

# INTERNATIONAL DAYS 2022

CELEBRATING  
INTERCULTURAL  
DIVERSITY

22 AND 23 JUNE 2022

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## WELCOME ADDRESS Prof. Dr. Thomas Hirth

Vice-President for Transfer und International Affairs

Dear visitors of the International Days 2022,

At Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), every day we feel the enrichment of people from all over the world studying, doing research, and working in an intercultural environment. Against this background, this year's International Days at KIT are dedicated to the topic of „Intercultural Diversity“. We are pleased to welcome speakers from science, culture, and politics and to bring together people with different experience and backgrounds. This also includes you, dear guests, because only with you the event becomes a format of dialogue and a place of encounter.

Following the first issue in 2019, KIT is organizing the International Days for the second time. In line with KIT's internationalization strategy, the International Days promote intercultural understanding at KIT, enable an exchange about international activities, and offer starting points for international cooperation.

You can look forward to a diverse program at the International Days, to many interesting encounters and opportunities to broaden your horizon.

We look forward to seeing you

Prof. Dr. Thomas Hirth

Vice-President for Transfer and International Affairs at KIT

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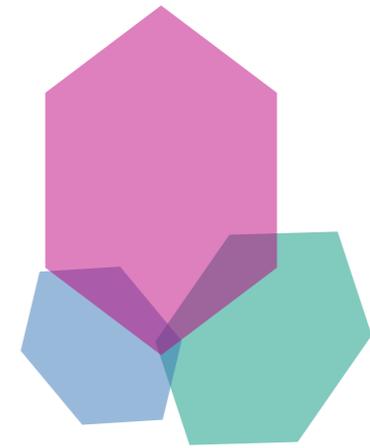
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# TIMETABLE 22 JUNE

12 am - 12.30 am	KIT Senate Hall, building 11.30	Welcome address by Prof. Dr. Thomas Hirth and Dr. Klaus Rümmele
12.45 am - 1.30 pm	KIT Senate Hall, building 11.30	Talk: „International Diversity in the University Environment - Measures, Strategies, Perspectives“, Prof. Dr. phil. Yasemin Karakasoglu
1.45 pm - 2.30 pm	KIT Senate Hall, building 11.30  room 231, building 11.40	Impulse lecture on discrimination and the General Equal Treatment Act, Noomi Arndt & Lisa Jürgens  Workshop: „How Participation Allows to Experience the Strengths of Diversity“, Jonas Nees & Ulrike Settelmeyer
3 pm - 3.45 pm	KIT Senate Hall, building 11.30	DAAD award-Preis und Stipendium and scholarship for exceptional commitment of students and lecturers at KIT, musical accompaniment by the German-Ukrainian FächerChor
4 pm - 5.30 pm	KIT Senate Hall building 11.30	Panel discussion: „Diversity in everyday working life: Chances, tensions, experiences“ with Bridget Breiner, Dr. Farnaz Mahdavian, Prof. Dr. Markus Klute & Eleazar Rodriguez <b>EN</b>
8 pm - 10.15 pm	Badisches Staatstheater	Ballet Ruß - A Story of Aschenputtel

# TIMETABLE 23 JUNE

9 am - 9.45 am	KIT Senate Hall, building 11.30  room 231, building 11.40	Talk: „Doing Diversity - Common Myths and Everyday Challenges of Working as a Diversity Officer“, Judith Blumberg <b>EN</b>  Talk: „EPICUR – Building a European University in Dialogue with Society“, Oliver Schmidt & Michael Zacherle
10 am - 11.30 am	KIT Senate Hall, building 11.30	Panel discussion: „Cross-sectoral diversity: structures, measures, instruments“, Dr. Birgid Langer, Martin Lenz & Dominika Szope
1 pm - 2 pm	KIT Senate Hall, building 11.30	Workshop: „Unconscious Bias - Training for employees“, Ines Köhler
2 pm - 5 pm	KIT Senate Hall, building 11.30	17th Humboldt-Tag at KIT <b>EN</b> Talk: Funding opportunities, Frederike Kipper Talk: „Unveiling Nature’s Secrets - The Future of Particle Physics“, Prof. Dr. Markus Klute Humboldt Lightning Talks

more information about the  
speakers on our website  
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days-2022](http://www.intl.kit.edu/english/international-days-2022)



# MAP

Ehrenhof

KIT Executive Board  
building 11.30

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Without  
Borders

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with Discrimi-  
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# EXHIBITORS

Various groups of students and employees of KIT, which embody interculturality and diversity in their structure and activities, will present themselves spread over the Ehrenhof. At their booths they are inviting to information, assistance and discussion. These include:

- General Student's Committee (AStA)
- Erasmus Student Network (ESN)
- International Buddy Program
- Mobility team of the International Students Office (IStO)
- Working group „Dealing with Discrimination“
- ROCK YOUR LIFE!
- Engineers Without Borders
- KIT university sports

On the first day of the event, the Popice ice cream factory from Karlsruhe will be offering popsicles and regional coffee at its stand.





**TALK** June, 22 12.45 am - 1.30 pm

**Prof. Dr. phil. Yasemin Karakasoglu: Internationale Diversität im universitären Umfeld - Maßnahmen, Strategien, Perspektiven**

Prof. Dr. phil. Yasemin Karakasoglu, who has been professor of Intercultural Education at the University of Bremen for over fifteen years, talks about international diversity from a university perspective in her live online lecture.

**IMPULSE LECTURE** June, 22 1.45 pm - 2.30 pm

**Noomi Arndt & Lisa Jürgens: Diskriminierung und das Allgemeine Gleichbehandlungsgesetz**

The Anti-discrimination Agency Karlsruhe presents itself in a keynote speech and a subsequent round of questions on the topic of discrimination and the General Equal Treatment Act (AGG). It is located at the Stadtjugendausschuss e.V. as part of a private sponsorship which is allowing independent action. The Agency supports people who are being discriminated by offering free advice, also beyond the scope of the AGG. It offers workshops and empowerment services to raise awareness for and empower people in its topics. An elementary part of its work is the cultivation of its extensive network of cooperative partners.

**WORKSHOP** June, 22 1.45 pm - 2.30 pm

**Ulrike Settlemeyer & Jonas Nees: Wie Partizipation die Stärken von Vielfalt erlebbar macht**

The city of Karlsruhe will open participation spaces in several projects to allow the potential of diversity to be experienced and utilized. The Cultural Office and the Children's Office of the city of Karlsruhe present two different approaches for participation in line with collective and diverse city development. Participants get a chance to reflect on active and passive participation processes.

**AWARD CEREMONY** June, 22 3 pm - 3.45 pm

**DAAD award and scholarship for exceptional commitment of students and lecturers**

Once a year, KIT honors particularly committed foreign students with an award by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). This prize is endowed with 1000 euros. Nominations are made for international students who perform extraordinarily well within their studies and additionally show great intercultural commitment to society.

The DAAD scholarship is awarded to doctoral students who have shown special academic achievements and, in addition, an outstanding commitment in an international context at KIT. This year's award ceremony will be musically accompanied by the German-Ukrainian FächerChor.

**PANEL DISCUSSION** June, 22 4 pm - 5.30 pm

**Bridget Breiner, Eleazar Rodriguez, Prof. Dr. Markus Klute, Dr. Farnaz Mahdavian: Diversity in everyday working life: Chances, tensions, experiences** [EN](#)

The panel discussion between participants from KIT, Badisches Staatstheater, and the non-profit organization DIALOGIK will be moderated by Prof. Dr. Caroline Y. Robertson-von Trotha.

**BALLET PERFORMANCE** June, 22 8 pm - 10.15 pm

**Badisches Staatstheater: RUß - A STORY OF ASCHENPUTTEL**

Bridget Breiner's first story ballet allows a renewed take on a familiar fairy tale. From the perspective of one of the supposedly evil stepsisters, Bridget Breiner tells the story of Cinderella as a parable about the sometimes arduous path to one's own happiness and freedom. The result is a ballet for young and old, for which she was awarded the German Theater Prize „DER FAUST“ in 2013.

**BADISCHES  
STAATS  
THEATER**  
KARLSRUHE



Photo: Arno Kohlem, Badisches Staatstheater Karlsruhe

**TALK** June, 23 9 am - 9.45 am

**Judith Blumberg: Doing Diversity - Common Myths and Everyday Challenges of Working as a Diversity Officer** EN

In the last couple of years, a new profession has been gaining in importance: the diversity officer. More and more private companies as well as public institutions like universities and theaters create such a post in reaction to the growing public debate and political demands. But what is behind this job title? How does one become a diversity officer? What does it mean to be working on diversity?

In her talk, Judith Blumberg, agent for diversity at the Badisches Staatstheater Karlsruhe, touches upon these questions and showcases by means of her own biography, career, and glimpses of her work life that the job of diversity officer is much more than a temporary trend. Following the talk is an opportunity for questions and further conversation.



**TALK** June, 23 9 am - 9.45 am

**Oliver Schmidt & Michael Zacherle: EPICUR – Building a European University in Dialogue with Society**

The goal of the European University EPICUR (European Partnership for an Innovative Campus Unifying Regions) is to create an attractive, innovative European university for a new generation of students in Europe. A total of nine universities from the following seven European countries are part of the alliance: Austria, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands and Poland. EPICUR offers novel cooperation opportunities for students and staff from academia and administration and focuses on the complete knowledge quadrilateral of teaching, innovation, research, and interaction with society.

**PANEL DISCUSSION** June, 23 10 am - 11.30 am

**Dr. Birgid Langer, Dominika Szope, Martin Lenz: Cross-sectoral diversity: structures, measures, instruments**

The panel discussion will bring together representatives from science, politics and culture. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Klaus Rümmele.

**WORKSHOP** June, 23 1 pm - 2 pm

**Ines Köhler: Unconscious Bias - Training für Mitarbeitende**

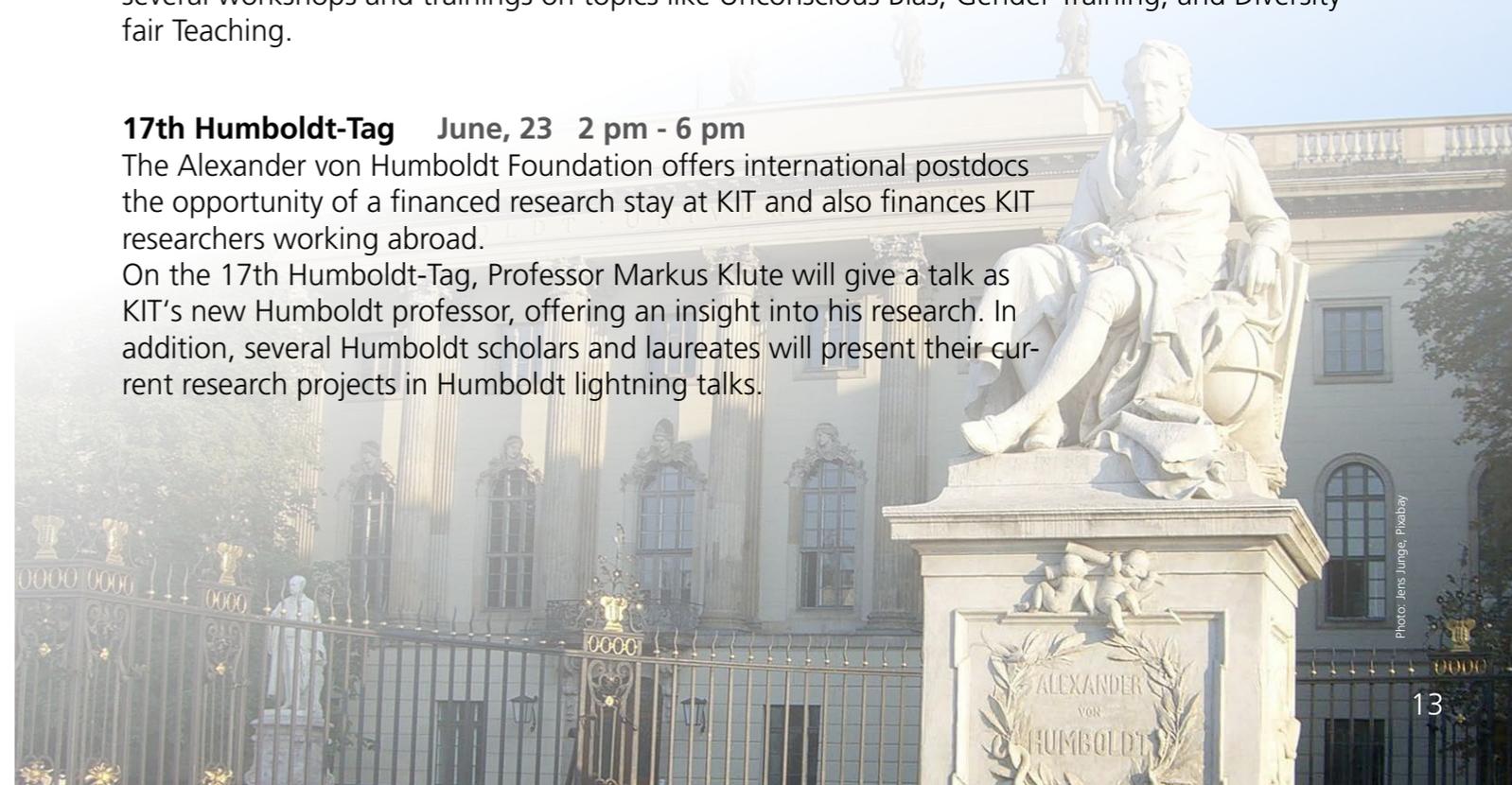
Unconscious prejudices influence our daily decision-making. In the course of the INTERNATIONAL DAYS 2022, Ines Köhler wants to increase the participants' awareness for this and show them initial courses of action during her Unconscious Bias Workshop. The goal is to notice, identify, and question one's own prejudices. Participants learn to reflect on and discuss different possible behaviors, which they can integrate into their daily work life afterwards.

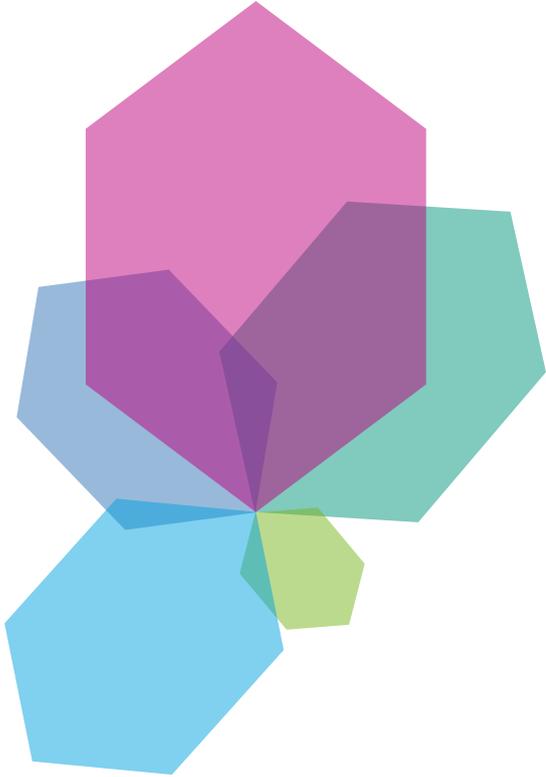
As consultant for diversity and human resources development, Ines Köhler designs concepts for diversity in teaching and is involved in the topic of diversity competence at KIT. She is offering several workshops and trainings on topics like Unconscious Bias, Gender Training, and Diversity-fair Teaching.

**17th Humboldt-Tag** June, 23 2 pm - 6 pm

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation offers international postdocs the opportunity of a financed research stay at KIT and also finances KIT researchers working abroad.

On the 17th Humboldt-Tag, Professor Markus Klute will give a talk as KIT's new Humboldt professor, offering an insight into his research. In addition, several Humboldt scholars and laureates will present their current research projects in Humboldt lightning talks.





## **GOT ANY FEEDBACK?**

Let us know what you think  
and enter our giveaway.



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