Dear colleagues

Dear students,

This newsletter announces the change of the chairperson of our University Foundation. The previous chairperson of the Foundation Council, Auxiliary Bishop Anton Losinger, is unfortunately unavailable for a second term of office. The University Management deeply regrets this, as we are looking back on a close and trusting cooperation with Auxiliary Bishop Losinger during the last years. Together, the Foundation and the University with its management, the committees and all dedicated colleagues, have successfully put the University back on an even keel after a period of several changes in leadership and have established a positive development in research, teaching and profile development. We thank Auxiliary Bishop Losinger for his dedication and work for the KU and are happy to announce that Vicar General Peter Beer has taken over the position as chairperson of the Foundation Council from his predecessor. He has been an active member of our Foundation for ten years and was intensively involved in the processes during the last years. In this period of time, the University Management came to appreciate his strategic thinking and innovative energy. This personnel decision is a sign of continuity for the further development of the KU. It is envisaged that Mr. Beer will be inaugurated on the Dies Academicus – the University’s festive day which is held once a year. Around the date of Saint Catherine’s Day, we take the chance to look back on the past academic year and also take a look ahead. Furthermore, we award the University prizes to honor outstanding achievements in studies, research and teaching. I am looking forward to meeting you there, warm regards,

Gabriele Gien, President of the KU

Vicar general Beer (left) takes over as chairman of the KU Foundation Council from Losinger

Munich vicar general Peter Beer new chairman of the KU Foundation Council

The KU foundation has a new chairperson: As of now, the vicar general of the archbishop of Munich and Freising, Peter Beer, is appointed as new chairman of the Foundation Council of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (KU). He is the successor of the Augsburg auxiliary bishop Anton Losinger, who held this position since November 2015. By appointing Beer, the Bavarian bishops count on continuity. The Munich vicar general has been a member of the KU Foundation Council as deputy chair since 2010. From 2008 to 2010, he held the position of chairman of the Foundation.

The decision to appoint Beer was taken at the autumn plenary assembly of the Freising Bishops’ Conference in Munich this week. The Bavarian bishops thanked Auxiliary Bishop Losinger for his great dedication during the four-year term, which he understood as a temporary mission from the very beginning. They acknowledged the KU’s positive development during the last four years – research activities and third-party funding, for instance, experienced another recent significant increase. The Universities geographers, for example, were able to secure funding in the seven-digit range provided by the German Research Foundation (DFG) for a newly established research group.

Furthermore, the KU was able to expand on its national and international network in the area of education and teaching by acquiring new strategic partners. The University’s profile was additionally raised by

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Dies Academicus with dance choreography

This year, the attendees of the Dies Academicus will be looking forward to a “moving” program: The choreographer and dance instructor Alan Brooks has been rehearsing a special dance performance with students from four Eichstätt schools for our festive day on November 28. In this exemplary show, Brooks will visualize how personal development can be supported by means of dance education for young people.

Alan Brooks is one of Germany’s most famous dance instructors. He has been initiating and coordinating dance projects for children and youths in Germany, France, England, Scotland and Wales for more than 20 years. His dance projects enable students to discover a new form of expression which can overcome linguistic and social differences and which promotes an individual unprejudiced formation of opinion. Brooks, who also works as soloist in the ballet company of the state theater at the Gärtnerplatz in Munich, is KU lecturer for the project “Tanz an Bayerischen Schulen” (Dance at Bavarian Schools) since 2015.

The Dies Academicus festivities start at 3.00 p.m. with a festive praise at the Schutzengelkirche. The official ceremony starts at 4.00 p.m. in the Aula, when several prizes will be awarded for outstanding achievements in research, studies and teaching.

Taster days for interested prospective students

For the second time already, the KU will host its study taster days. On November 20 and 21, interested prospective students are invited to visit the KU under the motto “Studieren probieren” and participate in selected courses to get a glimpse of their desired subject, the lecturers and the KU campus in Eichstätt and Ingolstadt. Furthermore, there will be guided tours round the campus and study advice offers. All degree programs and subjects were invited to hand in selected courses which were then added to the program.

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the introduction of new focus areas and study offers. This includes the establishment of the Center for Flight and Migration, which recently hosted Germany’s largest specialist conference on flight and migration research together with a network of researchers.

“With the change from Losinger to Beer, the KU will be able to continue its successful path after the Foundation and the University Management had successfully put the University back on an even keel during the past four years which resulted in a positive and constant development”, explained the Bavarian bishops after their plenary assembly.

The new Foundation Council chairman Peter Beer has held the position of vicar general of the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising since 2010. Before that, the 52-year-old worked amongst others in the area of children pastoral work and as subject specialist for church elementary pedagogy. Furthermore, he was head of the Catholic Office in Bavaria. Beer studied theology and education at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich and completed his first doctoral degree in 1998 with a thesis on educational processes and knowledge boundaries focusing on dialectical-humanistic pedagogy and approaches to knowledge boundaries (Dr. Phil.) and completed his doctoral degree in theology in 2002 with a thesis on contextual theology and its systematic foundation.

Since 2002, Beer holds a position as honorary professor for religious education at the philosophical-theological university of the Salesians Don Boscos in Benediktbeuern.
Information on research promotion

In this winter semester, the Center for Research Promotion will host several information events to present the KU internal research funding possibilities to all interested doctoral candidates, postdocs and professors. For example, the proFOR+ funding lines offer financial support for travel costs to international conferences, the organization of academic events and start-up funding for research projects to support the application process for third-party funding of national sponsors.

The next information event will take place on Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the seminar room of the Center for Research Promotion (ZFF) (ehemalige Orangerie 112, Eichstätt). For more detailed information, please visit

www.ku.de/forschung/zentrum-fuer-forschungsfoerderung/aktuelles/zff-veranstaltungen/infoveranstaltungen

Positions for visiting researchers

From November 15, 2018, the Center for Research Promotion (ZFF) will provide up to eight positions for international visiting researchers. These are intended for guests, whose activity at the KU will be financed by scholarships or third-party funded projects and who will closely cooperate with specific disciplines and projects at the KU over several months but who cannot be provided a position at the respective institute or project team. Interested departments are invited to address applications for the positions to forschungsfoerderung@ku.de.

New DFG funded research group at the KU

The German Research Foundation (DFG) has granted financial support for a new research group which is led by the Chair of Physical Geography, Prof. Dr. Michael Becht, and which focuses on the sensitivity of geosystems in relation to climate change in high-Alpine regions. Researchers from five universities intend to reconstruct changes in glaciers and rivers as well as in the flora and surface of the earth from 1850 onwards and also predict future changes for the period of time until 2050. This shall serve as a basis for strategic adaptation to medium-term changes in high-Alpine landscape, for example in order to be able to better manage natural hazards and is important for the energy and water industry.

In the context of this research project, the KU collaborates with the universities of Bremen, Munich (TU), Innsbruck and Vienna (TU). For the first three years of the project, the DFG has granted 2 million euros in financial support – more than 920,000 euros of which flow into sub-projects of the KU.

New series “Wissenschaft im Gespräch”

In the current semester, the Center for Research Promotion and KU.impact (project team of the Department of Education Innovation and Knowledge Transfer) are organizing the lecture series “Wissenschaft im Gespräch” (Science in dialog) on the topic “Die Welt im Wandel – der Mensch zwischen Werteorientierung und Anpassung”. (A changing world – the human being between value orientation and adaptation). On three evenings two speakers will give an insight into current research projects and will discuss underlying social questions and research possibilities together with the audience. The lecture series is aimed at all interested KU members and external participants, such as representatives from civil society, church, politics and the economy.

The first event will be held on November 21, 2018 in the building Am Anger 18 in the Eichstätt Spitalstadt. In this lecture, Svenja Schütt will give a presentation on intergenerational learning (“Generationsübergreifendes Lernen: Alles andere wäre geistige Monokultur”) and Alexandra Kaier-Dubilita will present her project “(Ent)Personalisierte Mitarbeitende in digitalen Transformationsprozessen” on digital transformation processes. For more detailed information, please visit

www.ku.de/forschung/zentrum-fuer-forschungsfoerderung/aktuelles/zff-veranstaltungen/wissenschaft-im-gespraech
New Head of International Office

A new Head of the International Office joined the KU: Since October 1, 2018 Dr. Anna Marcos Nickol is responsible for the coordination of work processes at the International Office. Amongst others, the office is responsible for maintaining contacts and cooperation with institutions abroad and also organizes student and staff exchange programs.

Before joining the KU, Anna Marcos Nickol worked in Ecuador for three years. In the Ecuadorian capital Quito, the 32-year old held the position of German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) representative and also worked as lecturer at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador.

Before her stay in Quito, Marcos Nickol was project manager for EU research projects in the field of computer science at the Technical University of Munich (TUM) for several years. She completed her doctoral studies in Romance philology at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich in 2015. During her doctoral studies, she spent research stays in Madrid. Marcos Nickol studied German and Romance studies as well as communication studies in Munich and Barcelona.

New KU partner universities

The KU currently has 269 collaboration agreements with partner universities and institutions in 58 countries. The platform „Mobility Online“ (www.ku.de/internationales/ou-going) lists all partner institutions and exchange programs. Since the start of the year, the KU was able to conclude numerous new collaboration agreements with partners or extend existing ones. These include:

**Europe**
- University of Southern Denmark, Denmark – Erasmus+ agreement (History, European studies)
- Norwegian School of Economics, – Erasmus+ agreement (Business and economics)
- Masaryk University, Czech Republic – Erasmus+ agreement (Classical philology)
- Harran University, Turkey – Erasmus+ agreement (Sociology)
- Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw– expansion of existing research cooperation
- Financial University Moscow, Russia
- Guram Tavartkiladze Teaching University, Tbilisi, Georgia – new collaboration

**South America**
- Universidad Católica de Temuco, Chile – new collaboration

**North America**
- Catholic University of America, Washington, USA – extension
- Weber State University, Utah, USA

**Asia**
- Srinakharinwirot University, Bangkok, Thailand – memorandum of understanding on new collaboration
- Assumption University, Bangkok, Thailand – extension

**Australia**
- Australian Catholic University – extension

**Middle East**
- Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beersheba, Israel – new collaboration

**Africa**
- Uganda Martyrs University, Nkokozi, Uganda – new collaboration
KU agrees on collaboration in the field of education in Uganda

The KU expands on its collaboration with Uganda in the field of education. In October, a delegation to the African country which was led by KU President Gabriele Gien agreed on new collaboration projects in the area of research and transfer with state and private schools and universities.

Uganda was chosen explicitly because the KU had already established partnerships with educational institutions in the country in the past. This includes the state-run St. James Primary School in the capital Kampala, with which the KU has been cooperating for seven years. Several teaching degree students from Eichstätt have completed their internships at the Ugandan school. A new cooperation was agreed on with the GEMS Cambridge International School. This private school offers an excellent learning environment, which becomes evident in class sizes of 15 pupils at most.

The KU has established a new partnership with a school project in the Masaka district, where an association from Remscheid supports the operation of an orphanage, an elementary school, a high school and a vocational school.

During a delegation visit at the state Makerere University, both sides discussed possibilities for intensifying the existing cooperation. The KU delegation also spent a day’s visit at Uganda Martyrs University in Nkozi. This Catholic university is led by the Ugandan Bishops’ Conference and has similarities with the KU regarding the size, structure of courses and the green campus.

The universities agreed on new joint projects and an exchange program.

Catholic universities meet at conference

On the occasion of the 30th annual conference of the European Association for International Education in Geneva, the “Catholic Consortium for International Higher Education Collaboration” (CCIHEC) hosted a reception initiated by the KU and took the opportunity to present the new cooperation association of Catholic universities for the first time in a larger international context. As one of the founding members of the cooperation which has been existing since 2017, the KU also attended a workshop in Rome in September which was hosted by the member universities – besides the KU also the Australian Catholic University (ACU), the Catholic University of America (CUA), the Chilean Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso and the South-Korean Sogang University.

In Rome, the KU was represented by Prof. Dr. Klaus Stüwe and Dr. Andreas Riffel (deputy head of the International Office). The primary goal of the consortium is developing joint projects, establishing a continuous exchange, and working on joint study programs.

At the meeting in Rome, participants discussed joint summer academies for students and young researchers of the consortium as a project outline for the years to come.
Discounts for KU employees

From now on, a collaboration project between the KU and the company Corporate Benefits enables employees of the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt to make use of services or purchase products at reduced prices. The Berlin-based company was founded in 2003 and has meanwhile developed into the largest agency for staff offers in Europe. Approximately 2,300 companies with more than 3.2 million registered employees have already signed up for the programs provided by Corporate Benefits. Within the collaboration, KU employees will have access to a web portal offering attractive purchasing benefits and discounts for approx. 600 product and service providers. Participating providers include companies from the fields of automotive, finance, travel, fashion, leisure, sports, media, tickets, living, technology and mobile providers. An embedded map on the website shows participating regional providers for your location.

All you need to know about open access publishing

Open access publishing promotes fast visibility of publications. In the context of the “Open-Access Publishing” program initiated by the German Research Foundation (DFG), the DFG and the KU offer funding for publishing fees. For further information on open access and the conditions for takeover of the costs, please visit the University Library homepage at www.ku.de/bibliothek elektrohnes-publizieren.

‘How can I find a renowned open access journal and avoid pseudo journals?’ – This was a much-asked question following media reports on fake-journals in summer 2018. The answer is: No problem at all – the Directory of Open Access Journals (https://doaj.org) lists more than 12,000 journals; furthermore, the National Contact Point Open Access OA2020-DE published a current compilation of 700 important open access journals (https://oa2020-de.org/pages/frequentlycitedoajournals). It is also recommended to take a look at the journal lists of the relevant citation databases, Web of Science (http://mjl.clarivate.com) and Scopus (https://www.scopus.com/sources.uri?zone=TopNavBar&origin=search-basic), as they also assess an increasing number of open access journals. The Beall’s List of Predatory Publishers gives information on doubtful publishers (https://beallslist.weebly.com). In addition, experienced authors will be aware of the fact that a review process takes time; thus, an offer for a quick publication should always be carefully checked for its reliability. If you have any questions, the subject specialists or open access officers of the University Library are happy to help. Many publishers agree to the publication of pre and post prints of essays for example via KU.edoc (http://edoc.ku.de) – talk to your publisher and ask for further information, maybe your publishing company is also listed in SHERPA/RoMEO, a compilation of publishers’ conditions (http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/index.php).

ORCID-iD has become the international standard for a clear allocation of authors to their publications (https://orcid.org), e.g. in the Universal Authority File of the German National Library, at publishers, citation indexes or in connection with applications for research funding. The ORCID profile is a long-term profile which is not bound to employers and research areas. It enables parallel administration of different name variants, as are often inevitable due to publishers’ conventions. The prerequisite for using such a profile is free registration with ORCID.
Future forum on digitalization

Air taxis, artificial intelligence, autonomous driving, robots: These are all topics which have become increasingly important over the last few years – also in the Ingolstadt region. But what does the term ‘digitalization’ actually involve? The “Future Forum Digitalization”, held on November 17, 2018 at the Technische Hochschule Ingolstadt (THI) will provide answers to this question. The forum is organized by the regional initiative IRMA in collaboration with the KU and the THI. In the forum titled “How do Amazon & Co. influence us?” Prof. Dr. Christian Stummeyer (THI) and Prof. Dr. Thomas Setzer (KU) will carry out experiments on the participants’ buying behavior. In a panel discussion, the Ingolstadt mayor Dr. Christian Lösel, Martin Wild (MediMarktSaturn Retail Group), Prof. Dr. Jens Hogreve (Vice president of the KU), Prof. Dr.-Ing. Thomas Suchandt (Vice president of the THI) and Tobias Wagner (ChargeX GmbH) will exchange opinions on the question of how digitalization changes our lives.

A special treat: The science cabaret artist Vince Ebert will open the forum with his show “Big Dadaism. Master digitalization with common sense” The program is available at wwwirma-ev.de/zukunftsforum. There is no participation fee, however, the number of places is limited due to restricted capacity. For organizational reasons, please register at www.irma-ev.de/anmeldung-zukunftsforum

University Ball: Tickets now on sale

On Thursday, November 22, 2018, the University hosts its annual ball at the Altes Stadttheater Eichstätt. The dance starts at 8 p.m. and will be accompanied by the live band “Red Cap Cats”. Doors open at 7 p.m. with a champagne reception. In the course of the evening, the “KU Dance Company” will present show performances. Tickets are available for 19 euros (15 euros for students) at the Chancellor’s secretary’s office, Sommerresidenz 110. You can also order tickets by phone: +49 8421 / 93-21229 or e-mail: edith.rixner@ku.de.

Student Plenary Assembly

The Student Representatives Council invites all KU students to its Student Plenary Assembly on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 4.00 p.m. The council will publish the agenda on due time. All lecturers are kindly asked to enable interested students to attend the assembly.

Pictures for presentations and assignments

In future, all KU students and employees will have continued access to the picture data base Colourbox free of charge. In order to gain access, you have to register at www.colourbox.de/education using your KU e-mail address and the code 2408807536713. You can then download photos and pictures for presentations or written assignments.

However, the subscription does not include publication in print or online material. If you are a member of the KU and would like to publish Colourbox photos, for example on a website of the KU, please contact the Department of Development and Communication.

ZLB announces new program

The Center for Teacher Education (ZLB) at the KU has published its new program with workshops and presentations for teaching degree students, teachers and lecturers. The range of topics reaches from the launch of the online platform “Mebis” and theater educational perspectives on the teaching profession to offers for dialog in the school context. Furthermore, in this semester, the ZLB offers an ‘Education Café’ which is designed as an open exchange format for current topics in the field of education. It is also possible to attend an introductory presentation to the digital learning laboratory of the ZLB. The full program is available at www.ku.de/zlb
Free entry to Stadttheater Ingolstadt for all students

The Stadttheater Ingolstadt continues its free entry offer for all KU students. They just have to present their student ID at the theater box office and doors and can enjoy the theater performances for free. However, there might be restrictions in the number of available student places for guest performances, premieres and performances staged in the “Kleines Haus”. New Year’s Eve performances are excluded from the flat rate offer.

Students who would like to visit a theater performance have to reserve a ticket by phone or e-mail beforehand. Due to limited availability, is especially recommended to reserve a seat at guest performances, premieres and performances staged at the “Kleines Haus”. Every student only receives one ticket per performance for their own use.

Students who have reserved a seat have to collect their ticket at the box office at the latest thirty minutes before the performance starts. Upon collection, students will have to present their student ID (KU.Card) and may be asked to present their ID card as well. At the doors, students will have to present their ticket and student ID.

This theater flat rate for KU students offered by the Stadttheater Ingolstadt was initiated by the Student Representatives Council and is financed by tuition fee compensation. The offer shall initially be available for this winter semester and the following summer semester until September 30, 2019.

Tips & Dates

Lecture series on populism
In this winter semester, the KU hosts its 30th winter lecture series. In a total of ten evening lectures, both national and international researchers will give presentations on the very current topic „populism“. The lectures will be held on Thursdays at 6.15 p.m. in the Kapuzinerkloster building, room 209). In the first lecture on November 8, political scientist Dr. Veith Selk from Darmstadt will give his presentation, followed by Prof. Dr. Thomas Hoffmann from the KU, who will be speaking on “the language of populists” one week later. The full program is available at www.ku.de/wintervortragsreihe

K’Universale on the topic “Europe”
In the current semester, the lecture series K’Universale has chosen the topic “Europe?!”. Currently, Europe is in the midst of a situation of crisis and change which affects both the political level of the European Union and the cultural similarities within Europe. In view of the fact that the concept “Europe” is currently under fundamental scrutiny, we must not forget the opportunities the situation holds for a new approach to and definition of Europe. The speakers in the lecture series will focus on this challenge from different perspectives and by presenting several ways of approaching the issue from a range of diverse disciplines. Lectures will be held on Mondays at 6.15 p.m. at KGA 201. The full program is available at www.ku.de/kuniversale

ZILAS lecture series
The KU Center for Latin American Studies (ZILAS) offers a lecture series on Afro-Latin America: Colonialism and new diversity in this semester. Lectures will be held on Wednesdays at 6.30 p.m. in the foyer of the International House. The program is available at www.ku.de/zilas

KU taster days
Interested prospective students can get a glimpse of the study life at the KU on November 20 and 21, 2018. www.ku.de/schnuppertage

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Sustainability week
From December 10 to 13 this year, the KU organizes a “sustainability week” with a Christmas market offering sustainable products which will be located in the foyer under the Aula, an exhibition on fair chocolate, a Christmas workshop in the Studihaus and a presentation on sustainability in the car industry on December 12, 2018 starting at 7.00 p.m. (INS 002).