



Frankfurt UAS International Newsletter

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Welcome to the first edition of our new Frankfurt UAS International Newsletter! From now on, you will receive this newsletter twice a year and get lots of information about research, innovation, teaching, learning, events and other news from our university. Enjoy reading!

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Developing a MOOC on digital assistive technologies in health and social care



One of the pedagogical approaches for Massive Open Online-Course (MOOCs) are short video clips in order to make complex content, such as digital technologies comprehensible. In the third year of the European Erasmus+ project "DDSkills – Cutting-Edge Digital Skills for Professional Caregivers of Persons with Disabilities and Mental Health Problems" one of the major tasks is to develop interesting video clips from areas like assistive technologies, smart home products, robotic systems, mixed reality and e-social networks. [Further information](#)

Parking search traffic – urban legend or underestimated problem?

When calculating journey durations with navigation apps, the time needed to find a parking space is neglected. Therefore, the attractiveness of private car use compared to other means of transport appears higher than it actually is. Implementation of parking search time in navigation apps could reduce unnecessary parking search traffic. This would be associated with reductions in emissions, traffic volume, and travel time. The research project start2park closes a research gap by precisely measuring parking search durations – especially the starting time of parking search – based on collecting data via the start2park-App developed for this purpose. [Read more](#)



Synthetic Opioid Preparedness in Europe (SO-PREP)



In the US, over 600,000 people have died due to overdose involving opioids, in specific synthetic opioids in the past two decades. Similarly, Europe has witnessed a considerable increase in the use and harms of synthetic opioids in recent years. Starting in 2020, the international research project “Synthetic Opioid Preparedness in Europe (SO-PREP)” was designed and conducted to improve the preparedness of the European countries against synthetic opioids, and to prevent an opioid crisis in this region. The project is led by the Trimbos Institute in the Netherlands, and the Institute for Addiction Research (ISFF) represents the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences in the international consortium of the project. [Further information.](#)

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Commitment during the Covid-19 pandemic awarded



The team at the coordination and advice center for service learning and social commitment has received the 2021 Citizens' Prize of the City of Frankfurt am Main. The awarding of the prize to Prof. Dr. Susanne Koch, Maren Schlegler and Philipp Senft took place at the Paulskirche in August 2021. The team was honored for its short-term development and implementation of commitment during the Covid-19 pandemic.

[Read more](#)

English for university staff

Many staff members at Frankfurt UAS are faced with English on an almost daily basis, be it giving lectures, communicating with international partners, or even writing articles for this newsletter. With internationalisation on the rise, so too most of our English skills rise with it. That's why in 2020 Daniel Walker was hired for the project “English for University Staff” to create an English offer for all staff members to help them maintain and improve their English. His Mini-Workshops for university staff have been such a success that Daniel has now won a teaching award for the concept. [Read more](#)

English Mini-Workshops for University Staff

Sessions of 60 to 120 minutes for all administrative and teaching staff

- a variety of topics
- short and sweet
- further offers developed based on them

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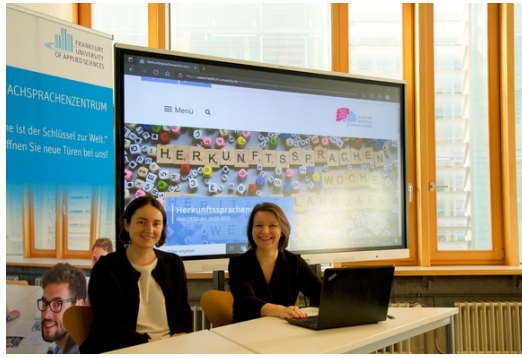
MicroWorkshops on offer:

- Tips for Writing Emails in English
- Basic Principles of Academic English
- Working with Numbers in English
- Tips for Presenting in English
- Small Talk in English
- Basic Differences Between American and British English

Planned for the future:

- Going Advice in English
- Working with Graphs in English
- And many more ...

Language Center



Heritage Language Week at the Frankfurt UAS was a success

The "International Mother Language Day" on 21 February is a commemorative day declared by UNESCO to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. On this day, the Language Center of the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences organized the Online Heritage Language Week. The aim of this event is to organize workshops in which lecturers can acquire practical knowledge in the field of teaching heritage languages and to provide a platform for the exchange of experiences and networking among colleagues. [Read more](#)

NEWS AND EVENTS

26th International Week of Faculty 4 coming up in May



The Faculty of Health and Social Work will be holding its 26th biannual International Week (IW) from May 9-13th, 2022 on the theme of "Social Work and Healthcare for the Future". Guest speakers, including lecturers and researchers from Morocco, India, Israel, and Japan, among others, will be invited to attend. Hopefully, some of them will be able to join us in person on campus, if the conditions of the pandemic allow for it. If not, guest lectures will be held online. As usual, the lectures will be integrated into regular academic courses during this week. [Further information](#)



U!REKA Connects: Strengthening Commonality of Expertise

U!REKA is a network of eight European urban-focussed Universities of Applied Sciences. Since 2016 the alliance is promoting joint projects in the research fields of applied sciences and facilitating study and teaching experiences in a European context. The 6th U!REKA conference, will take place this year from May 15th to 18th, 2022 in Ghent, Belgium. The conference, which has the motto "Strengthening the commonality of expertise", invites all employees of the eight U!REKA partner universities to lectures, workshops and networking events. [Read more](#)

Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) Training

Do you have an idea for a virtual collaboration project with an international partner? Do you want to internationalize your curriculum or connect it to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? Then register for the U!REKA COIL design workshops on Monday, May 30th and Thursday, June 2nd from 10:00 – 13:00 CEST. This training is offered in collaboration with the U!REKA partners of Frankfurt UAS. [Further information](#)



Research exchange Frankfurt UAS – University of Wisconsin

Reworking the Factory is the topic of the international teaching and research exchange between Frankfurt UAS and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, which began in autumn 2021 with a seminar in Frankfurt and a subsequent excursion through the German Ruhr area. [Read more](#)

SOLID partners met in Bukhara

Earlier in October 2021, the SOLID (Social work and strengthening NGOs in development cooperation to treat drug addiction) team from Frankfurt visited the city of Bukhara in Uzbekistan for the first on premise meeting. Together with our partners – Bishkek State University (Kyrgyzstan), Eurasian National University (Kazakhstan), Bukhara State Medical Institute (Uzbekistan), and Shanghai Mental Health Center (PR China), doctoral students and postdocs from China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, we dove into three intensive days of project presentations, workshops, and exchange of ideas. [Further information](#)



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