

Zukunftskolleg-Newsletter

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Concerning *Zukunftskolleg*

One year has gone by since the Zukunftskolleg was established on November 1, 2007, after the Wissenschaftsrat approved Konstanz University's institutional strategy (Zukunftskonzept) and granted funding as part of Germany's University Excellence Initiative. We would like to take this opportunity to look back on the achievements we made and the problems we encountered in passing various milestones.

Our overarching objective is to promote young researchers by providing a supportive and stimulating environment in which they can pursue their research and careers. Prerequisites for achieving this goal include institutional creativity, based on designing innovative funding instruments, and institutional flexibility, based on comprehensive administrative support.

In the past 12 months, the Zukunftskolleg recruited 12 new fellows representing eight departments. Half of them come from abroad. The Zukunftskolleg strives continuously to improve the selection procedure and to maintain and expand the good contacts we have established with numerous reviewers and selection committee

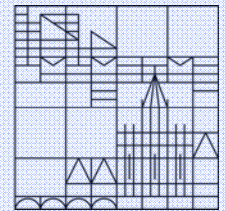
members. Four fellows of the Zukunftskolleg have been appointed to a professorship or have accepted a leading position in industry or a research institution in the last year.

One distinguishing feature of the Zukunftskolleg is the Senior Fellowship, an award acknowledging outstanding academic achievement and commitment to the promotion of junior researchers. Prof. Arthur Kramer, the Zukunftskolleg's first Senior Fellow, already visited Konstanz in his capacity as advisor and mentor to Iris-Tatjana Kollassa, who nominated him. Several current nominations have been submitted to the Executive Committee for review in mid-December. We aim to significantly expand the Senior Fellowship program in early 2009. To better meet the needs of fellows and senior fellows, the Zukunftskolleg has added a new degree of flexibility to its requirements, particularly with regard to the minimum stay of Senior Fellows in Konstanz.

In 2008, the Zukunftskolleg introduced two new funding instruments: the Doctoral Fellowships and the Scientific Retreat. Information available at www.uni-konstanz.de/zukunftskolleg/index.php?article_id=70&clang=1.

The Mentorship Program has been expanded. The Academic Staff Development Department successfully launched its coaching services in August 2008, with partial funding from the Zukunftskolleg. Dr. Caroline Cornelius and her colleagues have established a consistent and integrative coaching concept, tailored to the needs of fellows.

In line with our primary goal of promoting young researchers, we would like to stress again that the success of the Zukunftskolleg hinges on the success of its fellows. We therefore always welcome your opinions, ideas and suggestions re-



garding our funding instruments or new ways of promoting young scientists.

Report: Second Call for Fellowship Applications

The second call for applications for Zukunftskolleg fellowships was advertised on March 27, 2008, in *The Economist*, *Nature* and *Die ZEIT*. The application deadline was May 31, 2008. After the interdisciplinary committee completed its pre-selection procedure, including expert reviews, 13 applicants were invited to the Workshop on Future Research Directions (Sept. 1-2, 2008). The application and selection process would have been impossible without the generous support of external researchers in Germany and abroad, as well as professors at the University of Konstanz. The Zukunftskolleg would like to express its gratitude to the entire selection committee and to the 52 reviewers for volunteering to review applications!

Second call for applications: Statistics

	Total	Workshop	Fellows
Applicants	112	13	7
Women	46	5	2
Men	66	8	5
Applicants from the University of Konstanz	9	2	2
Faculty of Sciences	25	2	2
Faculty of Humanities	69	10	5
Faculty of Law, Economics and Politics	12	1	0
Applications not assignable to a faculty	6	0	0

Third Call for Fellowship Applications

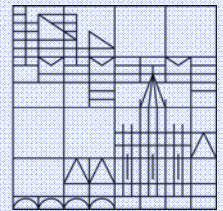
The application deadline for the third postdoctoral fellowship application process was November 30, 2008. We will report on selected candidates in the next issue.

Advisory Board

One of the topics at the last Advisory Board meeting on January 7, 2008, concerned the role of an expanded and internationally-staffed Advisory Board, which reflects the diversity of the new group of Zukunftskolleg fellows, in contrast to the structure of the former Center for Junior Research Fellows. The Zukunftskolleg has succeeded in recruiting the following internationally renowned scholars from Germany and abroad:

- Prof. Dr. Ute Frevert, Max Planck Institute for Human Development, Berlin, Germany
- Prof. Dr. Jürgen Mlynek, Helmholtz Association Berlin, Germany
- Prof. Dr. Christoph Möllers, Georg August University Göttingen, Germany
- Prof. Dr. Shalini Randeria, University of Zürich, Switzerland
- Prof. Dr. Ulrich Raulff, Deutsches Literaturarchiv Marbach, Germany
- Ass. Prof. Dr. Walter Salzburger, University of Basel, Switzerland
- Dr. h.c. Heike Schmoll, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ) Büro Berlin
- Dr. Giuseppe Testa, European School of Molecular Medicine, Milano, Italy

The Zukunftskolleg is most honored to benefit from the experience of these distinguished scholars. The next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for March 4-5, 2009.



Nobel Prize for Harald zur Hausen

This year's Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine went in part to Prof. Dr. Harald **zur Hausen**, a member of the Zukunftskolleg Advisory Board, for his discovery that human papilloma viruses can cause cervical cancer. Going against current dogma, he "postulated that oncogenic human papilloma virus (HPV) caused cervical cancer, the second most common cancer among women. He realized that HPV-DNA could exist in a non-productive state in the tumors, and should be detectable by specific searches for viral DNA. He found HPV to be a heterogeneous family of viruses. Only some HPV types cause cancer. His discovery has led to characterization of the natural history of HPV infection, an understanding of mechanisms of HPV-induced carcinogenesis and the development of prophylactic vaccines against HPV acquisition" cited from

http://nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/medicine/laureates/2008/press.html.

We sincerely congratulate Prof. zur Hausen on this outstanding honor, which internationally acknowledges the excellence of his scientific research. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Prof. zur Hausen for his efforts, support, advice and mentoring work on behalf of the Zukunftskolleg over the last few years. We wish him all the best for the future.

Funding Instruments

Co-funding

The Zukunftskolleg's Executive Committee in its August and October sessions approved the following co-funding grants:

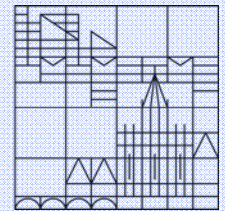
Malte **Drescher** obtained financing for consumables required for the method development phase of his project: "Novel Nanostructure Probes in Electron Spin Resonance." Experiments have shown that the signal-to-noise ratio of the measurements is critical for future results, as is the

intensity of direct optical excitation of the sample. Consumables such as laser gases, a fiber-optic light guide for mercury arc lamps and a fiber coupling system will support his research.

Thomas **Gisler's** work is aimed at developing a new method for the non-invasive detection of human brain function based on multiply scattered near-infrared light (diffusing-wave spectroscopy, DWS). The method is uniquely sensitive to dynamic heterogeneities in deep tissue, e.g. due to localized, temporally varying blood flows or the motion of subcellular organelles, such as vesicles, mitochondria or cell membranes. He is currently investigating whether DWS can be used to detect fast signals linked directly to neuronal activation. This would open up new possibilities for the optical diagnosis and imaging of human brain function in situations which are difficult to access with conventional methods, such as MRI, e.g. in intensive care units or in neurorehabilitation medicine. The Zukunftskolleg is supporting this endeavor by financing a high rate imager, which permits the detection of these highly sensitive, dynamic blood flows in the human brain.

The Emmy Noether Formal Epistemology research group, headed by Franz **Huber**, will be holding *Monthly Monday Meetings 2009*, a series of lectures followed by discussion and attended by distinguished international guests, professors from Konstanz University's Department of Philosophy and the members of the research group. Another event planned by the Formal Epistemology group is the *Konstanz-Leuven Series in Formal Epistemology 2009*, held once in the spring in Konstanz and once in the fall in Leuven. The workshops are jointly organized by Igor Douven (Leuven) and Franz Huber (Konstanz). The Zukunftskolleg granted co-funding for both events (for a detailed program of both events, go to http://www.uni-konstanz.de/philosophie/fe/index.php?article_id=4).

The Zukunftskolleg supports Mathias **Kläui's** project, "Interaction of Current with Magnetic Domain Walls," by financing a cryostat system,



which will enable the simultaneous measurement of nanoscale magnetotransport properties and the mapping of magnetic spin-polarized structure.

The Zukunftskolleg also provided funding to Daniel **Legler** for various experiments addressing the impact on regulator of G-protein signaling 9 (RGS9) in mouse dendritic cell migration. These experiments promise a better understanding of the mechanism of dendritic cell migration, which is of fundamental significance for the design of dendritic cell-based tumor vaccines.

Anna **Lipphardt** obtained co-funding for her participation in the Urban Jewish Heritage and History in East Central Europe Conference in Lviv, Ukraine (October 29-31, 2008). She presented a paper titled "TransLocal Jewish History. A Case Study on Jewish Vilna and Vilner Jews in New York and Israel."

Dominik **Wöll** was granted financial support for a fully automated inverted research microscope, model DMI6000b, from Leica Microsystems.

Manfred Ulmer

Each year, the Zukunftskolleg awards the Manfred Ulmer Scholarship to a PhD student on behalf of Konstanz University's *Wissenschaft und Gesellschaft* Foundation. The program is open to doctoral students in all disciplines, particularly in the early stages of their dissertation. The scholarship currently amounts to EUR 1,000 per month for six months. Recipients are associated members of the Zukunftskolleg. This year's winner is Alexandra **Zinke**, Department of Philosophy. Her research interests are formal epistemology, general philosophy of science and philosophical logic. Her dissertation, under the supervision of Prof. Spohn, will focus on the link between logic and metaphysics.

Mentorship

The Zukunftskolleg advertised mentorship grants of up to EUR 4,500 for the second time this year on September 11, 2008. The deadline for applica-

tions was October 15, 2008. Congratulations to all successful applicants:

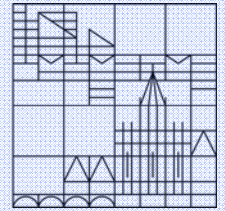
- Prof. Dr. Tim Friehe (Dept. of Economics), Mentor: Prof. Dr. Alfred Endres, University of Hagen.
- Dr. Cornelia Niessen (Dept. of Psychology), Mentor: Prof. Dr. Beryl Hesketh, College of Health and Science, University of Western Sydney, Australia.
- Dr. Margarita Stolarova (Dept. of Psychology), Mentors: Prof. Charles A. Nelson, Prof. Nadine Gaab, Developmental Medicine Center at Children's Hospital, Harvard Medical School.

Doctoral Fellows

The Zukunftskolleg's doctoral fellowship program, advertised on July 8, is geared to outstanding students at the University of Konstanz in the third and final year of their doctoral studies. Involvement in the Zukunftskolleg is intended to help students expand their research activities and advance their scientific careers. The doctoral fellowship encompasses an employment contract with the University of Konstanz in accordance with the Civil Servant Pay Scale (75% EG 13 TV-L). For the entire grant period, doctoral fellows can participate in the weekly *Jour fixe* and all other Zukunftskolleg events. Doctoral fellows receive a research allowance for material resources and equipment up to a maximum of EUR 2,000.

This year, the Zukunftskolleg awarded four doctoral fellowships to the following persons:

- Andreas Kuschel (Chemistry): "Massgeschneiderte Organosilikate mit poröser Architektur".
- Steffen Preissler (Biology): "Cotranslational Protein Folding in Pro- and Eukaryotes".
- Ansgar Schäfer (Politics and Management): "Nichtraucherpolitik".
- Markus Wieland (Chemistry): "Entwicklung von artifiziellen, genetischen Schaltern".



Coaching

Excellence in Research Requires Excellent Support Services – Personalized Coaching and Training for Members of the Zukunftskolleg

This summer, a brand new concept for the career development of junior researchers was launched at the University of Konstanz. A team of three psychologists and consultants joined to form the **Academic Staff Development** office and launched their services: Dr. phil. Bettina Duval is responsible for helping women in science to develop their careers against the backdrop of gender aspects; Silke Hell offers counseling, workshops and organizes financial support for doctoral students; and Dr. rer. nat. Caroline Cornelius focuses on the postdoctoral phase, tailoring advanced training to the needs of postdoctoral students, particularly members of the Zukunftskolleg. Zukunftskolleg members are asked to generate ideas for personalized coaching and training, from which other postdoctoral students, group leaders and junior professors might benefit in the future, and in some cases already do.

Caroline Cornelius began providing personal coaching based on the assumption that the further your academic career proceeds, the more individualized are your questions and training requirements. To date, 20 participants have enrolled in personal training, dual career couple coaching, career development coaching, individual work-life balance training, and proposal writing coaching. In coaching, participants focus on how to develop strategies to achieve personal goals, i.e. writing a convincing proposal for an ERC Starting Grant or the Emmy Noether Research Group, reconciling family life and research work, identifying first list positions or being more confident in the search for a professorship. Most of all, coaching participants wanted to improve the image they present in their CV.

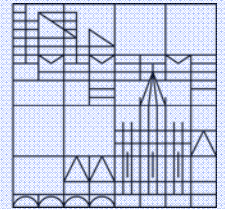
However, you need not be wrestling with major issues in life or career to ask Dr. Cornelius for advice. Just contact her if you need to review your options or learn about new support services at the University of Konstanz, i.e. "Who can give me information on funding opportunities in my research area and in my specific career phase?" or "How can I get funding for my doctoral students to have papers translated?"

In many consulting and coaching conversations, participants expressed a need for the following training:

- Academic writing and presentation in English at the American higher education level: Honing style, clarity, structure and guidance of the audience.
- Proposal writing: How to write a competitive proposal, how to meet the criteria of funding organizations, how to manage the writing process with co-authors.
- Leadership training: Communication training in the academic leadership context combined with practice-oriented, outdoor team-building exercises.
- Appointment training for professorships: Preparing to make a competent and friendly impression in conversations with search commissions, honing impression management and negotiation skills.
- Time-saving online training aimed at saving time in everyday life: Simple tricks and methods for organizing yourself and your team.

These needs have been translated into workshop concepts and matching trainers have been found. The dates will be announced on the Zukunftskolleg homepage and by e-mail.

In consulting and coaching conversations, participants repeatedly mentioned the lack of transparency in research support services. This gap can be closed by providing personal counseling and



establishing an intelligent information and communication platform for junior researchers. The **Academic Staff Development** team currently is designing such a platform for networking, online training and structured Internet research, which hopefully will be in place in spring 2009.

If your personal needs in coaching and training are not reflected by these ideas and concepts, or if you would like to schedule an appointment, don't hesitate to contact Dr. Cornelius at Caroline.Cornelius@uni-konstanz.de, Tel. 0049-7531-88-5323.

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New Support Services at a Glance

Academic Staff Development from Post-Doc to Professorship

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Academic Staff Development for Doctoral Students

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Academic Staff Development for Women Scientists

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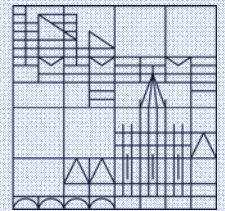
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New Instruments

The Zukunftskolleg is now offering a new funding program called the **Scientific Retreat**. Applications can be submitted up to January 31, 2009. This new program exclusively targets Zukunftskolleg fellows and their research groups. The Scientific Retreat is a 2 to 4-day off-site meeting for a Zukunftskolleg junior research group and guests in an informal atmosphere. The retreat is both an opportunity to identify and explore new and innovative research directions, and a forum for in-depth, motivating talks with distinguished scholars in a casual setting, away from the pressures and deadlines of everyday work.

Inviting scholars who are well-known in their fields gives young researchers an opportunity to network and make useful contacts for collaborative research work in the future. Another aim of the retreat is to build team awareness in the research groups by way of an informal social exchange. Fellows at the beginning of their career in particular are encouraged to apply for a retreat to launch their projects. A scientific retreat can provide the ideal framework for both specifying sub-projects and strengthening skills, such as coordinating, coaching and leading a research group.

The Zukunftskolleg covers organizational costs up to EUR 5,000 and finances up to ten scientific retreats a year. The coordinators and the administrative staff support the host of the retreat in selecting a venue and generally organizing the event. The application deadline is January 31, 2009.

Events

Jour fixe

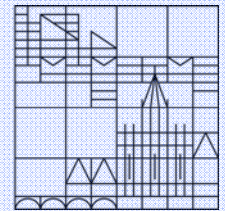
The Zukunftskolleg's weekly interdisciplinary session has been redesigned this winter to make discussions more interdisciplinary and animated.

The discussions mainly focus on scientific topics addressed by projects currently in progress at the Zukunftskolleg. A few presentations cover coaching services and the German funding landscape. We are particularly grateful to Prof. Dr. David Gugerli, ETH Zürich and Senior Fellow of the Zukunftskolleg, who serves as both moderator and mentor of the *Jour fixe*. David Gugerli is a Professor of the History of Technology at ETH Zürich and a founding member of the Centre for the History of Knowledge (Zentrum für die Geschichte des Wissens), a hub of expertise for both the University of Zürich and ETH Zürich. He is also a member of the ETH Zürich Research Commission and in charge of the ETH D-GESS department (Departement Geistes-, Sozial- und Staatswissenschaften: Behavior, Governance, Knowledge). He has an impressive record of visiting fellowships in Paris, Stanford, Mexico City, Berlin und Vienna and has won many prestigious awards. For more information on his research interests and CV, go to <http://www.tg.ethz.ch/forschung/mitarbeiter/DavidGugerli.htm>

Past Events

As part of their joint "WIN-Kolleg" Project, "Neuroplasticity and Immunology in Mild Cognitive Impairment and Alzheimer's Disease," Iris-Tatjana **Kolassa** and Marilena **Manea** attended the Summer Academy of the German National Academic Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes) in August. The event took place in South Tyrol, bringing together some 180 scholarship holders. Dr. Kolassa and Dr. Manea held a seminar titled "When Cognitive Abilities Decline - On the Neuropsychology of Dementia" together with their project partner PD Dr. Christine von Arnim.

Sven **Reichardt** organized a 3-day conference (September 19-21) on "The Alternative Milieu: Unconventional Lifestyles and Left-wing Politics in West Germany and Europe 1968-1983" in cooperation with Detlef Siegfried, Københavns Universitet. From a historical perspective, the conference addressed the question as to what extent



the alternative milieu, which arose between 1968 and 1983, reflects and induces larger social and cultural changes in the transition from modern to post-modern or post-industrial societies in Europe. Major topics of the conference included social structures, cultural values, ethnicity and gender relations of the milieu. This was the first international conference on the subject and included scholars from various countries (for more information, go to

<http://www.uni-konstanz.de/Geschichte/Reichardt/>).

The two coordinators of the Zukunftskolleg, Isabelle **Schulze** and Anda **Lohan**, attended the KISSWIN Conference in Berlin on October 28, 2008. KISSWIN is a communication and information platform for young researchers funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). It supports the international competitive qualification of young researchers, helping them to tap into their potential so they can exploit all opportunities to the fullest. The conference called attention to the situation of young researchers in Germany, described career paths and funding options, and offered an opportunity to network and share experience. The Zukunftskolleg used this networking forum to advertise its fellowship positions, services and funding instruments.

Upcoming Events

The **inaugural lecture** of Niels P. **Petersson**, titled "Arbeit auf See. Perspektiven einer Sozialgeschichte der Globalisierung," is scheduled for December 15, 2008.

The **election** for new members of the Zukunftskolleg **Executive Committee** will be held on December 18, 2008, during the *Jour fixe* meeting.

The **inaugural lecture** of Michael **Bauer**, titled "Governance-Leitbilder im Vergleich: Subnationale Verwaltungseliten und EU Policy-Making," has been rescheduled for February 4, 2009.

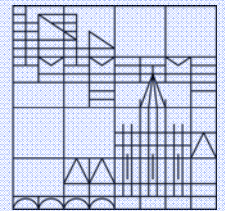
Kirsten Mahlke held her Habilitation lecture December 3, on the topic of the conquest of Mexico (Title: "Weisser Gott oder schwarze Madonna - die Eroberung von Mexiko ohne Cortés").

People

New Fellows

The following fellows started their research projects at the Zukunftskolleg between October and December:

- Dr. Karim Becher (Department of Mathematics). Previously: University of Konstanz. Project: "Quadratic Forms and Invariants."
- Dr. Chiara Gianollo (Department of Linguistic). Previously: University of Trieste. Project: "The history of Indo-European genitive: a diachronic investigation into mechanisms of Case-assignment and Case-realization within the Noun Phrase."
- Dr. Karsten Lambers (Department of Information Science). Previously: Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, Berlin. Project: "Remote Sensing Archeology: Towards Semi-Automated Detection of Archeological Residues in High Resolution Multispectral Satellite Imagery."
- Dr. Anna Lipphardt (Department of Sociology). Previously: Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin. Project: "Between Global Desire and Local Angst: A Cultural and Social History of the Circus in Germany."
- Dr. Matteo Morganti (Department of Philosophy). Previously: IHPST (Institut d'Histoire et de Philosophie des Sciences et des Techniques), Paris. Project: "Ontology, Physics and Scientific Realism."
- Dr. Karsten Rinke (Department of Biology). Previously: University of Konstanz.



Project: "Modeling Spatial and Temporal Dynamics of Lake Ecosystems in a Changing World."

Grants, Allowances and Appointments

The DFG awarded the Emmy Noether Program to Iris-Tatjana **Kolassa** for her project, "Stress and Trauma-Associated Immunological Changes and Their Implications for Health."

The Boehringer Stiftung granted Wolfgang **Freitag** an allowance to cover the printing costs of his dissertation thesis.

Winfried **Schlee**, doctoral student in Nathan Weisz's research group, was granted the "Young Investigator Award" of the International Conference on Biomagnetism (<http://www.biomag2008.org/>).

Publications

We are happy to announce two new publications that drew a great response in the scientific community, edited by Anna **Lipphardt**:

Jewish Topographies. Visions of Space, Traditions of Place, eds. Brauch, Julia; Lipphardt, Anna and Nocke, Alexandra (Ashgate, September 2008).

The book is an anthology focusing on the production of Jewish space and "lived Jewish spaces," which sheds light on their diversity, interconnectedness and multi-dimensionality. By exploring historical and contemporary case studies from around the world, the essays collected here shift the temporal focus generally applied to Jewish civilization to a spatially oriented perspective. Employing an interdisciplinary approach, with a strong foothold in cultural history and cultural anthropology, this anthology introduces new methodological and conceptual approaches to the study of the spatial aspects of Jewish civilization. The prompt review of the book in the *Jerusalem Post*, written by Ruth Ellen Gruber, an expert on

contemporary Jewish issues in Europe, best acknowledges the quality of the work.

For more Information on the book, go to

http://www.ashgate.com/default.aspx?page=637&calcTitle=1&pageSubject=348&title_id=9846&edition_id=10562.

To read the review, go to

<http://fr.jpost.com/servlet/Satellite?cid=1225199594617&pagename=JPost%2FJPostArticle%2FShowFull>.

Osteuropa Special Issue (8-10/2008): **Impulses for Europe. Traditions and Modernity of East European Jewry**, eds. [Manfred Sapper](#), [Volker Weichsel](#), [Anna Lipphardt](#)

This 500-page special issue of *Osteuropa* deals with the question of how specific experiences of Jews in Eastern Europe inspired and contributed to European cultural and political developments. An international conference was held in Berlin in September to accompany the publication of this special issue, in order to bring the largely ignored question of the Jewish legacy in and for Europe to a much broader audience. An English version was published in November.

For more information, go to

http://www.stiftung-evz.de/fonds_erinnerung_und_zukunft/leo_baekc_programm/tagung_impulse_fuer_osteuropa/.

Associated Members

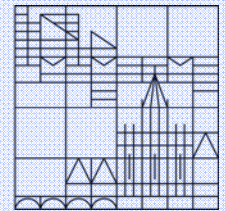
Gisela Helene **Kugler** received her doctoral degree (Dr. phil.) based on her PhD thesis titled "Freuds Chimären - zum Narrativ des Tieres in der Psychoanalyse."

Ines **Mergel** was appointed Assistant Professor of Public Administration at Syracuse University, USA, in August 2008.

Habilitation

Sonja **von Aulock** earned certification to teach biochemical pharmacology and cell biology.

Mathias **Kläui** successfully completed his Habilitation in July 2008, earning the status of *Privatdozent*.



New Staff at the Central Office

Dr. Ursula **Herold-Schmidt** will take up the position of public relations coordinator in December 2008.

Thomas **Perkuhn** will be in charge of IT services at the Zukunftskolleg starting in January 2009.

Correction

Unfortunately there was inaccurate information in the last Newsletter. In the last paragraph on page 3 of Issue No. 5, it was inaccurately stated that Anneke Batenburg, participant of the Zukunftskolleg Summer School, "developed a gas chromatography – isotope ratio mass spectrometry (GC-IRMS) measurement system that allows for the precise determination of hydrogen isotope ratios in the atmosphere." The GC-IRMS system

was actually built by a number of scholars before Anneke Batenburg started her own project. Her poster included a diagram explaining the principle of the system, which isolates hydrogen from air samples in three steps before the hydrogen is injected into the mass spectrometer. It also included some of the research group's initial results on air samples from the Alert Station in northern Canada. The data show that both the concentration and the relative deuterium content of hydrogen in that region have a clear seasonal variation. We apologize for the inaccuracy!

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