

Ukrainian Researchers in Germany: Networking and Cooperation Event 2024 17 – 18 April 2024

dbb Forum Berlin - Friedrichstraße 169 - 10117 Berlin

The event is intended to create a platform for networking and mutual learning for Ukrainian researchers based in Germany, offering networking opportunities within and beyond academic disciplines as well as in-depth discussions on topics relating to the current situation of higher education and research in Ukraine. Going beyond institutional and disciplinary borders, it will also focus on strengthening ties between researchers based in Ukraine and in Germany, bringing in selected participants based in Ukraine via hybrid participation, in addition to online-streaming.

The event is jointly convened by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, DAAD – German Academic Exchange Service, Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt, Gerda Henkel Foundation, Leopoldina – German National Academy of Sciences, and VolkswagenStiftung. It is by invitation only and will be conducted in English.

Programme

as of 15 April 2024

Wednesday, 17 April 2024:

12:00 – 13:00 **Light Welcome Lunch** Lichthof

13:00 – 14:00 **Plenary: Opening and Words of Welcome** Atrium

Robert Schlögl, President, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Georg Schütte, Secretary General, VolkswagenStiftung

Anke Reiffenstuel, Commissioner for External Science, Education and Research Policy, Federal Foreign Office

Armin Reinartz, Director General for European and International Cooperation, Federal Ministry of Education and Research

Denys Kurbatov, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine
(video opening message)

14:00 – 15:30 **Working Groups: Networking within Academic Fields**

Parallel networking groups:

(1) Social Sciences Kreuzberg

(2) Humanities Atrium III

(3) Natural Sciences/Mathematics Köpenick

(4) Life Sciences/Medicine Atrium II

(5) Engineering/Information Technology Atrium IV

15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break _____	Lichthof
16:00 – 17:00	Plenary: Reports from the Networking Sessions _____	Atrium
17:00 – 18:30	Plenary: Science Diplomacy in Action for Ukraine _____	Atrium

Impulse contributions:

- (1) **Current Challenges in the Ukrainian Academic Sector**
Oleksiy Kolezhuk, Professor of Physics, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv; Deputy Chair, Scientific Committee of the National Council for Science and Technology Development of Ukraine
- (2) **German-Ukrainian Academic Cooperation**
Andriy Luzhetskyy, Professor of Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Saarland University
- (3) **Key Issues of Ukraine's EU Accession Process and Options for Researchers to Shape the Debate**
Susan Stewart, Senior Fellow, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik – German Institute for International and Security Affairs
- (4) **New Academic and Societal Discourses in Ukraine and Germany**
Schamma Schahadat, Professor of Slavic Literatures and Cultures, University of Tübingen

Respondents:

- **Alexandra Antoniuk**, Chair, Scientific Committee of the National Council for Science and Technology Development of Ukraine
- **Mikhail Leshchenko**, German Embassy Kyiv (online)
Chair: **Lucian Brujan**, Senior Scientific Officer International Relations, German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina

18:30 – 21:00	Networking Dinner _____	Lichthof
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Thursday, 18 April 2024:

09:00 – 11:00	Workshops on Science Diplomacy Topics	
	(1) Current Challenges in the Ukrainian Academic Sector	Köpenick
	(2) German-Ukrainian Academic Cooperation.....	Atrium III+IV
	(3) Key Issues of Ukraine's EU Accession Process and Options for Researchers to Shape the Debate	Atrium II
	(4) New Academic and Societal Discourses in Ukraine and Germany	Kreuzberg

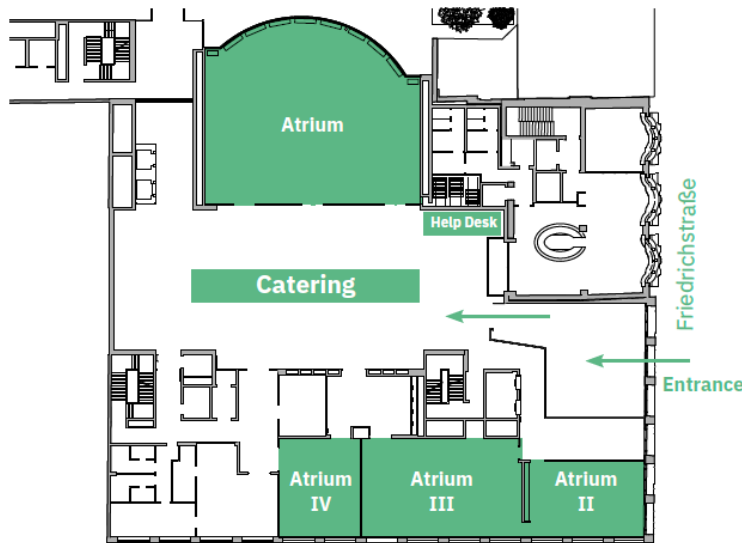
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break _____	Lichthof
11:30 – 12:30	Closing Plenary _____	Atrium

Reports from the parallel workshops, Q&A and wrap up.

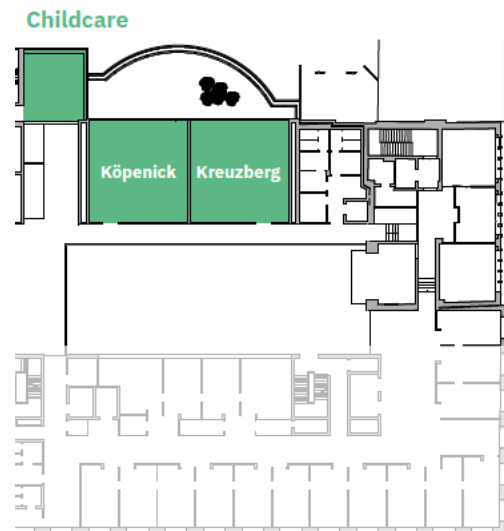
Chair: **Ursula Paintner**, Director Communications, German Academic Exchange Service

12:30 – 14:00	Farewell Networking Lunch _____	Lichthof
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The venue can best be reached by subway via the stops “Unter den Linden” (U6) or “Alexanderplatz” (U2, U5, U8).

Further Reading:

UNESCO Report (11 March 2024): Analysis of war damage to the Ukrainian science sector and its consequences. ISBN: 978-92-3-100662-3, [Analysis of war damage to the Ukrainian science sector and its consequences | UNESCO](https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000388803) <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000388803>

During a series of HUMBOLDT4UKRAINE events (October-November 2023), researchers and experts from Ukraine and more than 20 other countries discussed support measures for now and after the war. The participants’ recommendations have been presented to the research ministers of Ukraine and Germany on 9 November 2023, [Recommendations for rebuilding Ukrainian science and academia – Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation](https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/explore/newsroom/news/recommendations-for-rebuilding-ukrainian-science-and-academia) <https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/explore/newsroom/news/recommendations-for-rebuilding-ukrainian-science-and-academia>

As part of the Science at Risk project (<https://scienceatrisk.org/>), 30 Ukrainian scientists worked for 9 months in expert working groups, analysing the situation in the country and looking for ways to solve urgent and long-term problems that have arisen as a result of Russia’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine. The experience of Ukrainian scientists in the preservation of scientific works, collections, and institutions formed the basis of nine white papers. At the event on 2 April 2024 (<https://techukraine.org/2024/03/27/28287/>), Ukrainian scientists presented the results of their work, [Whitepapers \(scienceatrisk.org\)](https://scienceatrisk.org/whitepapers) <https://scienceatrisk.org/whitepapers>

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