met Indian students of Freie Universität Berlin. Together with President Prof. Dr. Günter M. Ziegler and First vice president Prof. Verena Blechinger-Talcott they discussed Germany as a location for studying and working and how the students experience life in Berlin.

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### Stefanie Kaboth-Bahr talks about climate and the global responsibility of universities

At the opening of this year's International Week, Professor Stefanie Kaboth-Bahr spoke about „Our climate and the global responsibility of universities“. In her lecture, she showed that

if you trace climate fluctuations back over very long periods of time, the current rise in temperature is unprecedented. This warming affects people in the countries of the global South particularly severely. The main task of universities should be to counter the narrative that climate change has always existed. Instead, existing knowledge must be disseminated to all levels of society in order to establish acceptance for the urgency of climate protection. In the discussion moderated by Vice President Prof. Verena-Blechinger-Talcott, the 150 members of the International Staff Week audience from more than 40 countries discussed key climate protection measures at universities. The lecture is part of Freie Universität's annual lectures on the topic of „Global Responsibility.“

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### BUA Podcast Meridian Episode 15: Global cooperation for the post-fossil age - with Alexandra Krumm

In this episode, Philipp Eins discusses new forms of scientific cooperation with Alexandra Krumm in order to shape the global energy transition in a fair and sustainable way. The collaborative German-Colombian-South African research project TRAJECTS brings together universities and around 40 other key actors from civil society, research and the private sector. The focus is on climate protection measures such as phasing out fossil fuels and changes in agriculture and ecosystem protection.

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### The University Cricket Team Lankwitz Extras in Cambridge

The Freie Universität Cricket Team Lankwitz Extras returned to Berlin after four games in Cambridge. The team was founded in the summer semester of 2021 and played four matches in England, where teams often play mixed and on different skill levels. From August 12th to 18th, 6 female and 7 male players traveled to England to play against other teams on a real cricket field.

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### President Ziegler visits the DWIH New York

As part of a longer journey through the USA, president Günter M. Ziegler of Freie Universität Berlin visited the DWIH New York at the end of August to discuss current developments in research, teaching, and global responsibility. Freie Universität Berlin is active in all DWIH's worldwide and associated supporter of DWIH New York since 2019.

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## CURRENT CALLS .....

**Santander Scholarship Freie Universität Berlin International Summer and Winter University (FUBiS) Winter 2025**

Deadline: September 30, 2024

This scholarship aims to facilitate a study abroad experience for economically disadvantaged students from exclusively selected regions.

➔ [Further information](#)**China Scholarship Program Studienstiftung**

Deadline: October 10, 2024

The China Scholarship Program is aimed at students of all subjects with and without connections to China and interest in China. It offers an opportunity to gain Chinese language and cultural skills during a year-long stay in China.

➔ [Further information](#)**Zeit Foundation Bucerius - PhD Scholarship Program „Uncertainty“**

Deadline: October 15, 2024

The interdisciplinary, international Scholarship Program “Uncertainty” by ZEIT STIFTUNG BUCERIUS brings together perspectives from Humanities, Social Studies, Economics and Law shedding light on this complex issue. The program includes scholarships for different stages of Ph.D. research.

➔ [Further information](#)**Call BMBF: “Modern Asia Research“**

Deadline: October 15, 2024

“Modern Asia Research“ supports interdisciplinary research and innovation projects with relevance for academic collaboration with Asia.

➔ [Further information](#)**CfA: Europaeum Winter School 2025**

Deadline: October 20, 2024 at midnight GMT

2025's Europaeum Winter School will take place from 4–7 February at the Complutense University of Madrid. It explores the implications of the European Green Deal, launched in 2019, and its implications on future policy making.

➔ [Further information](#)**Franco-German University (DFH) 2024/25**

## EVENTS .....

**Una Europa: Online Introductory Language Courses**

September 26, 2024

**Berlin Program Alumni Panel at the GSA Conference 2024**

September 28, 2024

**Central Orientation Days for International Students**

October 7, 2024

➔ [Further information](#)

Deadline: October 31, 2024

The Franco-German University published new calls for integrated and partly integrated study courses, Franco-German Doctoral schools, PhD Track programs and Cotutelles.

➔ [Further information](#)**Diversity Fund**

Deadline: October 31, 2024

Freie Universität Berlin is initiating a central diversity fund. All members of the university can apply for funding of up to 10,000€ for decentralised pilot projects in the field of diversity and anti-discrimination.

➔ [Further information](#)**Daimler und Benz Foundation - research project in cooperation with partners from African research institutions**

Deadline: November 1, 2024

The Daimler and Benz Foundation intends to support a research project with a total amount of up to 300,000 euros (maximum duration: 3 years). Eligible to apply are independent research group leaders (professors, junior professors, or “Habilitanden” [candidates for lecturing positions]) at German universities or not-for-profit non-university research institutes who already maintain or would like to establish contacts with African research institutions.

➔ [Further information](#)**Dahlem Junior Host Program 2025**

Deadline: November 24, 2024

The program enables doctoral and postdoctoral researchers employed at Freie Universität Berlin to invite (a) scholar(s) to Freie Universität Berlin whose work is central to their research. The projects to be undertaken during the research stay depend on the individual scholarly objectives and goals of the applicants and must be described in the application.

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