



Frankfurt UAS International Newsletter

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Dear readers,

We are pleased to welcome you to the latest issue of our international newsletter. In this issue, we would like to introduce you to some exciting developments and projects that have had a significant impact on our university lately. For example, together with the U!REKA network, we have received funding from the EU's European University Initiative to support European cities on the path to climate neutrality. In addition, we report in this issue on exciting events that have taken place at and with our university, this summer.

We hope you enjoy reading!

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION



On our way to a European University

Sustainability, digitization and inclusion are central topics of our society. However, addressing individual aspects of these complex issues and the associated transformation are often systemic and require collaboration between individuals and groups from many different sectors with different perspectives, ideas and interests. This is where the international university network U!REKA (Urban Research and Education Knowledge Alliance), of which Frankfurt UAS is a founding member, comes in: The seven participating partner universities are working together with other stakeholders on solutions for the inclusive, sustainable and intelligent development of European cities. In order to be able to pursue this goal with the "U!REKA SHIFT" project, the university network is now receiving funding from the EU initiative "European Universities 2023" (EUI) with a total of 6.5 million euros over a period of 48 months. [Read on](#)



caREL identifies optimal wind power and solar sites in the EU

Where are the most productive locations for wind and solar power plants in the EU? Researchers at Frankfurt UAS have developed a “digital tool” for optimal land management for the use of renewable energies: caREL (Computer-Aided Renewable Energy Language) is a scientific transfer project that uses existing geodata as well as previously developed methods and algorithms, thus enabling automated potential analyses. At the same time, caREL can also show the areas that need to be secured or stockpiled by individual states for the energy transition. All this is necessary for the implementation of the European Green Deal and the European plan to become independent of fossil fuels from Russia before 2030. [Learn more](#)



Groceries from the air

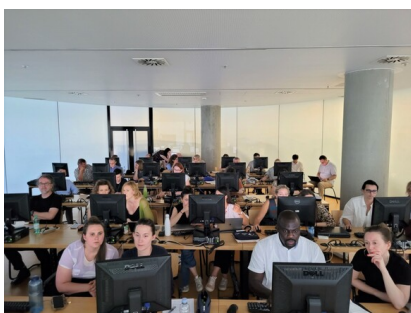
Wingcopter and the Frankfurt UAS now launched the “DroLEx - Drohnen-Lastenrad-Express-Belieferung“ (“Drone-Cargo Bike Express Delivery”) project. Under the name “LieferMichel”, the pilot project offers residents of remote districts in Michelstadt, Hesse, the opportunity to have groceries and consumer goods delivered to their homes quickly and emission-free by Wingcopter delivery drone and cargo bike. The drone deliveries are intended to sustainably improve local supply in the region. The project is being funded by the German Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport (BMDV) as part of the “Innovative Air Mobility” funding directive. [Read more](#)

TEACHING AND LEARNING



Insights into a personal learning process

Sajia Behgam has been working with national and international women's rights organizations and was a senior advisor with the office of the chief executive of Afghanistan on women and youth affairs. When the Taliban took over Kabul in August 2021, she came to Frankfurt/Germany and started working at Frankfurt UAS as a research associate. While she started working on her doctoral thesis, she supported other Afghan women, who worked as women rights activists in their home country. Behgam was also awarded "Best speaker" at this year's IWAAC Summer School in Malaysia for her presentation on her personal learning process. [Read more in the interview.](#)



ScoPE participation in European training in Zagreb

At the end of June 2023, a multinational teaching-learning training on "Service-Learning and Digital Empowerment. How can we make it work?" took place in Zagreb/Croatia. Frankfurt UAS, represented by the Social Responsibility Division of the School of Personal Development and Education (ScoPE), was part of the five-member German delegation of the Higher Education Network Education through Responsibility (HBdV). During the week-long training, the focus of the individual activities was particularly on the transformation to digital education and the use of corresponding technologies.



Important step for cooperation with French Grand École

In the summer semester of 2023, a five-member delegation from our School of Personal Development and Education (ScoPE) and Faculty Computer Science and Engineering visited the French Institut Catholique d'Arts et Métiers (ICAM) in Toulouse. It was their goal to finalize a cooperation in the field of service learning and mechanical engineering with the representatives there. The subject of the three-day meeting on the Toulouse campus was concrete agreements on student mobility in combination with service learning. In addition, didactic topics such as problem-based learning and possible research cooperation between the two universities were discussed. The next steps on the agenda are to consider bachelor and teacher mobility as well as a double degree.



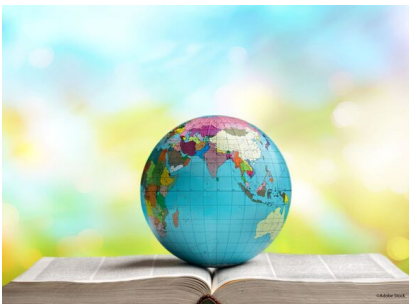
9th EMES conference at Frankfurt UAS a complete success

From September 11 to 14, 2023 the 9th international EMES conference took place at Frankfurt UAS. Organized in collaboration with the Competence Center for Social Intervention Research (KomSI) at Frankfurt UAS, the event was titled "Act locally, change globally – social enterprises and cooperatives for a more resilient economy and society" and gave scholars the opportunity to highlight synergies between different subfields within social enterprise research and to initiate critical debates between different research communities. [Further information](#)



What do we learn from a common good practice for sustainable urban development?

Co-production plays an important role in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) and improving living conditions in urban areas. But how are communal practices defined and established? How can projects scale-up to continue beyond the pilot stage and become public policies? What do we learn for sustainable urban design as a communal practice? These and other questions are addressed by the research project for the German Research Foundation: "Concepts of 'co-production' and their influence on the development of integrative urban spaces" (DFG KOPRO Int.). The results will be presented in a final symposium entitled "What kind of resources do we share" at Frankfurt UAS on January 29 and 30, 2024. [Further information](#)



29th International Week of Faculty 4: Social Work & Health

This International Week will be dedicated to the theme “Contemporary Social Work & Healthcare - Interdisciplinarity & Solidarity”. Guest lecturers from all over the world will come to Frankfurt and give lectures in regular modules in the following areas, among others:

- interdisciplinary methods of teaching, research, and/or practice
- the meaning of solidarity in social work and/or care
- current issues in the fields of social work and health care.

Guest lecturers from universities all over Europe as well as from India, Namibia, and South Africa have been invited to participate. Their guest lectures as part of regular teaching give students at the department the opportunity to gain international insights as part of the International Week and to make contacts. Among other things, this strengthens the university-wide initiative of “Internationalization at Home”. In addition, the International Weeks offer faculty and staff the opportunity to network and expand cooperation with the department’s partner institutions. More information about the program will be available soon on the [International Weeks page of the Faculty](#).



This years IWAAC Summer School guided participants in writing

In 2021, the Frankfurt UAS together with the National University of Malaysia (UKM), the University of the Western Cape (UWC) and the TATA Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) entered into a DAAD funded subject-related partnership on “Inequalities within and among countries”. Since then, monthly meetings took place to create subject-related online courses, and a yearly IWAAC-conference offers emerging researchers the opportunity to engage and exchange. This year’s IWAAC-summer school took place in Malaysia this August. It included a writing workshop under the guidance of Prof. Nicolette Roman from the University of the Western Cape, South Africa, and the participation in the 13th International Malaysian Studies Conference. [Read on](#)

SOLID Summer School “Social Work and Drug Assistance” at Frankfurt UAS



In July, the Institute for Addiction Research (ISFF) held their summer school on the topic of “Social Work and Drug Assistance” at our university. 22 students of social work, employees of non-profit organizations, trained social workers, doctors and lecturers of the partner universities from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and China had the opportunity to gain exciting insights into the theory and practice of social work and drug help in Germany. The program included seminars, workshops, panel discussions and practical visits to social institutions in Frankfurt, including the drug consumption room in Niddastraße and the Eastside facility. [Read more](#)

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