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 Schlägl, President, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
   Georg Schütte, Secretary General, VolkswagenStiftung
   Anke Reifenstuel, 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 Antoniouk, 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

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
The venue can best be reached by subway via the stops “Unter den Linden” (U6) or “Alexanderplatz” (U2, U5, U8).

Further Reading:


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

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

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