



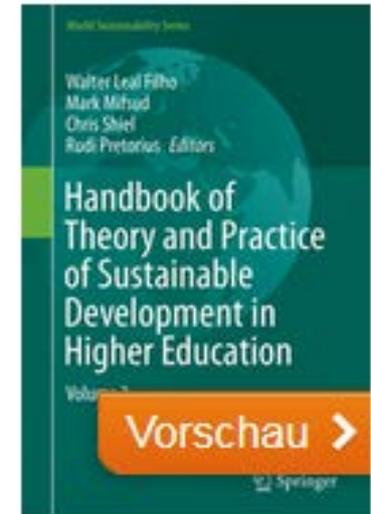
2017

annual review of events

January

Publication in the Handbook of Theory and Practice of Sustainable Development in Higher Education

This article by Andreas Wanke was published in the framework of the “World Symposium on Sustainable Development at Universities” held at the MIT in Boston in 2016. Andreas shares first-hand knowledge about success factors for sustainable campus management and its challenges. His article not only provides an overview of the organizational development process of the Sustainability and Energy Management Unit but also assesses the significance of governance aspects, stakeholder participation in terms of a whole-institution approach and most importantly the value of international cooperation in the framework of the University Alliance for Sustainability. The article is available [here](#).



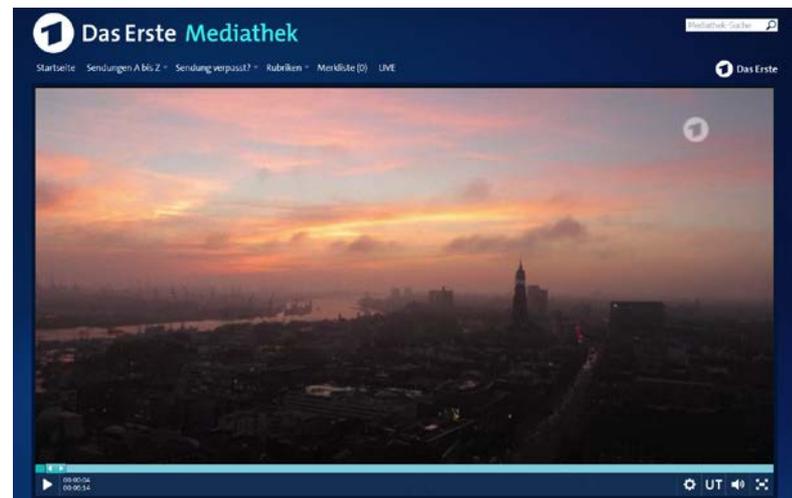
February



UAS Student Research Fellow Tao Yile worked with FUB researchers on illuminating lake ecosystems and was “thrilled to see [himself] on TV” when the TV channel “Das Erste” broadcasted a report on the research project at Lake Stechlin. The short video is available in the [online media library](#).

More information and pictures from Tao Yile’s and other Research Stay can be found on the [fellow website](#).

From Shanghai to
Stechlin:
Illuminating Lake
Ecosystems



March



UAS Spring Campus 2017 "Societal Transformation to Sustainability: Universities as Pacesetters?"



More than 150 researchers,
practitioners and students from 32
universities, 11 institutes and 12
different countries contributed to the
discussion of the events topic.



March



You could not make it to Berlin in 2017? Find a full conference documentation and our video of the Opening Day [online](#) or join us for the conference from April 9-13, 2018 at Freie Universität Berlin.



Spring Campus 2017 

Societal Transformation to Sustainability
Universities as Pacesetters?

April



Green Universities: Innovations and Best Practices & International Student Workshop in St. Petersburg

The UAS Team presented our Alliance during different events of the German Week in St. Petersburg. This gave us the opportunity to not only spread the word about our activities to an audience of interested Russian universities and industry but also to engage in strategy meetings with our colleagues from beautiful St. Petersburg State University! (Here's a glimpse one of the longest academic hallways in the world in the Twelve Collegia building.)



In the same month 4 students from Freie Universität Berlin were invited to St. Petersburg to discuss ideas on how to make cities and universities green, sustainable and livable with students from Russia and Poland.



May



64 Fellows
from all partner universities were
funded for research, study or short-term
workshop stays in 2017



June

New Teaching Cooperation with St. Petersburg State University Course offered in cooperation by SPBSU and FUB successfully concluded.

The course “Shaping Sustainability Discourses through Academic Writing” offered by Dr. Andrea Kölbl (FUB) at SPBU was the kickoff for the newly developed joint certificate “Sustainable Development”. Lecturers from FUB and SPBU will give short-term lectures at the respective partner universities. Students who successfully complete four courses are awarded the certificate. The project is funded by the UAS and Joint Seed Funds.

Interested in transferring this model to your university or in teaching a (block) course at FUB or a UAS Partner university? Contact Katrin to make plans!



June



ISCN 2017

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University of British Columbia



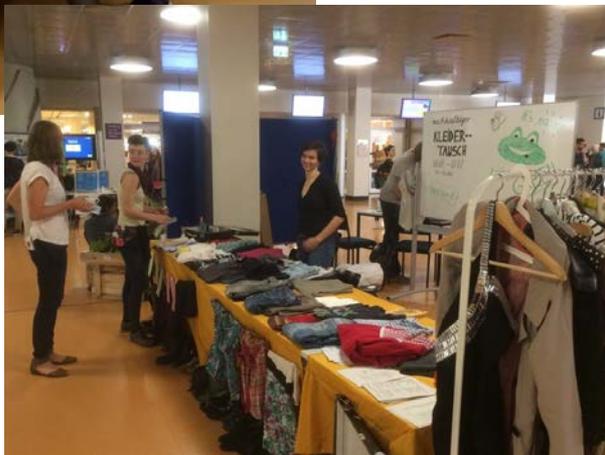
The conference of the International Sustainable Campus Network is one of the major events in the sustainability community. This year our colleagues from the University of British Columbia hosted the event. Congratulations to Victoria Smith (UBC) for organizing this fantastic conference. Andreas Wanke (FUB) participated as a member of the ISCN Advisory Board. Of course he also took the opportunity to engage in strategy talks regarding our follow-up application with the DAAD and the Spring Campus in 2018 with UBC.

July

Peking University visits FUB



Yao Jingyi and Zhang Cunqun from Peking Universities School of Government visited Freie Universität for 3 and 5 months in summer this year. Besides many talks with faculty and staff on sustainability issues our guests also engaged in various green campus activities. During the “Sustainability Campus Days” Jingyi and Cunqun experienced how sustainability is communicated by FUB students. Under the motto “It’s easy being green” the Sustainability Days raised awareness for sustainable lifestyles and consumption patterns.



August

Besides some time off enjoying an incredibly stormy summer in Berlin, we worked on the 2019-20 application for the DAAD.

In August we were delighted to welcome **Prof. Xue Ling** to Berlin again and to deepen strategy talks regarding the follow-up application and the future cooperation, thereby developing many ideas for 2018!



Joint Seed Funding with Strategic Partners:

Competitive calls for joint projects are published annually. In 2017 three applications of UAS Fellows have been successful awarding grants of up to 10.000 Euro for research and teaching workshops at PKU and SPBU to deepen the initial contacts built in the UAS exchanges. *You are interested in the Joint Seed Funding Scheme? Contact Katrin for current calls and deadlines.*

September



SUSTAIN IT! invited to the WEEC – 9th World Environmental Education Congress in Vancouver

Karola Braun-Wanke, coordinator of the sustainability initiative SUSTAIN IT!, was invited to participate at the [WEEC 2017](#) as a guest speaker and used the opportunity to deepen contacts with Prof. Susan Gerofsky and other researchers at UBC, Vancouver.

[Hamburg Sustainable Development Summit](#)

Program Manager Katrin Risch offered an interactive session on the topic “The innovation potential of international networks. Fostering sustainability in Higher Education Institutions via international cooperation: The University Alliance for Sustainability”. Participants were very interested in our projects and are keen to join the Spring Campus in April!



October



Teaching Incubator “Sustainability in Teaching”

About 30 researchers and staff involved in sustainability teaching and/or curriculum development participated in our workshop. You find a documentation [online](#).



October



Welcome to Berlin!

One of our first visits in the framework of the UAS led us to the UBC in Vancouver. Since then we have received a number of visitors from UBC and were delighted to welcome Victoria Smith, Director Communications and Community Engagement to FUB again. The 2-week UAS funded administrator stay gave us the opportunity to exchange on communication and outreach strategies and to work on the follow-up application that was submitted in November. We also developed many ideas for the future cooperation and look forward to following up on those!



Would you like to come to FUB for an administrators stay (16-30 days)? Contact Katrin for funding opportunities!

November

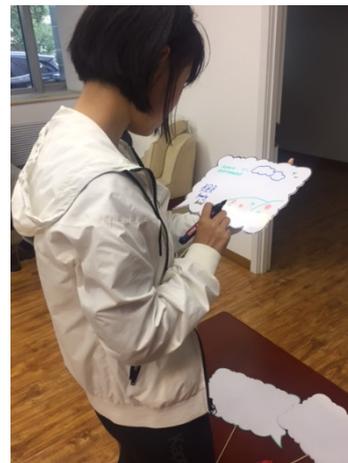
In the framework of the teaching cooperation with SPBU we welcomed Prof. Bobylev and Prof. Sergunin to FUB for an interdisciplinary block course on “Global Environmental Change”. The course introduced students to the contemporary global agenda related to urbanization, cities, planning, development, and the environment.

It was part of certificate program “Sustainable Urbanization & Comparative Development”. To deepen cooperation and international study opportunities two more courses of FUB Professors are planned in St. Petersburg in Spring 2018.



November

Within the framework of the UAS, members of the initiative SUSTAIN IT! visited the campus of Peking University. They connected with students, visited courses and presented their projects to a wide audience. Additionally, they organized an interactive Art Lab and a panel discussion on the topic “Pathways towards Sustainability”. More information and pictures can be found on their [Facebook page](#).



December



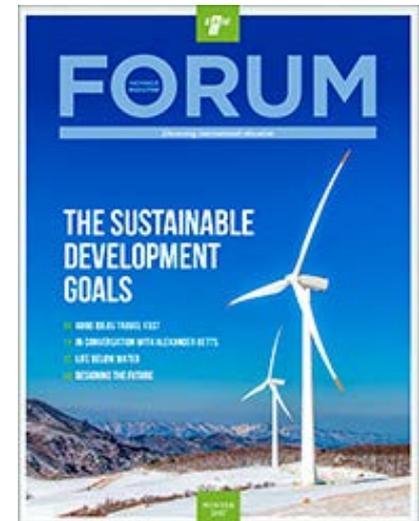
UAS Working Paper Series

The first paper in our series was published in December. A big thank you to all authors and Ira Shefer who edited the Spring Campus Proceedings 2016. Through publishing first results in this online paper series we aim to encourage the exchange of ideas. You find the paper and further information on our [website](#).

Publication in “Forum” the magazine of the European Association for International Education

Published at the end of this year Katrin’s article titled “An Alliance for Innovation” highlighted the benefits of cooperation for sustainability in the framework of the UAS.

You would like to take a look? Contact us or visit the [EAIE website](#) (members login necessary).



December



Looking Forward to 2018

- Call for Applications and selection of UAS Fellows going to all partner universities starting in February
- Welcoming Students, Junior and Senior Researchers as well as Administrative Staff at FUB
- [Spring Campus](#) in Berlin from April 9-13, 2018
- Network board meeting (virtual, tbd in June)
- Sustainability Volunteer Swap at SPbSU
- We secured funding for the development of a Sustainability Toolbox – an online platform designed to foster sustainability teaching and learning. We are keen to include UAS partners in the project and will be back with more information soon.
- Future Lab Meeting in October 2018 (tbd): Discussion of future cooperation foci

The FUB team of the
University Alliance for Sustainability
wishes you a Happy New Year!