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Call for Participation

Symposium of the Working Group “Diversity in Teaching”

“Unbounding Teaching: Perspectives, Ideas, Impulses”

Organizers:

SC6 “Diversity & Gender Equality” of the Berlin University Alliance (BUA) & the Diversity & Gender Equality Network (DiGENet)

The Berlin University Alliance (BUA) is committed to firmly anchoring excellence in teaching. We understand excellence not only as the transmission of disciplinary knowledge, but as a process that actively incorporates diverse perspectives, global contexts, and marginalized bodies of knowledge.

In recent years, the Diversity & Gender Equality Network (DiGENet) has organized several workshops on “Diversifying the Curriculum.” These events have underscored the importance of actively diversifying teaching across all four BUA partners (HU, FU, TU, and Charité) – because excellent teaching is not possible without diversity and inclusion. Our teaching practices must be interrogated, broadened, and reimagined, particularly with regard to diversity dimensions such as gender (including gender identity), age, socioeconomic status, caregiving responsibilities (e.g., childcare or care for dependent relatives), sexual orientation, ethnicity and origin, religion and belief, mental health, physical health, and disability.

What We Are Looking For

We invite teaching focused submissions that address gender- and diversity-responsive teaching as well as broader societal challenges. Submissions from all academic fields are welcome. Particular emphasis will be placed on examples from STEM disciplines. Selected contributions will be presented at our symposium “Unbounding Teaching: Perspectives, Ideas, Impulses” on 26th May 2026.

We are planning poster presentations and short workshops as part of a “Marketplace of Ideas.” Contributions will be introduced through brief pitches and offered in two parallel sessions. Posters and short workshops for the Marketplace should present concrete teaching examples, experimental pilot projects, innovative instructional formats, student research projects (e.g., within StuROP^x/BUA), or other tested or testable approaches to gender and diversity in teaching.

We particularly encourage contributions from long-time engaged instructors, established teaching projects, teachers of modules and certificate programs within the BUA consortium, staff of teacher-education institutes, and student research projects focused on teaching.



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Why Participate?

The workshop offers an opportunity to work with committed colleagues to develop concrete steps toward more inclusive teaching. Participants help make marginalized perspectives more visible, expand their network of experts working toward similar goals, and gain insights that can be directly integrated into their own teaching. At the same time, participants actively shape the ongoing development of the Working Group “Diversity in Teaching” through new project ideas, workshops, and collaborations.

Submission Guidelines

- **Submission deadline:** February 5th, 2026
- **Format:** Short abstract (max. 300 words) including title and brief description, detailing your poster or short workshop you want to present.
- **Submit to:** DiGENet@berlin-university-alliance.de

Event Details – “Unbounding Teaching: Perspectives, Ideas, Impulses”

- **Date:** 26th May 2026
- **Location:** Freie Universität Berlin (hybrid option available)

We look forward to your submissions – together, we can make our teaching more diverse and more equitable.