

CURRENT TOPICS

First Europaeum Annual Lecture: The New Global Disorder: Europe's Future in a Fracturing World – Berlin Science Week

How can Europe defend its interests and values in an era of Trump, Putin and Xi? Federica Mogherini, former Italian foreign minister and EU High Representative, explores 'the new global disorder'. The inaugural Europaeum annual lecture will be given at Freie Universität Berlin on Friday 7th November. It is also a great honor to have former Federal Foreign Minister and Vice Chancellor, Joschka Fischer joining us at this event.

This keynote event, held in association with the Una Europa alliance of universities, will be live-streamed on the Freie Universität website. In-person attendance must be registered.

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4th symposium of the Oxford-Berlin Research Partnership: "Innovation: Pathways to Societal Impact"

On September 30, 2025, the Academic Directors of the Oxford Berlin Research Partnership opened the fourth joint symposium in the Simpkins Lee Theatre at Lady Margaret Hall in Oxford. Alexander Betts, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for External Engagement at the University of Oxford, and Beate Kampmann, Einstein Professor of Global Health at Charité, welcomed the 130 guests from Berlin and Oxford to the packed auditorium. They looked back on how the partnership started as a new and different form of cooperation after Brexit, and how

fruitful it has become since then, with over 17 million Euros in third-party funding raised as a result of joint seed-funding.

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Berlin University Alliance Launches Research Collaboration with the Brazilian State of São Paulo

On September 5, 2025, a significant milestone was reached: Prof. Marco Antonio Zago, President of the Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo (FAPESP), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that had previously been signed by Prof. Günter M. Ziegler, Spokesperson of the Berlin University Alliance (BUA) and President of Freie Universität Berlin. This agreement is set to strategically expand and deepen research collaborations between Brazil and Berlin.

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Liaison Office South Asia visits Delhi, Pune und Kolkata

The liaison office South Asia of Freie Universität Berlin attended the Indo-German Education Conclave 2025 in Delhi and Pune as well as the 38th International Ethological Congress Behavior 2025 in Kolkata to network with researchers and alumni. You can read the full reports on the liaison office website:

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CALLS

UnaVEx Virtual Exchange for Global Sustainability Deadline: 24 October 2025

Students, doctoral researchers and PostDocs can apply to a 5-week virtual exchange programme that connects people who want to learn more about global sustainability in an international environment. The programme is organized by Una Europa and 3 of its African partner universities (University of Johannesburg, University of Nairobi, University of Kinshasa).

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Self-funded Fellowships at The Cluster of Excellence: Temporal Communities (EXC 2020) for 2026 Deadline: 1 November 2025

The Cluster of Excellence "Temporal Communities: Doing Literature in a Global Perspective" (EXC 2020) at Freie Universität Berlin invites applications for self-funded fellowships for 2026!

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Fulbright Doctoral Program

Deadline: November 5, 2025, at 2pm for a stay in the United States between August 1 and December 31, 2026.

Are you working on your dissertation and would like to further your research on your doctoral topic at a US university or other academic institution of your choice? Fulbright Germany offers you the opportunity to do so with a four- to six-month research fellowship.

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CfA: GEAS Doctoral Places 2026

Deadline: 15 November 2025

Graduate School of East Asian Studies (GEAS) Freie Universität Berlin invites applications for places for PhD fellows for 2026 again! The application portal will be opened at the Dahlem Research School Application portal.

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Capes-Humboldt Research Fellowship

Deadline: 28 November 2025

In 2013, the Brazilian research funding organisation Capes (Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior) and the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation launched the Capes-Humboldt Research Fellowship Program. Postdocs as well as experienced researchers can apply for funding.

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EVENTS**Berlin Science Week**

1 – 10 November 2025

As one of Europe's leading science festivals, Berlin Science Week connects science and the public by bringing cutting-edge research to the heart of cultural life.

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Una Europa PhD Impact Award

1 November 2025

The Una Europa PhD Impact Award aims to recognise and celebrate the impact of research and researchers.

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**American Academy Lecture at Freie Universität:
"Inequality, Insecurity, and America's Democratic Crisis"**

12 November 2025

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DAAD RISE Worldwide Internships

Deadline: 30 November 2025

As part of the scholarship program RISE Worldwide (Research Internships in Science and Engineering), the DAAD offers research internships for bachelor students of German universities. The internships in biology, chemistry, physics, geosciences, engineering, medicine, IT and related fields are offered by research groups worldwide in the database of the DAAD.

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Interdisciplinary Master's degree in China Studies at the Yenching Academy of Beijing University

Deadline: 1 December 2025

The Yenching Academy of Beijing University (PKU) is once again open for applicants to an exclusive one-year interdisciplinary Master's program in China Studies for English speakers. Select foreign partner universities (Harvard, Princeton, Cambridge and Freie Universität Berlin) can nominate candidates and the final selection is made by Beijing University.

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BUA Fellows Club

12 November 2025, 6pm

Visiting or limited-term researchers with an international background are invited to join the Berlin University Alliance Fellows Club, where you will meet like-minded researchers from all career stages and connect at events such as the upcoming Fellows Forum with the Einstein Center Digital Future (ECDF), featuring a panel discussion with ECDF researchers and BUA Fellows. Registration no later than October 29th is required to attend the event. If you are not yet a Fellows Club member, sign up to receive a link to RSVP.

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**Una Europa Student Congress in Paris
25-28 November 2025**

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