

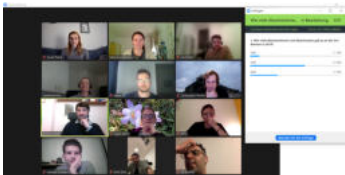
ALUMNI-NEWS



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ON AN ESPRESSO WITH ... DR. SONJA BASTIN

Dr. Sonja Bastin, born in 1984, studied sociology and social studies at the University of Bremen between 2004 and 2010 and obtained her doctorate at the Max-Planck-Institute for Demographic Research. Since 2016, our alumna has been working as a research associate at the Bremen SOCIUM Research Center on Inequality and Social Policy. [Continue reading](#)



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DIGITAL REUNION IN MUNICH

On February 25, the Alumni regional group in Munich reconvened – for the second time online. Eleven alumni participated, among them someone from the most sought-after professions at the moment: virology. The Covid-19 pandemic was of course also topic at the meeting, as were everybody's professional situation and vital questions such as where in Munich one can buy one's favorite Bremen food. Our board member Fabio Nicoletti brought a survey on the University of Bremen to the meeting. The next reunion can hopefully take place in a restaurant again.

2021 - UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN TURNS 50



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WHY? THAT'S WHY!

Why has the University of Bremen been so closely connected to its hometown and has been such an important part of the Bremen DNA for the past five decades? And where can it be found within the city and urban society? For its 50th anniversary, the University of Bremen unveils the many ways in which people from the university have made a difference. Fifty examples illustrate where the university is present and how it has changed the city – since 1971. Between March and August, fifty stations will be visible throughout the entire city. In October, an exhibit in the Lower City Hall will recapitulate them all. You can find further information on the anniversary [here](#).

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BREMEN SHOULD NOT BE LEFT BEHIND AS A RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTION

Against the backdrop of the Corona pandemic and the resulting drop in revenues, the current budget negotiations undoubtedly pose great challenges for all actors in politics and administration. At the same time, we, the alumni, are alarmed by the current discussions about the funding of the Science Plan 2025. Our board has addressed politics and the media with a statement. [Continue reading](#) (German only)



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SPARKASSE BREMEN HAS NEW HEADQUARTERS ON CAMPUS

It was uneventful and yet surely record-breaking: In early November, about 600 employees of our corporate member Sparkasse Bremen moved into the new headquarters on campus. After a construction period of only two years, the new building on the Universitätsallee was ready to move in. That is fast! Yet, the scheduled opening ceremony had to be canceled due to Covid-19. Since mid-December, employees work mostly from home. "Still, the new headquarters makes us excited for working from the office again," says Sparkasse spokesperson Nicola Oppermann. [Continue reading](#)



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MAKING THE BLIND SEE

Providing the blind with visual impressions: That is the aim of the I See project, in which neuroscientists from the University of Bremen are involved. The approach: A miniature camera collects visual information and translates it into signal patterns that are transferred to brain implants. Future Made in Bremen! Further information and an exciting TV report can be found here. [Continue reading](#)



AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL SUPERVISION

The award for outstanding doctoral supervision is given to university professors and other eligible academics for their



professional and encouraging support of doctoral candidates. The award honors both the demanding task of doctoral supervision and exemplary empowerment of early-career scholars. The Alumni of the University of Bremen e.V. supports this award by providing the prize money. Our board member Reinhard Ahlers is part of the jury. It is awarded for the specific purpose of facilitating the success of doctoral candidates. If your doctorate was awarded no more than four years ago and you were well supervised, you can nominate here until 15 April 2021.

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NETWORK CAFÉ – STRATEGIES FOR MOTIVATION AND HEALTH

In times of the pandemic, international guests and guest scientists are particularly affected by the limitations on social life as they have often not had the chance of building their own network in Bremen. Together with the health management at the University of Bremen, the Bremen Early Career Researcher Development Center BYRD, and the health insurance company Techniker Krankenkasse, the U Bremen Research Alliance Welcome Center has developed the concept of a network café for international scientists with the thematic focus on motivation and health. [Continue reading](#)



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EXTENSION OF THE COLLABORATION WITH THAILAND

The university strengthens its partnership with one of the oldest and best universities in Thailand. The cooperation with Mahidol University in Bangkok is set to be expanded in terms of student exchange, research, support of junior researchers, and the joint efforts to obtain grants. Both universities additionally initiated the 'Christian Freksa Scholarship' – in memory of the recently deceased professor from Bremen, who essentially initiated the cooperation and promoted it with firm commitment.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN GROWS IN POPULARITY WITH STUDENTS FROM INDIA



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It is an impressive number: About 700 students from India are members of the regional Indian Students Association with participation of students from all Bremen universities as well as the University of Oldenburg. At the University of Bremen alone, 268 students from India are currently enrolled, the widest student group from a non-EU country. We met two of them. [Continue reading](#)



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JOINT DAAD WORKSHOP IN NIGERIA

How can digitalization in teaching but also in alumni work be developed and accelerated? That was the topic of a two-day workshop hosted by the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service), the International Office of the University of Bremen, and the alumni association at the end of February. Due to Covid-19, only about 25 participants were allowed to be present in the Nigerian metropolis Lagos; another 15 people, mainly from Germany, joined the exciting exchange online. [Continue reading](#)

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CAMPUS PRIZE: INVITATION TO THE AWARD CEREMONY

The Campus Prize for Sustainable Research is again presented online this year. It is awarded jointly by the Kellner & Stoll Foundation for Climate and Environment, the Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Research ZMT, the University of Bremen, and the Alumni der Universität Bremen e.V. Our board member Fabio Nicoletti is among the judges and will present the winning master's thesis in his laudation. Are you curious to find out who will take home the prizes for outstanding work in climate and sustainability this year? Please register and join us for an exciting and entertaining night! You can sign up [here](#). April 15, 2021, 5:30 p.m. online via Zoom

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FROM THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE TO THE SENATE CHANCELLERY

Dr. Annette Lang was head of the International Office at the University of Bremen for more than ten years. A time, in which the university's international contacts expanded considerably. YUFE (Young Universities for the Future of Europe) is one of the project highlights that Annette Lang helped initiate with her unflinching dedication. Annette Lang has always been a reliable and resourceful contact for the alumni association. From March 2021, she will head the

international relations department at the Senate
Chancellery of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen. We
wish her all the best and hope for further excellent
cooperation.



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GRÜNDUNGSRADAR: UNIVERSITY OF BREMEN A FRONT RUNNER

When the topic is start-up support, the University of
Bremen is one of the top universities in Germany. In the
current “Gründungsradar 2020” (Start-up Radar 2020)
ranking from the Stifterverband, the university places 11th
among the big universities. [Continue reading](#)



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UNIVERSITY STRONG IN RESEARCH: LEIBNIZ PRIZE FOR VERONIKA EYRING

Professor Veronika Eyring from the Faculty of Physics /
Electrical Engineering received the renowned Leibniz Prize
on March 15, 2021. The fact that the most important
German research award goes to Bremen once again
underlines the research strength of the university. [Continue
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SCIENCE PRIZE FOR MICHAEL BEETZ

Outstanding work with a high level of relevance for the
retail and consumer goods industry: Professor Michael
Beetz, head of the Institute for Artificial Intelligence (IAI) at
the University of Bremen, has now been honored for this
with the Science Prize from EHI Stiftung and GS1
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