

## ALUMNI NEWS



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### AN ESPRESSO WITH...HELMUT ZACHAU

Helmut Zachau, born in 1948, trained as an industrial clerk and studied socioeconomics at the Hamburg University of Economics and Politics (HWP) before coming to the University of Bremen for an LSIIbF degree (1973 to 1976) in teaching vocational subjects at secondary level II. Later he was a teacher, a Member of Parliament for the Greens for five years and, most recently before his retirement, Director of School Centre Walle.

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### INDIA CHAPTER FOUNDING AND FIRST CONFERENCE

At a 13 July 2021 online meeting, more than a dozen University of Bremen alumni founded the India chapter of our association. The chapter's first event, planned for 12 November, is an online conference on sustainability, covering issues such as mobility and the use of hydrogen to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The chair of the new chapter is nanoscientist Dr. Amretashis Sengupta, who did postdoctoral research at the Bremen Center for Computational Materials Science (BCCMS). His deputy is Dr. Madhura Panse, who did her master's degree in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the University of Bremen. Rounding out the chapter's leadership is Karthikeyan Sreetharan, an engineer who studied for his master's degree at the University of Bremen.

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## 2021 - UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN TURNS 50



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### ANNIVERSARY TALK SERIES: "JUST CHANGE THE WORLD"

50 Years of Uni Bremen – 50 years of equipping people

with knowledge, influencing destinies and writing history. With the audacity to want to change the world, the earnestness to acquire the knowledge needed to do so, and the intrepidity to see it through. In honour of this spirit, the University and the Alumni Association are putting on an exciting winter online talk series. Speakers include Dr. Hans Königsmann, alumnus and long-time Vice President of SpaceX in the USA; Dr. Uschi Eid, President of the Africa Foundation; and our alumna Prof. Dr. Antje Boetius, Director of the Alfred Wegner Institute for Polar and Marine Research.

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## THINGS ARE GETTING FESTIVE

As autumn approaches, the University of Bremen's 50th anniversary year is heading inexorably towards its climax. On 14 October, there will be a grand ceremony in Bremen's Upper Town Hall, the very place where the founding charter for the university was signed. In addition, the university is inviting the entire city to numerous events where one can learn more about the university.

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## LEARNING SPACE NUMBER ONE – GW2 CAFETERIA

To mark the university's 50th anniversary, we launched an "alumni wall" in early summer at [www.MeineUniBremen.de](http://www.MeineUniBremen.de) where alumni can post their profiles and share what connects them to the University of Bremen. Particularly worth reading: the many anecdotes that give a good idea of what the University of Bremen is all about. [Read more](#)

## CAMPUS NEWS



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## IT'S BACK – WINTER SEMESTER, IN PERSON!

You've got your university acceptance, found a place to live, said goodbye to your home town, and now you're waiting, full of anticipation, for your studies to begin. All the hurdles are behind you, and nothing stands in the way of a brilliant new phase of life. Finally seeing the university with your own eyes, meeting new people, and getting settled into academic life. Orientation Week is meant to ease you into your studies, bring you in contact with other students, and ensure that you know what to expect. But this winter, what has been standard practice for decades will take on the aura of something extra special.

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## MAKE SENSE – GO FUNDING

When it comes to donors and foundations, most people think of the big ones: Bill & Melinda Gates, the Körber Foundation or German political party foundations. But there are other ways to make a difference. On the occasion of the university's 50th anniversary, the University of Bremen Foundation has launched an initiative that invites you to participate in numerous ways – and also to donate. The motto: Make sense.

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## INTERNATIONAL



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### FIRST COTUTELLE DOCTORATE IN BREMEN AND AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH IN CANADA

The University of Bremen and the University of Guelph in Canada have been linked for several years through a strategic partnership that includes both research and student exchanges. In the health sciences, Rebecca Breau became the first doctoral student in a cotutelle programme to successfully defend her thesis in August. The cotutelle process is a binational doctorate supervised by two universities from different countries and recognised as a jointly awarded doctoral degree.

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### YUFE TOWN HALL IN BREMEN

On the occasion of its 50th anniversary, the University of Bremen will host this year's YUFE Town Hall in Bremen on 13–14 October 2021. With the YUFE Alliance (Young Universities for the Future of Europe), ten young, research-strong universities and four non-university partners are developing one of the first European Universities. The Town Hall will be the first physical meeting of the Alliance since the beginning of the pandemic.

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## EVENTS

### ONLINE TALK "REACHING FOR THE STARS" – 17 NOVEMBER

Our Online-Talk-series "Just change the world" starts on



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Wednesday, 17 November, at 6 pm with an online talk about the importance of Bremen and its university for the future of space travel. We were able to win prominent guests for this: Our alumnus Dr Hans Königsmann, chief engineer for rocket launches at Elon Musk's SpaceX company for 10 years; Marco Fuchs, head of the Bremen-based space company OHB SE, Professor Marc Avila, director of the Centre for Applied Space Technology and Microgravity (ZARM). Also present will be Claudia Kessler, a specialist engineer who is campaigning for a "First German Astronaut". The talk will be recorded by Radio Bremen and broadcasted via livestream. Simultaneous translation into English is available. A limited number of visitors are admitted to the TV studio. [More info and registration here.](#)



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## **ONLINE CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY - 12 NOVEMBER**

Together with its newly founded India Chapter, the Alumni Association is organising an online conference on Friday, 12 November 2021 on the topic of "Exploring Ways to Sustainability – Learning Experiences and from Bremen and India". The three thematic blocks will focus on models of decentralised sanitation in India, which were co-designed in Bremen, on future urban mobility and on hydrogen as an energy carrier of the future. In each session, a speaker from Bremen and India will present corresponding projects and strategies. The conference will also focus on networking among participants from science, business and civil society. [Further information and register here.](#)



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## **„JEWISH LITERATURE“ - GLOBALE° ON 5 NOVEMBER**

"1700 years of Jewish life in Germany" - this motto stands over many events on Jewish culture this year to showcase it in its diversity. "globele° - Festival für grenzüberschreitende Literatur" takes up this initiative together with the Alumni Association and would like to contribute to it with an afternoon on Jewish literature. What makes this literature, which is written in almost all languages? This question will be addressed in particular to Jewish literature in German and French; author portraits as well as short passages from their texts will complement these discussions. [Register here.](#)

## **THE GOLDEN PLIETSCH**

In the anniversary year of the University of Bremen, project funding is taking place in a very different way. The University of Bremen Foundation, its Sheltered Foundations

and our Alumni Association have announced 30,000 euros in funding for bold, innovative projects that make a contribution to future issues - whether for Bremen or globally. The Golden Plietsch will be awarded on 1 November 2021 in a public event with audience participation in the decision. Be there live - online or at the Bremen House of Science!

To register, please write to [stiftung@vw.uni-bremen.de](mailto:stiftung@vw.uni-bremen.de). (Please write, if you want to participate online or on-site).

## NEWSFLASH



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### FEDERAL CROSS OF MERIT FOR ALUMNA RENATE HEITMANN

The managing director of the bremer shakespeare company will be awarded the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany on 1 October. Renate Heitmann studied Cultural Studies and English/American Studies at the University of Bremen and is a board member of the Alumni Association. In the statement by Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier it says: "If you do nothing, there is nothing to do", with this motto she defied the Corona pandemic in the middle of the summer of 2020. She initiated the "Bremer KulturSommer Summerum" with 300 events at more than 30 locations in Bremen and the surrounding area – an impressive example of lived solidarity in the cultural scene."



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### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR HEALTH CARE

A virtual "AI Center for Health Care" is being created in the U Bremen Research Alliance. The state of Bremen is providing funds for this, which will be awarded to forward-looking projects in the U Bremen Research Alliance. In the course of a competitive call for proposals, five projects were recently selected to receive funding in the coming years. They will start this year.

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### 4,000 SQUARE METERS FOR DEEP-SEA RESEARCH

At the corner of Leobener Straße and Hochschulring, the new Center for Deep-Sea Research (ZfT) is being built. Located next to the University of Bremen's MARUM – Center for Marine Environmental Sciences, research into fundamental deep-sea processes will be conducted. The center's research focus is primarily on questions related to the climate crisis and the roles of the oceans and deep sea

in explaining global climate processes.

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