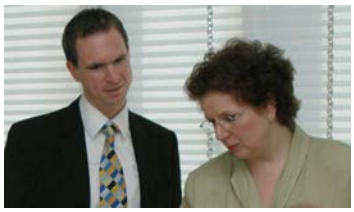
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20 Years

ALUMNI-NEWS



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AN ESPRESSO WITH… A LITTLE DIFFERENT: 20 YEARS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

For our anniversary, our Espresso Interview is taking on a special format: Together with the University of Bremen's online magazine up2date., we look back on 20 years of the Alumni Association – and hope to reach people who may just be discovering our network for the first time.

What began with seven founding members has grown into a network of around 4,700 members. For 20 years, the Alumni of the University of Bremen e.V. has been bringing together people who want to stay connected to their university.

In the interview, two of the founding members, **Dr. Tim Nesemann** and **Dr. Katerina Vatsella** (pictured here in 2006), look back on the pioneering spirit of the early years, memorable encounters, and a few ideas that didn't quite hit the mark. They also share why personal connections remain at the heart of a vibrant alumni network to this day.

Read the full article online here.



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DIVERSITY & INCLUSION IN THE SPOTLIGHT

At the Diversity & Inclusion Lunch held at Bremen Town Hall, researchers, students, alumni and business representatives discussed opportunities, risks and responsibility as part of the IJCAI-ECAI 2026.

Franziska Richter from Digital Media Women summed up a key insight: "Different perspectives make us stronger." Dr Mandy Boehnke also emphasised the importance of diverse data and perspectives for fair and responsible AI.

Read our article to find out why diversity in AI is more than just a technical issue, what opportunities it opens up for participation, and where caution is needed.



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POLITICAL SCIENCE ALUMNI REUNION: THE CLASS OF 2006/07 IS PLANNING A REUNION

An alumni reunion for the Bachelor's cohort in Political Science (starting in the 2006/07 winter semester) is planned for **26 September 2026** at the University of Bremen.
The reunion is open to all former students who are interested in catching up and reminiscing.
More Information.

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SAVE THE DATE: ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING 2026

Preparations for our Annual General Meeting this year are well underway! Together with you, we would like to take stock of the past year, look ahead to the future, and, of course, take the opportunity to meet in person, exchange ideas and network.

This year, our host will be the Center for Marine Environmental Sciences (MARUM) in Bremen, Leobener Straße 8. As part of the Annual General Meeting, there will also be an opportunity to gain an insight into the exciting work carried out at MARUM.

When: 25 November 2026, doors open at 4:30 p.m.

The official invitation, including the agenda and further information about the programme, will follow shortly. We look forward to seeing you again in November!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

GERMAN UNITY DAY 2026 IN BREMEN

From 2 to 4 October 2026, Bremen will host the central celebrations marking German Unity Day. Under the motto



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"VIELE STÄRKEN – EIN LAND" ("MANY STRENGTHS – ONE COUNTRY"), visitors can look forward to a large public festival featuring stages, themed areas and a wide range of activities throughout Bremen's city centre, along the Osterdeich and around the Weserstadion.

The University of Bremen will also be represented by various departments and institutions, offering insights into Bremen's cutting-edge research.

As part of the celebrations, the Alumni Association is supporting a public panel discussion on 2 October focusing on the remembrance of German reunification. At the event "Uneiniges Erinnern – Eine Intervention zum 3. Oktober" ("Divided Memories – An Intervention for 3 October"), Paula Fürstenberg (writer), Angelika Nguyen (author, curator and film journalist), Diana Röthlinger (historian) and Domenico Müllensiefen (writer) will discuss different perspectives on remembering German reunification. The discussion will be moderated by Farukh Sauerwein.

The event is based on research conducted at the University of Bremen on the literary memory of the GDR and German reunification. Further information about the event can be found here.

EVENT SUMMARIES



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SUMMER OF AI – BREMEN IS WELL REPRESENTED WITH A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES

The IJCAI-ECAI brought around 3,000 international AI researchers to Bremen. The University of Bremen was also represented as a member of the U Bremen Research Alliance and thus as a co-host of the conference. Furthermore, as part of the 'Summer of AI', it organised numerous other events specifically aimed at the general public. From hands-on activities at the AI x Open Lab to public lectures on the Domshof, AI became visible and tangible in Bremen.
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CSD IN BREMEN

On Saturday 22 August 2026, around 30,000 people gathered in Bremen to celebrate Christopher Street Day (CSD) and, at the same time, to demonstrate in support of the rights of queer people. In doing so, they sent a message of equal rights, diversity and acceptance.

The University of Bremen also took part in CSD and, under its motto ‘come as you are’, championed the queer community and an open society.

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B-HUMAN ON THE JOURNEY TO THE 2027 WORLD CUP

As we all know, once the RoboCup is over, it’s time to look ahead to the next one. Following the successful World Cup in South Korea in June 2026, B-Human is already setting its sights on the next major goal: the World Cup in Nuremberg in mid-July 2027. For the team, this means that in the new semester they will be analysing the experiences from the previous competition, developing new ideas, conducting intensive testing and getting the next generation of B-Human software and robots ready for the competition.
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BIPS IS GETTING A MODERN BUILDING EXTENSION

Researching health before diseases arise: this is what the Leibniz Institute for Prevention Research and Epidemiology – BIPS for short – stands for, located in the immediate vicinity of the University of Bremen. As one of the leading research institutions in this field, the institute is dedicated to the prevention of chronic diseases and gained significant public recognition during the COVID-19 pandemic through its scientific advice and studies.

As the long-established institute has grown significantly in recent years and has reached the limits of its current space, the federal government and the State of Bremen are jointly investing 13.6 million euros (Senate Press Office 2021) in a modern extension directly adjacent to the existing building on Achterstraße.

The shell of the new complex is now taking shape rapidly and will, amongst other things, house a large lecture theatre as well as much-needed facilities for the IT infrastructure.

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YUFE UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE SECURES TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF EU SUPPORT

Ten European universities, including the University of Bremen, are part of the Young Universities for the Future of Europe (YUFE) alliance. The consortium has secured additional funding from the European Union's Erasmus+ program, ensuring continued support for the next two years. Read more



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#ONEINONEMILLION

This year, Erasmus reached a special milestone: Since the programme began in 1987, one million students from Germany have received funding. Emily is the University of Bremen's #OneInOneMillion. She studies Spanish and English and has had the opportunity to take part in Erasmus+ twice, at the Universidad de Valladolid and the University of Nottingham.

This milestone will also be celebrated at the Erasmus+ Annual Conference 2026 on 22 and 23 September. Hosted by the University of Bremen, the conference will be held in Bremen for the first time in 10 years.

You can find more faces of the campaign here.

NEWSFLASH



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UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN LAUNCHES NEW "BUSINESS MODEL INNOVATION" MICRODEGREE FOR PROFESSIONALS AND STUDENTS

This October, the University of Bremen is launching a new continuing-education format: the "Business Model Innovation" microdegree. The program responds to the growing demand for innovation skills with a practice-oriented, research-based curriculum. Read more

BREMEN STATE GOVERNMENT'S AI STRATEGY: UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN



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The Bremen Senate has adopted a city-wide AI strategy, developed in collaboration with the University of Bremen as part of a cooperation agreement. A total of 39 specific projects were identified. Read more



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SEASTRONG: UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN AND ZMT COORDINATE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT ACROSS THREE OCEANS

The SEASTRONG research project, coordinated by the University of Bremen in partnership with ZMT, is investigating how mangrove forests, seagrass beds, and coral reefs can reinforce one another to become more resilient to the impacts of climate change. It will receive six million euros in funding. Read more



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"RENT A TEACHERMAN" PROJECT WINS "CHILDREN'S OSCAR"

At this year's traditional Children's Day celebration in Bremen's Bürgerpark, organizers once again presented the "Children's Oscar." This year's winner: "Rent a Teacherman," a project that has worked since 2012 to bring more male teachers into elementary schools. Read more



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DONATION CAMPAIGN FOR A SUPPORTING SCHOLARSHIP

As a student, financial relief during your studies is always welcome. The Deutschlandstipendium provides this with €300 per month. And current scholarship recipients are collecting donations until September 08 to make it possible to fund another future scholarship starting in the upcoming winter semester. Feel free to support the donation campaign with a tax-deductible amount of your choice.

The Deutschlandstipendium, which has existed since 2011, follows a simple principle: Half of the amount for selected students with good academic performance, social engagement and/or personal circumstances comes from private individuals or organizations, while the rest comes from the federal government.