



FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN

SPRING CAMPUS GUIDE

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UAS Spring Campus, Berlin, April 9-13, 2018

"Moving beyond the Ivory Tower: How do Science and Universities Contribute to the Sustainability Transformation?"





Welcome to Freie Universität Berlin

Freie Universität Berlin is delighted to host the third Spring Campus of the University Alliance for Sustainability (UAS). The UAS comprises the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Peking University, St. Petersburg State University, the University of British Columbia and the Freie Universität Berlin. The partners focus on sustainability as a holistic approach for collaborating in research, teaching, and campus management. The Alliance combines the strengths of five strategic partner universities to develop joint research and teaching projects on the topic of sustainability. We offer exchange options for students, faculty members and administrative staff from across faculties and the universities to promote sustainability discourse throughout whole institutions. The project receives funding from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) from 2015 until 2020.

As an international network university with about 36.500 students, more than 200 buildings and 5.200 staff members, all aspects of sustainability are relevant to Freie Universität Berlin - be it in research, education or campus management. This approach builds also the basis for the Spring Campus program and organization.

The 3rd UAS Spring Campus shall serve as a platform to share experiences. The program offers insights into state-of-the-art research in four parallel running research workshops. Participants in the field of campus management are invited to discuss best practice examples of sustainability governance in the management workshop. Networking opportunities will be facilitated within the UAS network and beyond.

This online booklet shall provide you with useful information regarding the workshops and the city of Berlin and support your preparations for your stay in the capital of Germany. It is also intended to encourage you to discover some of the green and sustainable landmarks of the city. Most places mentioned in this guide are marked in this [Berlin map](#).

If you have any further questions, suggestions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact one of our staff members. You can find our contact details on page 27.

New this year! Download the Spring Campus 2018 app for your smartphone. The app includes the schedules for the different workshops, in addition to details about the speakers and locations of events. You can download the free Guidebook app from the App Store or Google Play Store. Once downloaded, search '**Spring Campus 2018**' in the app.



Freie Universität Berlin



View of the Henry Ford Building from Boltzmannstraße in 1959.

Source: Reinhard Friedrich/ Universitätsarchiv der Freien Universität Berlin

The history of Berlin's universities is closely connected with the city's history. Freie Universität Berlin was founded on December 4, 1948, by students, scholars, and scientists and backed with the support of the American Allied Forces and politicians. The move was sparked by the persecution faced by students who took a critical view of the system at the former University of Berlin, at that time called Universität Unter den Linden, which was located in the Soviet sector of the divided city.

Today, Freie Universität Berlin is a leading research institution. In both rounds of the Excellence Initiative, a nationwide governmental competition between German universities, it was selected as one of the 11 universities with excellence status, thereby receiving additional funding for its institutional future development strategy. Freie Universität Berlin can thus take its place as an International

Network University in the global competition among universities. The University's performance in the Excellence Initiative provided funding for several new doctoral programs and interdisciplinary research clusters

Today, Freie Universität maintains 105 partnerships at the university-wide level, along with 339 university partnerships within the Erasmus academic exchange network and 45 institute partnerships, forming a wide-ranging and tight-knit global network. Each year, about 600 international scholars and scientists contribute to the variety of teaching and research activities pursued at Freie Universität. One groundbreaking development that demonstrates the way the University takes international cooperation to the next level is the seven international liaison offices of Freie Universität that were founded in 2007 – in Cairo, Moscow, New Delhi, São Paulo, New York, Beijing, and Brussels.

The University's Unit for Sustainability and Energy Management is responsible for the integration of sustainability practices in all areas and entities of Freie Universität. The Unit is assigned directly to the Executive Board. For further information about the purpose and responsibilities of the unit please visit our website:

www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/nachhaltigkeit



Program of the UAS Spring Campus: Moving beyond the Ivory Tower: How do Science and Universities Contribute to the Sustainability Transformation?

Following a whole institution approach, the Spring Campus brings together researchers, management staff, as well as PhD candidates and students to contribute to the discussion of the event's topic.

2017 was a year of profound political challenges for sustainable development. Science and research have been especially affected, as they are increasingly met with skepticism and even populist hostility. While the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set the agenda for a societal transformation, scientifically grounded policy decisions like international climate agreements are questioned.

Against this backdrop, the Spring Campus Conference of the University Alliance for Sustainability poses the question of how science and universities may contribute to the sustainability transformation. We are looking forward to a controversial debate on the following questions:

- Should universities become active stakeholders in the public discourse or would this affect their independence as research and education institutions?
- May the 17 SDGs become a normative compass for research or does this interfere with the freedom of speech?
- How do research innovations from different disciplines affect the societal transformation to sustainability?

Universities as renowned and public institutions often have the opportunity to become a mediator by introducing latest scientific innovation. At the same time, societies have to admit that the answers to a huge challenge like sustainable development are often complex and scientific in nature. In fact, science can offer deliberative approaches, which reiterates the paramount importance of seeking dialogue with the society.

University networks like the University Alliance for Sustainability prove the relevance of international academic networks. They can forge international, regional and local links with other academic and civil society networks in order to foster the intellectual exchange and the public understanding of sustainable development.

The conference will introduce state of the art research from the natural and social sciences, while engaging scientists of different disciplines in a debate about their research questions and findings. The Spring Campus Conference 2018 will allow for scientists and practitioners to reflect together on the role of universities as societal actors and their integral function for the great transformation.

UAS Spring Campus, Berlin, April 09-13, 2018

"Moving beyond the Ivory Tower: How do Science and Universities Contribute to the Sustainability Transformation?"

Monday, April 09 | Conference Room -1.2009, Fabeckstraße 23-25 (Holzlaube)

Opening Day

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
12:30 pm	Registration	
1:30 pm	Opening	PROF. PETER-ANDRÉ ALT, PRESIDENT, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	<i>Key Note Speeches</i>	
	Climate protection partnerships: Universities contribution to a climate neutral Berlin	STEFAN TIDOW, STATE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE PROTECTION, SENATE BERLIN
	<i>Mutual Signing of the Climate Protection Agreement</i>	
	Facing the Challenges of International Climate Policy: The Role of Science	PROF. DR. OTTMAR EDENHOFER, DIRECTOR OF MCC - DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ECONOMIST OF PIK
	The Sustainable Development Goals as a Normative Compass for Science?	DR. MAJA GÖPEL, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE GERMAN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON GLOBAL CHANGE
	Q&A with speakers	FACILITATED BY CAROLINE PAULICK-THIEL NEXTLEARNING E.V.
3:15 pm	Coffee Break	
3:45 pm	<i>Key Note Speeches</i>	
	University Alliance for Sustainability – A Holistic Approach to Strategic Academic Collaboration	ANDREAS WANKE, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	International Collaboration for Sustainability: Achievements and Future Goals of St. Petersburg State University	PROF. SERGEY APLONOV, VICE-RECTOR RESEARCH, ST. PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
	University-City Collaboration to Foster Resilience	PROF. MURALI CHANDRASHEKARAN, VICE-PROVOST INTERNATIONAL, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
	Integrated Biodiversity Management in Model Regions of Colombia	PROF. THOMAS BORSCH & PROF. BRIGITTA SCHÜTT, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
5:30 pm	Interactive Discussion Format	MODERATION: CAROLINE PAULICK-THIEL, NEXTLEARNING E.V.
6:30 pm	Reception and Get-Together	



Overview Parallel Workshops, April 10-11, 2018

On Tuesday and Wednesday (April 10 and 11) we will continue with a program of four parallel running workshops. Researchers and senior management staff may choose to participate in one of the **4 workshops**:

- Workshop I: “Implementing the Agenda 2030 (Sustainable Development Goals) and Climate Policies” chaired by Prof. Sabrina Habich Sobiegalla, Dr. Berthold Kuhn (FUB), Prof. Dai Hancheng (PKU), Seminar Room 1.2052
- Workshop II: “Climate Change Policy and Social Networks” chaired by Prof. Nina Kolleck (FUB), Prof. David Tindall (UBC), Alexandra Goritz (FUB), Seminar Room 1.2058
- Workshop III: “Accelerating Technological Sustainability Transitions by Overcoming Adoption and Diffusion Barriers in Energy Transitions” chaired by Dr. Elisabeth Eppinger, Carsten Schwäbe, Prof. Carsten Dreher (FUB), Seminar Room 0.2051
- Management Workshop: “Sustainability Management at Universities: What is the Critical Impact of Governance?” chaired by Prof. Inka Bormann, Andreas Wanke, Katrin Risch (FUB), Seminar Room 0.2052

Additionally, a PhD Conference will be organized, which will complete the Spring Campus with a two-day meeting on Thursday and Friday (April 12-13).

- PhD Workshop: "Sustainability and Inequalities" chaired by Dr. Paul Talcott (FUB), Seminar Room 1.2052

We encourage all participants to exchange and network. Daily **plenary sessions running from 9:00 to 10:30** with key notes on overarching topics will give you the opportunity to meet and discuss. All coffee and lunch breaks will be organized jointly and provide the space to continue discussions.



Plenary Session, open for all participants

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 | 09:00-10:30 am | Conference Room -1.2009, Fabeckstraße 23-25, Holzlaube

Evolutionary Management of Drug Resistance

SPEAKER: PROF. JENS ROLFF, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN

Prof. Jens Rolff is professor for Evolutionary Biology. Antibiotic resistance constitutes one of the most pressing public health concerns. His research group focuses on the evolution of long-lasting immune function in insects. They investigate the hypothesis that antimicrobial peptides in insects deal with persistent infections and/or prevent the evolution of resistant bacterial mutants. This research takes a novel approach to understand the evolution of drug resistance in pathogens, one of the most important applied evolutionary questions of our times.

Carbon Dioxide: Challenges and Opportunities for Chemistry and Society

SPEAKER: PROF. BIPRAJIT SARKAR, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN

Prof. Biprajit Sarkar is a professor of Inorganic Chemistry. Greenhouse gas emissions from human activities – among others, carbon dioxide (CO₂) – are drivers of climate change. The discussion on future impacts of climate change should direct political and economic strategies and decision-making processes on the local, national and global level. In his talk Prof. Sarkar will discuss the origins of the large amount of carbon dioxide currently present in the atmosphere. He will provide insights as to why CO₂ is a harmful greenhouse gas. Based on his research we will learn about novel and innovative ways for carbon dioxide capture and its conversion to value-added products.

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 | 09:00-10:30 am | Conference Room -1.2009

Solar Fuels Replacing Fossil Fuels - an Alternative “Energiewende” (Energy Transition) Route?

SPEAKER: PROF. HOLGER DAU, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN

Prof. Dr. Holger Dau is professor for Biophysics and Photosynthesis at the Department of Physics. His research group focuses on the fields of molecular biophysics and energy research, examining biological and biomimetic processes at the molecular and atomic level. The interdisciplinary group is composed of physicists, chemists, and biologists. They research innovative biomimetic systems for CO₂-neutral production of fuels (driven by renewable energy). In his talk Prof. Dau will explain the potential of solar fuels and their increasing importance for the future for energy production.

Competing Technological Innovation Systems as a Challenge for Mission-oriented Innovation Policy - Insights from the German “Energiewende”

SPEAKER: PROF. CARSTEN DREHER, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN

Prof. Carsten Dreher is professor of Innovation Management at the School of Business & Economics. His research group focuses on Innovation Management, Technology Dynamics and Technology Management as well as Innovation Systems and Policies. The German Energiewende (Energy Transition) is a major project of so-called mission-oriented innovation policy. However, different technological innovation systems are competing in this future project. In his talk Prof. Dreher will provide an analysis of the dynamics of technological innovation systems of the German Energiewende, with special attention on the development of strategies and measures for political decision-makers.



Sustainability Art Lab

Sustainability – a frequently used and seemingly all-encompassing term that is used to influence and guide people in their daily routines; be it at school, work or simply the individual philosophy one lives by. But, what exactly does sustainability mean? How do we embrace sustainability on a personal level and how do approaches towards ‘sustainability’ differ on a global scale?

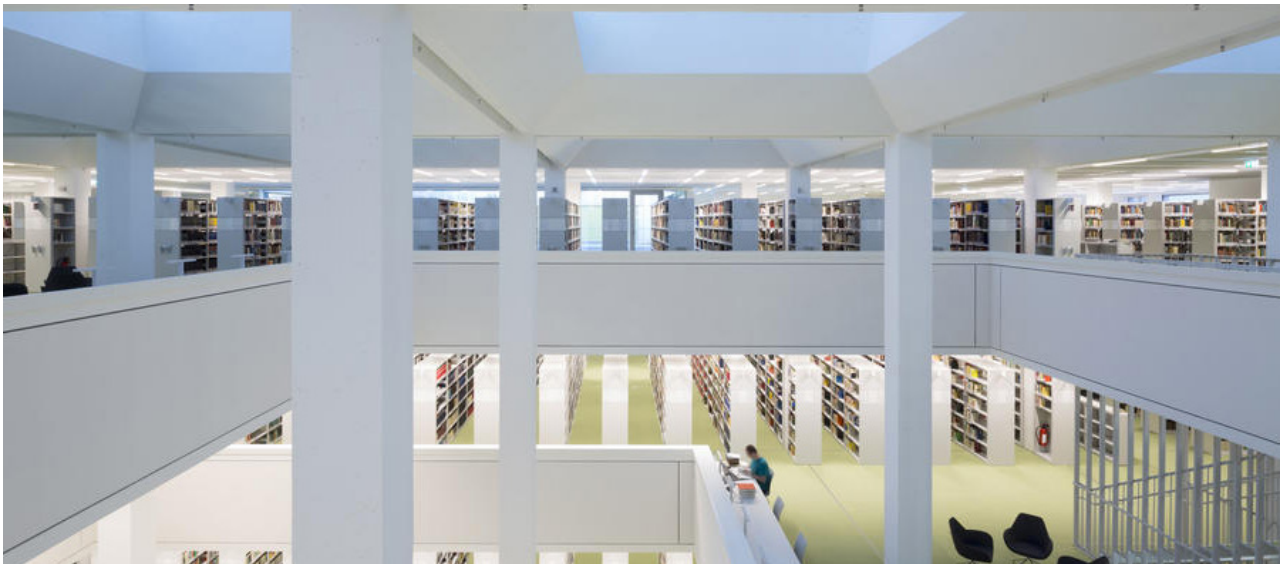
The interdisciplinary initiative SUSTAIN IT! for sustainability and climate protection at Freie Universität Berlin serves as an interactive platform for discussing local and global questions of sustainability in the fields of politics, science, economics, administration, technology, society and education, and for implementing practical solutions. Furthermore, it aims at improving and strengthening intercultural relations and networks between universities across continents. The initiative uses creative and participatory events to reach out to the campus community.

What does sustainability mean to you?

During a UAS volunteer swap at Peking University, a group of four SUSTAIN IT! members successfully launched a Sustainability Art Lab - an interactive photo-booth. With this fun activity, they achieved an intercultural exchange about the different perceptions of sustainability and its significance between Chinese and German students. The Sustainability Art Lab posed the question “What does sustainability mean to you?”. The project provided students with space for reflection and gave opportunity to share their personal view and knowledge about sustainability and its concepts. In addition, it highlighted the relevance of cultural and social components, which influence the understanding of the term as such.

Using social media platforms such as WeChat, as well as white boards and handcrafted materials, the Sustainability Art Lab combined tools for expressing opinions, questions and beliefs. The findings collected during the UAS volunteer swap at Peking University will be presented during the UAS Spring Campus conference in 2018.

On **Tuesday, April 10** SUSTAIN IT! will bring the interactive Sustainability Art Lab to the UAS Spring Campus and welcomes everyone to participate in a colorful, thought-provoking and enlightening discussion about sustainability and creative solutions for a future-oriented lifestyle.



Reading Corner

Have you authored sustainability-related articles and books or published a sustainability report for your university? Have you recently read a sustainability-themed article that caught your attention?

Using the occasion of the publication of FU Berlin's first Sustainability Report, we invite all participants to share the reports from their home institutions with the international community of sustainability experts attending the Spring Campus Conference. Furthermore, we invite all participants to bring their favorite, most interesting or most controversial pieces of academic literature with them to Berlin.



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Has your university published a sustainability report? Share it with us at Spring Campus!

The material will be available in a little library with an enclosed “reading corner” where people can browse through all kinds of literature with reference to sustainability or discuss their pieces with other participants from all over the globe. We would like to provide reference copies (for internal use only), as well as a copies to take home. This way we hope to literally “spread the word” on sustainability topics across countries and societies, to get new insights into international scientific work and to broaden our horizon on sustainability-related reports and literature.

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Research Workshop I: "Implementing the Agenda 2030 (Sustainable Development Goals) and Climate Policies"

ORGANIZED BY ASS. PROF. SABRINA HABICH-SOBIEGALLA, DR. BERTHOLD KUHN, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN, ASS. PROF. DAI HANCHENG, PEKING UNIVERSITY

The purpose of this workshop is to jointly assess and critically review the relevance of the Sustainable Development Goals framework for academic research and practical sustainability initiatives.

At the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit on 25 September 2015, world leaders adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes a set of 17 SDGs. Targets, and indicators have been set to further define and monitor these universal goals. From a legal perspective, the goals represent soft international norms. However, they still offer a powerful reference framework for national and local policies and initiatives as well as international cooperation programs.

The idea of the workshop is to bring together researchers and practitioners from different disciplines and universities to sharing their work related to sustainable development policies, with reference to the SDGs. Contributions will relate to the analysis of SDG related discourses, sectoral policies and projects, legal and regulatory frameworks for sustainable development policies, public participation, and the social and economic impact of sustainability reforms. Furthermore, presentations will look at the role and contributions of the private sector, universities, and Non-Governmental Organisations.

We would also like to draw your attention to the University Alliance of Sustainability's launch of a working paper series that would welcome your contributions.

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 | Holzlaube, Fabeckstraße 23-25

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9:00 am	Plenary Session, open for all participants	Conference Room -1.2009
	Evolutionary Management of Drug Resistance	PROF. JENS ROLFF, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	Carbon Dioxide: Challenges and Opportunities for Chemistry and Society	PROF. BIPRAJIT SARKAR, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
10:30 am	Coffee Break	
WORKSHOP I: Implementing the Agenda 2030 (Sustainable Development Goals) and Climate Policies, Seminar Room 1.2052		
11:00 am	Introduction: SDG implementation in Comparative Perspective	DR. BERTHOLD KUHN & ASS. PROF. SABRINA HABICH-SOBIEGALLA, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	Climate Change Awareness and Climate Mitigation Policies in China	ASS. PROF. DAI HANCHENG & DR. WANG BIN BIN, PEKING UNIVERSITY
	NGOs Contributions to Sustainable Development Policies in China: Case Study on River Protection	ZHANG XUEYING, NGO, WATERKEEPER ALLIANCE
12:45 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	The German Approach to Implementing the SDGs. A Policy Advisor's Perspective	JULIAN HAVERS, GERMAN SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (GIZ)
	Research and SDGs in Middle Income Countries	DR. DEBORAH DELGADO PUGLEY, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF PERU
4:00 pm	Coffee Break	
4:30 pm - 5:15 pm	Sustainable Development Goal 11: Make Cities Inclusive, Safe, Resilient and Sustainable – Exploring Three Dimensional Cities	ASS. PROF. NIKOLAI BOBYLEV, SAINT PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
	A Network Approach to the Scaling of Entrepreneurs from Resource-scarce Environments in Rural India	MARLEEN WIERENGA, AALTO UNIVERSITY, FINLAND
6:30 pm - open end	We have pre-booked tables in the restaurant "Luise" near U-Bahn station Dahlem Dorf for a self-organized dinner.	

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 | Holzlaube, Fabeckstraße 23-25

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	Competing Technological Innovation Systems as a Challenge for Mission-oriented Innovation Policy - Insights from the German "Energiewende"	PROF. CARSTEN DREHER, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
10:30 am	Coffee Break	
WORKSHOP I: Implementing the Agenda 2030 (Sustainable Development Goals) and Climate Policies, Seminar Room 1.2052		
11:00 am	The National Welfare Index - an Integrated Alternative Assessment for SDGs?	PROF. DR. HANS DIEFENBACHER, UNIVERSITÄT HEIDELBERG & ROLAND ZIESCHANK, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	Concluding Remarks; Exchange and Research Cooperation Perspectives	ASS. PROF. SABRINA HABICH-SOBIEGALLA, DR. BERTHOLD KUHN, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN & ASS. PROF. DAI HANCHENG, PEKING UNIVERSITY
12:30 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Excursion: After a sightseeing tour of Berlin's city center participants can choose between three tour offers (please indicate your choice in the registration form):	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">EUREF Campus: An urban model for a modern city - a campus consisting of companies and research organizations, that coexist in a sustainable environment.ECF Farm: An urban farm where fish farming and the cultivation of vegetables are combined to form an economic cycle of growth and sustainability while conserving resources.Tour of the Botanical Garden (city tour is not included in this option).	
6:00 pm	Farewell Dinner, Restaurant "Umspannwerk Ost", Palisadenstr. 48, 10243 Berlin	



Research Workshop II: “Climate Change Policy and Social Networks”

ORGANIZED BY PROF. NINA KOLLECK, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN, PROF. DAVID TINDALL, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, ALEXANDRA GORITZ, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN

In recent years, climate change has attracted considerable political attention and has thus become one of the most prominent issues regarding sustainability. By looking at the relations between actors [and/or concepts], social network analysis offers important insights into this crucial policy field. It enables new analyses about climate change policy-making, including examinations of the most important actors and debates. In this workshop, participants from different disciplines will discuss the most current debates around social networks in climate change policy. Researchers from two strands of network analysis will present their work. The first strand of research uses social network analysis (SNA) as a methodology to identify policy networks and the influence different actors have within these networks. These studies focus on the network variables, such as the amount of ties and an actor’s relative centrality within a given social network. The second strand of research examines social phenomena by investigating the existence and design of social networks. Research questions focus on the relationship between social ties and participation in environmental movements. They further explore different kinds of social networks (face-to-face networks and digital social network networks (e.g. Twitter)) in mobilizing for climate action.

Against this backdrop, the workshop will bring together leading scholars in the field of sustainability, climate change and the analysis of social networks. It will showcase and discuss different types of networks both from a theoretical and an empirical perspective. Participants will discuss the effects, relevance, potential and weaknesses of social networks and the role they play for climate change movements and policy discourse, and policy formation. Finally, we seek to facilitate both cross-sectoral and transatlantic discussion, to explore options for further research and, ultimately, to trigger new collaborative initiatives based on advanced network knowledge concerning sustainable development.

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 | Holzlaube, Fabeckstraße 23-25

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	Carbon Dioxide: Challenges and Opportunities for Chemistry and Society	PROF. BIPRAJIT SARKAR, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
10:30 am	Coffee Break	
WORKSHOP II: Climate Change Policy and Social Networks, Seminar Room 1.2058		
11:00 am	Introduction	PROF. DR. NINA KOLLECK AND ALEXANDRA GORITZ, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN, PROF. DAVID TINDALL, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
	Perceived Influence in Climate Change Policy Networks: The Effect of Social Network Position in the Canadian Case	PROF. DAVID TINDALL, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
	Scattering and Strengthening Municipal Adaptation: the case of ClimAdaPt.Local	DR. LUÍSA SCHMIDT, UNIVERSITY OF LISBON, PORTUGAL
	Knowledge, Power, and Governance: Organizational Networks in the German Climate Change Policy Domain	PROF. DR. VOLKER SCHNEIDER, UNIVERSITY OF KONSTANZ
12:45 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Measuring the Climate Science-Policy Interface: An International Comparison of Overlapping Scientific and Policy Networks	ASS. PROF. JOHN MCLEVEY, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO, CANADA
	Can Policy Networks Explain the Sweden-Finland Difference in Climate Mitigation Performance?	ASS. PROF. MARCUS CARSON, STOCKHOLM ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE
	Influencing Climate Change Negotiations: The Role of Social Networks during Global Climate Change Conferences	PROF. DR. NINA KOLLECK AND ALEXANDRA GORITZ, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
4:00 pm	Coffee Break	
4:30 pm	Building Sustainable Egalitarian Communities: Cross-faculty, Trans-hierarchical Collaborations and Learning Networks	SUSAN GEROFKY, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
6:30 pm - open end	We have pre-booked tables in the restaurant "Luise" near U-Bahn station Dahlem Dorf for a self-organized dinner.	

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	Competing Technological Innovation Systems as a Challenge for Mission-oriented Innovation Policy - Insights from the German "Energiewende"	PROF. CARSTEN DREHER, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
10:30 am	Coffee Break	
WORKSHOP II: Climate Change Policy and Social Networks, Seminar Room 1.2058		
11:00 am	Discussing Ideas for Cooperation and a Special Issue	PROF. DR. NINA KOLLECK AND ALEXANDRA GORITZ, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN, PROF. DAVID TINDALL, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
12:30 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Excursion: After a sightseeing tour of Berlin's city center participants can choose between three tour offers (please indicate your choice in the registration form):	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EUREF Campus: An urban model for a modern city - a campus consisting of companies and research organizations, that coexist in a sustainable environment.• ECF Farm: An urban farm where fish farming and the cultivation of vegetables are combined to form an economic cycle of growth and sustainability while conserving resources.• Tour of the Botanical Garden (city tour is not included in this option).	
6:00 pm	Farewell Dinner, Restaurant "Umspannwerk Ost", Palisadenstr. 48, 10243 Berlin	



Research Workshop III: “Accelerating Technological Sustainability Transitions by Overcoming Adoption and Diffusion Barriers in Energy Transitions”

ORGANIZED BY DR. ELISABETH EPPINGER, CARSTEN SCHWÄBE, PROF. DR. CARSTEN DREHER, CHAIR OF INNOVATION MANAGEMENT, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN

A number of theoretical concepts and policy programs aiming at fostering transitions towards new sustainable technologies already exists – either with a technology-specific or an un-specific perspective. However, industry, but governments as well, create barriers to the adoption and diffusion of these new technologies often because of conflicting interests such as continuing to exploit previous investments (industry) or to sustain work places (state), in particular in those regions depending on established industrial structures. Thus, accelerating transitions towards sustainable technologies includes the discussion about the phase-out of less sustainable practices in firms and in entire economies, too.

The energy transition (comprising the electricity, the mobility and the heating sector) is a good example for challenges of sustainability transitions – as well for exnovation process analyses. In Germany, for instance, even direct subsidies of less sustainable technology paths have existed, e.g. subsidizing the coal industry in the German energy sector. For the debate of the coal phase-out concepts on the transformation of regions where workers depend on this industry sector are still lacking. In consequence, the workshop encourages contributions from the broad field of energy sector issues.

Given that solutions to step out of unsustainable technology paths becomes ever more pressing, we want to focus this workshop on empirical evidence (qualitative and quantitative) and theoretical concepts on different types of challenges and barriers to the adoption and diffusion of sustainable technologies and how industry, society, and the state may remove these barriers. Accordingly, we invite contributions from different disciplines that address this issue at the micro-, meso- and macro-level, including but not limited to:

Concepts and analysis of adoption and diffusion processes of sustainable technologies:

- Transformation of regions and whole industry sectors
- Transformation of technological companies
- Dynamic governance of innovation processes and policy directionality in the context of sustainability transitions
- Demand-sided innovation policy for inducing sustainability transitions in markets
- Exnovation strategies, the role of big incumbent firms and policy instruments
- The significance of start-ups and SMEs for sustainability transitions

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 | Holzlaube, Fabbeckstraße 23-25

Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00 am	Plenary Session, open for all participants (Seminar Room -1,2009)	Conference Room -1.2009
	Evolutionary Management of Drug Resistance	PROF. JENS ROLFF, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	Carbon Dioxide: Challenges and Opportunities for Chemistry and Society	PROF. BIPRAJIT SARKAR, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
10:30 am	Coffee Break	
WORKSHOP III: Accelerating Technological Sustainability Transitions by Overcoming Adoption and Diffusion Barriers in Energy Transitions, Seminar Room 0.2051		
11:00 am	Key Notes and Panel Discussion	PROF. MARKO HEKKERT, UTRECHT UNIVERSITY
	The German Energy Transition Between Renewable Energy Pioneering and Coal Nostalgia	DR. MATTI SUPPONEN, EUROPEAN COMMISSION DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR ENERGY AND TRANSPORT
12:30 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Session A: Barriers for Sustainability Transitions at the Demand-side	PROF. DR. CARSTEN DREHER, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	How Technology Relations Foster or Inhibit Innovation and Exnovation in the Energy Sector	CARSTEN SCHWÄBE & DR. ELISABETH EPPINGER, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	Factors Influencing the Diffusion of Electric Vehicles in China	DR. MARTIN KALTHAUS, FRIEDRICH SCHILLER UNIVERSITÄT
	Investigating the Demand-side Solutions to Addressing Barriers in Energy Transitions: Study of Urban Societies in India	ANJALI RAMAKRISHNAN, TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	Diffusion Dynamics of Sustainable Product and Service Innovation	PROF. DR. KLAUS FICHTER, CARL VON OSSIETZKY UNIVERSITÄT OLDENBURG
3:30 pm	Coffee Break	
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Session B: Sustainability Transitions – How to Promote Renewable Energies?	CARSTEN SCHWÄBE, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	The Multiple Roles of State Investment Banks in Low-carbon Energy Finance: An Analysis of Australia, the UK and Germany	PROF. DR. TOBIAS SCHMIDT, ETH ZÜRICH
	Experimenting with Energyscapes: Growing up with Solar and Wind in Auroville and Eigg	PROF. DR. SARAH STRAUSS, UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
	Understanding Policy Dismantling in the Renewable Energy Sector: A Comparison of Termination of Feed-in Tariffs for Renewable Electricity in Spain and the Czech Republic	DR. RAINER QUITZOW, INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED SUSTAINABILITY STUDIES E.V.
	Energy Transition Geography of Small Island Developing States	ZAKIA SOOMAUROO, TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
5:30 pm	Break	

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WORKSHOP III: Accelerating Technological Sustainability Transitions by Overcoming Adoption and Diffusion Barriers in Energy Transitions, Seminar Room 0.2051

5:45 pm	Session C: Political pressure on Sustainability Transitions between Exnovation and Geopolitics	DR. ELISABETH EPPINGER, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	The Geopolitics of Cross-Border Electricity Grids: The Israeli-Arab Case	PROF. ITAY FISHHENDLER, HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM
	Deliberate phase-out of Established Industries	DR. HÅKON ENDRESEN NORMANN, UNIVERSITY OF OSLO
	The Incumbent Energy Providers and the Transformation of the German Electricity Sector	GREGOR KUNGL, UNIVERSITÄT STUTT GART
	Investigating the Barriers of Sustainability Transitions: Example of Russian Oil and Gas Sector	ASS. PROF. ANTON KHOROSHAVIN, SAINT PETERSBURG UNIVERSITY
7:15 pm	We have pre-booked tables in the restaurant “Luise” near U-Bahn station Dahlem Dorf for a self-organized dinner beginning 6:30 pm.	

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Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00 am	Plenary Session, open for all participants	Conference Room -1.2009
	Solar Fuels Replacing Fossil Fuels - an Alternative "Energiewende" (Energy Transition) Route?	PROF. HOLGER DAU, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	Competing Technological Innovation Systems as a Challenge for Mission-oriented Innovation Policy - Insights from the German "Energiewende"	PROF. CARSTEN DREHER, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
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10:30 am	Poster Session during the Coffee Break (45 minutes):	DR. ELISABETH EPPINGER, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	Community-Private Partnerships in Renewable Energy	AVRI EITAN, HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM
	Engineering the Capacity for Innovation in the Public Interest – Innovation of Network Organisations in Renewable Energy Transitions in the Case of Brazil	ANDREAS KOPP, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON
	Job Retraining Programs in Current and Former Coal Producing Regions of Germany and the US	AARON NELSON, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
	Open IP Models to Accelerate E-Mobility	DR. ELISABETH EPPINGER, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
11:15 am	Session D: Sustainability Transitions between Path Dependency, Uncertainty and Policy	DR. ELISABETH EPPINGER, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	Path Dependencies in Socio-technical Regimes of the Brown Economy	DR. JENS CLAUSEN, BORDERSTEP INSTITUTE FOR INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY
	Opportunities and Challenges for Urban Mobility: New Technological Trends	ANNA CAROLINA LOURENÇO NAVARRO, UNIVERSITY OF CAMPINAS, BRAZIL
	How Standards' Adoption shapes Technology Adoption in Sustainability Transitions	DR. INÉZ LABUCAY, MARTIN-LUTHER-UNIVERSITÄT HALLE-WITTENBERG
12:15 pm	World Café: Practical Implications for State and Industry Discussion of possible Research Cooperation (Projects and Publications)	
1:00 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Excursion: After a sightseeing tour of Berlin's city center participants can choose between three tour offers (please indicate your choice in the registration form):	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EUREF Campus: An urban model for a modern city - a campus consisting of companies and research organizations, that coexist in a sustainable environment. ECF Farm: An urban farm where fish farming and the cultivation of vegetables are combined to form an economic cycle of growth and sustainability while conserving resources. Tour of the Botanical Garden (city tour is not included in this option). 	
6:00 pm	Farewell Dinner, Restaurant "Umspannwerk Ost", Palisadenstr. 48, 10243 Berlin	



Management Workshop: “Sustainability Management at Universities: What is the Critical Impact of Governance?”

ORGANIZED BY PROF. INKA BORMANN, ANDREAS WANKE AND KATRIN RISCH

Many universities have a sustainability policy that focuses on the whole institution by addressing sustainability in research, teaching, and campus management. All of them have built certain governance structures to shape this process.

The analytical understanding of governance ranges from the narrow definition of ‘intended change of political regulation’ to the wide understanding of an ‘(emerging) form of social co-ordination of heterogeneous actors’ (Bormann 2017). Establishing sustainability governance structures at universities requires processes of institutional change that can take many forms.

The workshop aims to show the range of ways in which governance approaches can unfold institutionally. Rather than having a set of presentations, we will facilitate a peer-learning format by focusing on “storytelling” for sharing best practices, lessons learnt, and insights into overcoming obstacles. In addition to hands-on examples, input from a Germany-wide research project on governance for sustainable development at universities (HochN) will provide information on various governance regulators and their roles in addressing sustainability institutionally. We will discuss the underlying processes and structures, constellations of actors and challenges of sustainable development implementation at universities.

The Management Workshop will address the following questions:

- Which conditions are required to institutionalize sustainability governance?
- How to organize governance approaches with critical impact?
- How to enable and facilitate cooperation with all stakeholders at the university?
- How to empower and support knowledge transfer?

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Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00 am	Plenary Session, open for all participants	Conference Room -1.2009
	Evolutionary Management of Drug Resistance	PROF. JENS ROLFF, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	Carbon Dioxide: Challenges and Opportunities for Chemistry and Society	PROF. BIPRAJIT SARKAR, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
10:30 am	Coffee Break	
MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP: Sustainability Management at Universities: What is the Critical Impact of Governance?, Seminar Room o.2052		
11:00 am	Welcome Note and Introduction	DR. ANDREA BÖR, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	Experience and Research Outcomes of HochN: Educational Governance	PROF. INKA BORMANN, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	From Energy Efficiency to Sustainability Management	ANDREAS WANKE, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	Discussion	
12:30 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Presentation of Case Studies in a Storytelling Format	
	Governance Instruments to Achieving Carbon Reductions on Campus	JOHN MADDEN, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
	The Holistic Approach - Aalto University's Sustainability Journey. From a Merger of three Universities since 2010 until Today	MERI LÖYTTYNIEMI, AALTO UNIVERSITY, FINLAND
	Environmental Management System as a Driving Force for Sustainability in Higher Education. Experiences and Reflections on Organizational Change at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden	EDDI OMCREN AND ULLIKA LUNDGREN, UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG
4:00 pm	Coffee Break	
4:30 pm	Presentation of Case Studies along Guiding Questions (interview format)	
	Water and Environmental Management at PUCP	PROF. ANA SABOGAL, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF PERU
	Implementing Sustainability Holistically – the Story of ETH Zurich	CHRISTINE BRATRICH, ETH ZURICH, VIA ADOBE CONNECT
5:30 pm	Serious Play The Tower of Power: Reflection of Lessons Learnt with an Interactive Method	
6:30 pm - open end	We have pre-booked tables in the restaurant "Luise" near U-Bahn station Dahlem Dorf for a self-organized dinner.	

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10:30 am	Coffee Break	
MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP: Sustainability Management at Universities: What is the Critical Impact of Governance?, Seminar Room o.2052		
11:00 am	The Critical Impact of Governance. Summary and Analysis of the Governance Factors Presented	PROF. INKA BORMANN, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	Workshop Wrap Up	ANDREAS WANKE & KATRIN RISCH, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
12:30 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Excursion: After a sightseeing tour of Berlin's city center participants can choose between three tour offers (please indicate your choice in the registration form):	
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6:00 pm	Farewell Dinner, Restaurant "Umspannwerk Ost", Palisadenstr. 48, 10243 Berlin	



PhD Workshop: “Sustainability and Inequalities”

Organized by Dr. Paul Talcott, trAndS Program on Inequality and Social Inequalities in the Andean Region, Latin America Institute, Freie Universität Berlin

Global consensus about improving sustainability, as reflected in the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN, has important implications for policy and research in areas ranging from energy to poverty. The SDGs are interconnected in complex ways - often the key to success of one will involve tackling issues associated with another. In particular, SDG 10 - reducing inequalities within and among countries - affects the ability to achieve progress in all of the other goals. These inequalities include income, “age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status within countries” and “...inequalities among countries, including those related to representation, migration and development assistance” (UN Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform).

The Ph.D. Workshop provides a hands-on experience for participants to reflect together the impact of inequalities on their existing research project. Examples of questions explored in this workshop may include: How do research-driven solutions to energy and other environmental problems intersect with such inequalities? More specifically, how could certain social and political inequalities pose challenges for implementing the results of (technical) research programs? In turn, how can solutions to the challenges you address in your PhD thesis also mitigate inequalities? At the policy-making level, how can the concerns of policymakers, affected communities, the public and the global community be engaged to understand the social implications of research projects?

These themes do not need to be already embedded in the research project, nor does participation require a commitment to build this theme into ongoing work. Instead, this workshop allows Ph.D. researchers the opportunity to engage with how inequality interacts with sustainability. Discussions within the workshop will also contribute to discerning how to overcome inequalities in the paths toward a sustainable future. Through the workshop, they can develop a shared understanding of how this theme is understood from a wide variety of perspectives in both the natural sciences and social sciences.

In addition to the conference-style presentation sessions, there will also be a training module on what makes a good paper – useful for conferences as well as publications – from the perspective of reviewers as well as of the audience.

Thursday, April 12, 2018 | Holzlaube, Fabeckstraße 23-25

Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00 am	Opening Session of the Ph.D. Workshop	DR. PAUL TALCOTT, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN AND PROF. DR. KURT HUEBNER, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
	Welcome Note and Introduction	
	Get to Know Fellow Participants	DR. PAUL TALCOTT, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	Overview of Inequality and Sustainable Development	
10:30 am	Coffee Break	
11:00 am	Reflections on the Research Workshops of the Spring Campus Conference	DR. PAUL TALCOTT, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	Discussion	
12:30 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Presentation Session I: Inequalities, Sustainable Development and Technical Solutions	RELEVANT PRESENTATIONS BY PARTICIPANTS: MR. AMIN NOURI, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MS. MADINA KOKAZHANOVA, SAINT-PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY MS. ARINA FEDOROVA, SAINT-PETERSBURG UNIVERSITY MS. JESSICA YU, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA MS. TINA SCHIVATCHEVA, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
4:00 pm	Coffee Break	
4:30 pm	Skills Session I: How to Edit Your Own Paper	DR. PAUL TALCOTT, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
	Wrap-up of Day One	
6:30 pm	End of Day 1	

Friday, April 13, 2018 | Holzlaube, Fabeckstraße 23-25

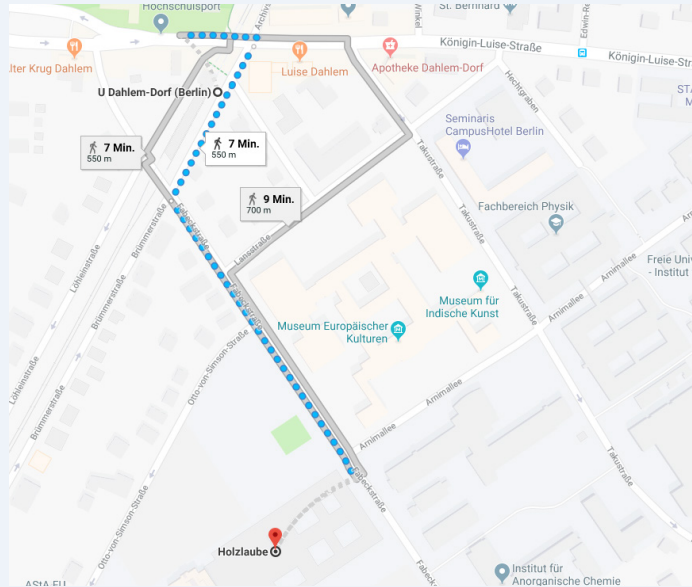
Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00 am	Presentation Session II: Inequalities, Sustainable Development and Society	RELEVANT PRESENTATIONS BY PARTICIPANTS: MS. ARWEN COLELL, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN MR. AVRI EITAN, HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM MS. ALICIA DIPIERRI, UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES
10:30 am	Coffee Break	
11:00 am	Presentation Session III: Inequalities, Sustainable Development and Global Norms	RELEVANT PRESENTATIONS BY PARTICIPANTS: MS. DARIA RYTOVA, SAINT-PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY MR. XIYUAN YU, PEKING UNIVERSITY MS. LUCÍA WRIGHT-CONTRERAS, TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF DARMSTADT
12:30 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Presentation Session IV: State Responses to Sustainable Development and Inequalities	RELEVANT PRESENTATIONS BY PARTICIPANTS: MS. OSHRI MITZVA, HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM MS. OLESYA BAKHAREVA, SAINT-PETERSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY MR. OMRI CARMON, HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM MR. CHAI FENG, PEKING UNIVERSITY
4:00 pm	Coffee Break	
4:30 pm	Skills Session II: How Reviewers Review Your Paper – And the Journal It Appears In Wrap-up of Ph.D. Workshop	PROF. DR. KURT HUEBNER, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND PROF. DR. MIRANDA SCHREURS, TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITÄT MÜNCHEN DR. PAUL TALCOTT, FREIE UNIVERSITÄT BERLIN
6:30 pm	End of Ph.D. Workshop	

Evening Program and Venues Monday, April 9- Friday April 13 | Holzlaube (wooden cottage), Fabeckstraße 23-25, 14195 Berlin

For the Opening Day we will meet in the Holzlaube (wooden cottage) in Fabeckstraße 23-25. The registration will take place in front of the conference room -1.2009 starting at 12:30 pm. The nearest subway station is Dahlem Dorf (U3).

Holzlaube/ Conference Venue

Freie Universität Berlin
Fabeckstraße 23-25
14195 Berlin-Dahlem

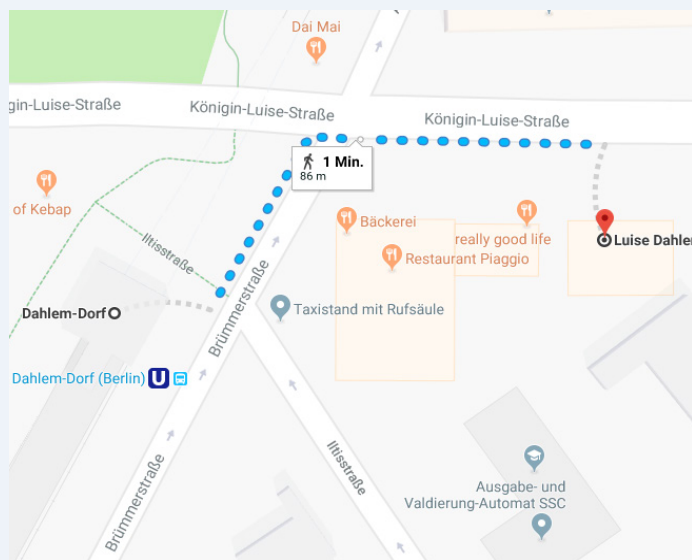


Dinner, Tuesday April 10 | Restaurant Luise

The restaurant is located at Königin-Luise-Straße 40 – 42. It is located in a short walking distance from the workshop venue. The closest subway station is “Dahlem-Dorf” (U3).

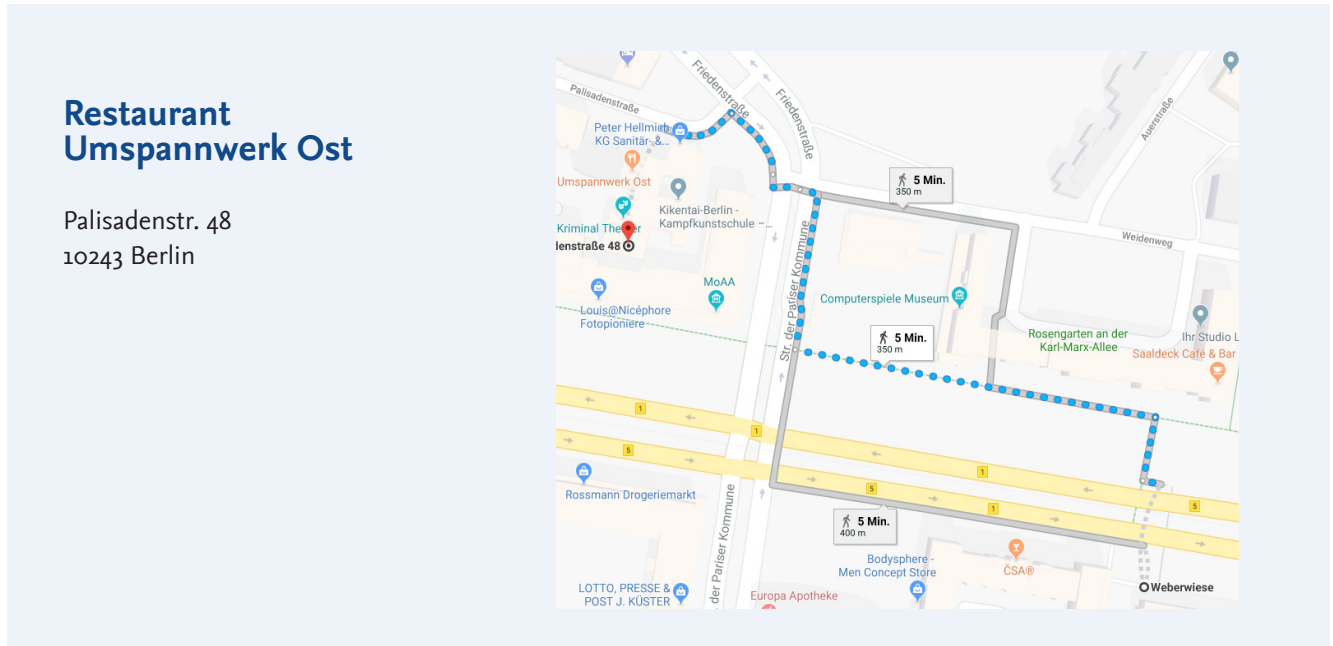
Restaurant Luise - Dahlem

Königin-Luise-Str. 40 – 42
14195 Berlin



Dinner Reception, Wednesday April 11 | Umspannwerk Ost

The restaurant is located at Palisadenstraße 48. The closest subway station is “Weberwiese” (U5). The excursion's final stop is the restaurant. Participants who decide not to join one of the tours are kindly asked to reach the restaurant on their own.



You will find all the mentioned venues on this [Berlin map](#).



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Getting Around in Berlin and on Campus

Germany's capital is one of Europe's most exciting cities. A "new" Berlin has emerged since the fall of the Berlin Wall, but the city is constantly evolving. Berlin is a global hub for creatives carving out niche scenes across art, music and fashion. You will find exciting art exhibitions, radical and innovative theatre and opera productions, as well as cool clubs in all parts of Berlin. It is also a political and cultural capital of Germany. Its turbulent history can be experienced in visiting some of country's best historical museums, including the Topographie des Terrors and the DDR Museum. To get an overview on Berlin and its main sights, you can visit the official homepage of Berlin www.berlin.de/en/ or the official tourism website www.visitberlin.de/en/.

All campus locations of Freie Universität Berlin are located in the southwest of Berlin, mainly in Dahlem, an idyllic and green neighbourhood. The Dahlem Campus hosts 12 of the university's 15 departments and central institutes, more than 20 libraries, various student cafés and canteens – including Germany's first vegetarian/vegan university canteen –, university sport facilities, and the Botanical Garden. The Campus is surrounded by wonderful green areas. The Lankwitz Campus hosts the Department of Earth Sciences, while the Department of Veterinary Medicine is located on the Düppel Campus.

Campus locations of Freie Universität Berlin: www.fu-berlin.de/en/redaktion/orientierung/dahlem



Public Transport

It is easy to get around in Berlin as public transportation can take you everywhere. Berlin public transportation network's (BVG) regular tickets can be purchased at ticket vending machines located at the stops, train stations, in streetcars, or directly from the bus driver. Each ticket must be validated in a stamp machine located next to ticket vending machines. For ticket prices, timetables, routes and more information see the BVG website: <http://www.bvg.de/en>.

If you are planning to extend your stay in Berlin after the Spring Campus, a bike can be a nice way to get around. You can use a bike-sharing system of Deutsche Bahn (the German train company) with stations everywhere around the city (<http://www.callabike.de>) or just rent a bicycle at one of many bike rentals in Berlin – just google it. For directions, you can use the bbbike route planner, which was developed for cyclists in Berlin: <http://www.bbbike.de/cgi-bin/bbbike.en.cgi>. It is quite useful if you want to avoid big roads with heavy traffic.

Green Berlin: Sightseeing and Practical Information

While Berlin is a large urban region, it is home to vast parklands such as Grunewald, Treptower Park, or the Gardens of the World, and a myriad of bridges crisscrossing the rivers and canals. These features give the city not only a feeling of spaciousness, but also of remarkable green beauty. The former Berlin Tempelhof Airport, which was recreated into a public park, hosts many temporary activities, such as art exhibits, collective urban gardening and recreation by the citizens of Berlin. Thanks to a recent public initiative, there is an increase in traffic of bicycles and electric cars. Further information can be found on the website of the Senate Department for Urban Development and Environment or in the Environmental Atlas.

To get to know some of Berlin's green and alternative sides, you can go on one of the 20 Green Walks or join a sustainable walking tour. There are various groups which offer such tours, e.g.:

- <http://creative-sustainability-tours-berlin.net/>
- <http://www.ticket-b.de/sustainable-development-tour-berlin.html>
- <http://alternativeberlin.com/green-tour>
- <http://www.bgbm.org/en/garden/survey-garden>



Good to Know

Lodging: Accommodation near the Freie Universität Campus

If you prefer to stay somewhere near the campus, one of the following hotels, all located in the surrounding neighbourhoods, may be interesting for you.

Seminaris (Campus Hotel)

Address: Takustraße 39, 14195 Berlin
Website: www.seminaris.de

Hotel Steglitz International

Address: Albrechtstraße 2, 12165 Berlin
Website: <http://www.si-hotel.de/>

Motel One Berlin-Ku'damm

Address: Kantstraße 10, 10623 Berlin
Website: <https://www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/berlin/hotel-berlin-kudamm/>

Apartment Hotel Dahlem

Address: Clayallee 150-152, 14195 Berlin
Website: www.apartment-hotel-berlin.de

Novum Hotel Ravenna

Address: Grunewaldstraße 8-9, 12165 Berlin
Website: www.ravenna-hotel.de

Motel One Berlin-Tiergarten

Address: An der Urania 12/14, 10787 Berlin
Website: <https://www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/berlin/hotel-berlin-tiergarten/>

Lodging: Sustainable Alternatives

Some hotels in Berlin have been certified and awarded for their dedication to sustainability.

The Circus Hotel

Address: Rosenthaler Straße, 10119 Berlin
Website: <https://www.circus-berlin.de/sustainability/>

Scandic Hotel Kurfürstendamm

Address: Augsburger Straße 5, 10789 Berlin
Website: <https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/germany/berlin/scandic-berlin-kurfurstendamm>
On Sustainability: <http://www.scandichotelsgroup.com/en/sustainability/>

Landmark Hotel

Address: Gervinusstraße 24, 10629 Berlin
Website: <http://hotel-landmark.de/en/>



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Fire Department and Ambulance	112
Police	110 http://www.berlin.de/polizei/allgemeine-seiten/artikel.103548.en.php
Doctor on Call	030 / 31 00 31 www.kvberlin.de
Medical Emergency	„Ärztlicher Notdienst“ Call 116 117 in all of Germany
Cancellation of Credit/EC card	116 116 or + 49 (0)1805-021021

More Useful Links

This [Berlin map](#) contains most places which are mentioned in this guide. (If you check the little boxes next to “Hotels” or “Green Berlin: Sightseeing” on the left, those places will also appear.)

Although Berlin is a vegetarian/vegan-friendly city, finding a vegan place is sometimes not so simple. This [restaurant map](#) shows a variety of vegan restaurants in Berlin.

If you have a smartphone, you can download the [Berlin Vegan Guide App](#) with information about vegan restaurants, cafés etc.

Berlin’s official homepage offers an [overview on big events](#) in Berlin.

These are the links to Berlin’s other universities:

- [Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin](#)
- [Technische Universität Berlin](#)
- [Universität der Künste Berlin](#)

[Facts about Germany](#) is a reference book offering all sorts of up-to-date information about Germany.

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