

Universität Heidelberg

General Presentation



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Atelier Altenkirch, Karlsruhe

From “Universitas” to the Comprehensive University of the Future



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Oldest university in today's Germany
(founded in 1386)

Research university of international reputation

Successful in all funding lines of the Excellence
Initiative and the Excellence Strategy

Comprehensive university with a broad spectrum
of subjects

Focus on research-based teaching and well-
structured training for doctoral candidates

Heidelberg Nobel Laureates



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11 Nobel Prize winners who taught or conducted their research as professors at Heidelberg University:

2014	Stefan W. Hell, chemistry
2008	Harald zur Hausen, medicine
1991	Bert Sakmann, medicine
1979	Georg Wittig, chemistry
1963	Hans Jensen, physics
1963	Karl Ziegler, chemistry
1954	Walter Bothe, physics
1938	Richard Kuhn, chemistry
1922	Otto Meyerhof, medicine
1910	Albrecht Kossel, medicine
1905	Philipp Lenard, physics

46 other Nobel laureates' names are associated with either Heidelberg University or the City of Heidelberg



International Rankings



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Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai Ranking 2024)

No. 3 in Germany

No. 14 in Europe

No. 50 worldwide

QS World University Ranking (2024/2025)

No. 3 in Germany

No. 28 in Europe

No. 84 worldwide

Times Higher Education Ranking (2024/2025)

No. 3 in Germany

No. 13 in Europe

No. 47 worldwide

Three University Campuses in Heidelberg

One in Mannheim



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Old Town Campus
Humanities and social
sciences



**Neuenheimer Feld
Campus**
Natural, engineering
and life sciences
including medicine



Bergheim Campus
Asian studies,
sociology, political
science and
economics



Mannheim Campus
Medical Faculty
Mannheim with Central
Institute of Mental Health

13 Faculties



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Faculty of Theology
Faculty of Law
Medical Faculty Heidelberg
Medical Faculty Mannheim
Faculty of Philosophy
Faculty of Modern Languages
Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences
Faculty of Behavioural and Cultural Studies
Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science
Faculty of Chemistry and Earth Sciences
Faculty of Physics and Astronomy
Faculty of Biosciences
Faculty of Engineering Sciences



Students, Staff, Finance

Facts and Figures (2023/2024)



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Students (2024/2025)	31,365
International students	6,296 (20.1 %)
Doctoral candidate	9,068
International doctoral candidates	2,525 (27.8 %)
Staff in main employment	8,994
University, excl. medical faculties	4,383
Academic staff	6,693
Professorships (W3)	557
Total income	940.6 Mio EUR
University, excl. medical faculties	470.7 Mio EUR
Expenditure of third-party funds	346.0 Mio EUR
University, excl. medical faculties	142.0 Mio EUR



University Library

The most rich in tradition in Germany

Historic collections such as the world-renowned *Bibliotheca Palatina* and the most valuable German manuscript, the *Codex Manesse*

Digital library with innovative in-house productions

Focus on digitization and publishing services

National specialist information services for Egyptology, archeology, art history and the South Asian area



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Research Data Unit (RDU): Research Data Management



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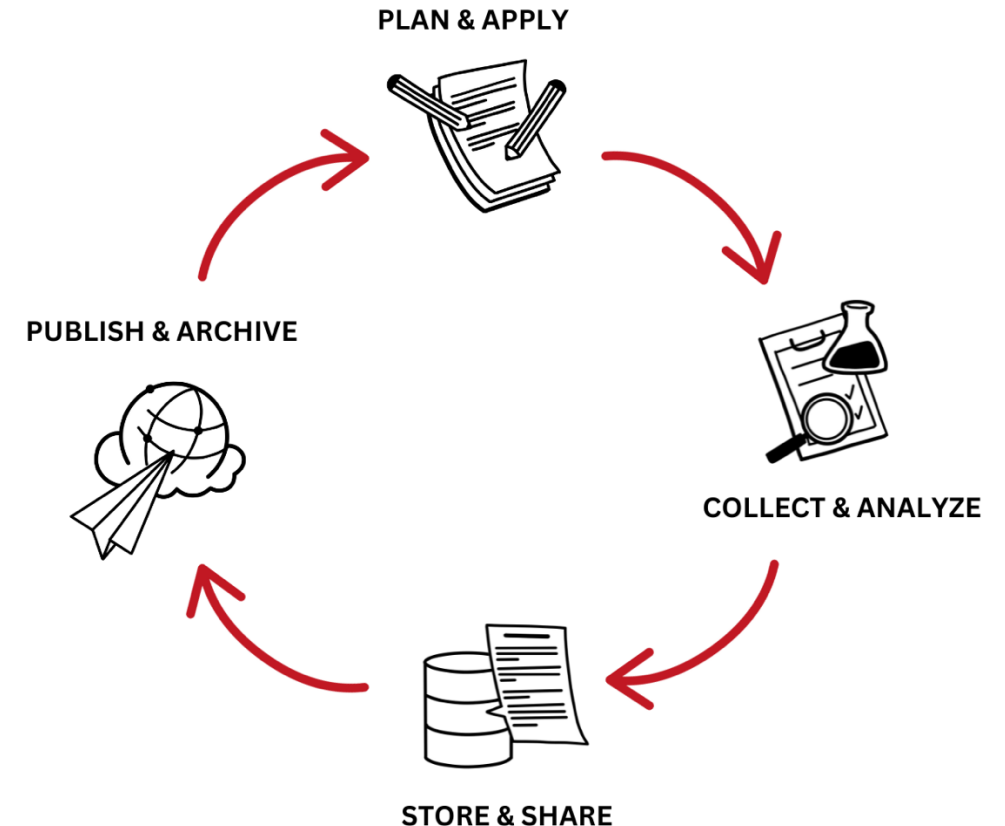
Joint service unit of the University Library and the
University Computing Centre

Support for researchers in every phase of the
research process (“research data life cycle”)

Services and infrastructures for data processing and
storage in ongoing projects (“hot data”)

Services for the publication and archiving of research
data (“cold data”)

Implementation of consultations, training courses and
workshops





Research Excellence



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Research across traditional disciplinary boundaries

Interactive research areas:
“Fields of Focus” (FoF)

FoF 1: Molecular Foundations of Life, Health, and Disease

FoF 2: Patterns and Structures in Mathematics, Data, and the Material World

FoF 3: Cultural Dynamics in Globalised Worlds

FoF 4: Self-Regulation and Regulation: Individuals and Societies



Excellence Strategy



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Clusters of Excellence

STRUCTURES:

A Unifying Approach to Emergent Phenomena in the
Physical World, Mathematics, and Complex Data

3D Matter Made to Order

University of Excellence

The Comprehensive
Research University

Heidelberg: The Future since 1386

Flagship Initiatives

Engineering Molecular Systems
Transforming Cultural Heritage



Research Facts and Figures



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1,110 doctoral degrees awarded (2023)

88 habilitations (2023)

29 Collaborative Research Centres (DFG)

10 Research Training Groups (DFG)

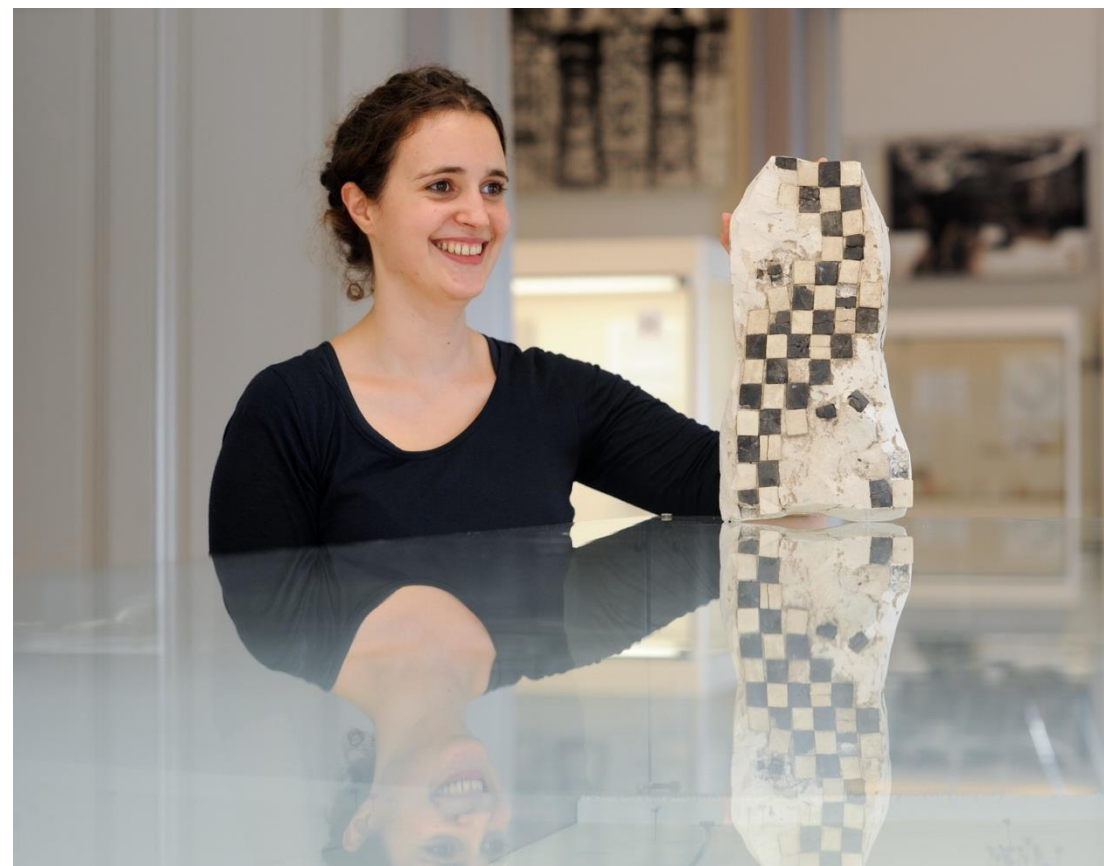
8 projects in cooperation with the Heidelberg
Academy of Sciences and Humanities

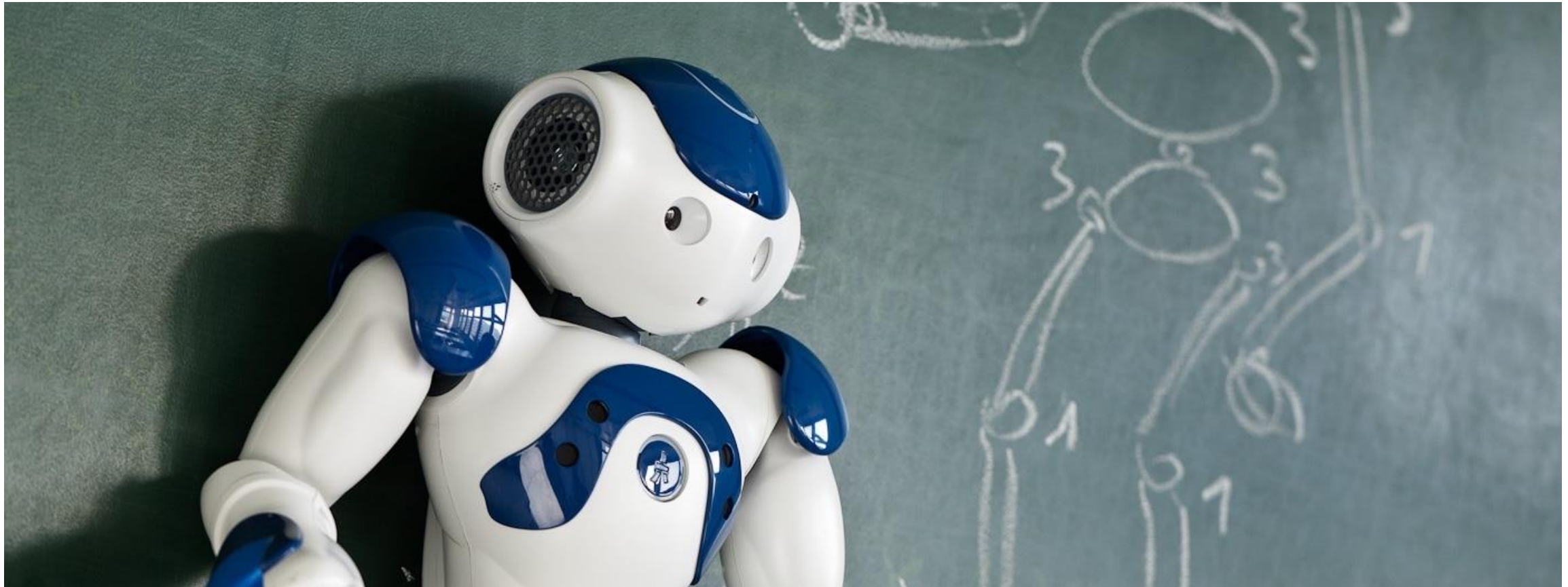
123 ERC Grants (total)*

49 ERC Grants (running)*

*With joint professorships at non-university research institutions

Source: www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/university/facts-figures/research-performance-indicators, February 2025





Transfer

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Profile

Transfer Agency of Heidelberg University

Established in 2020 as part of the
Excellence Strategy

Staff unit of the Vice-Rectorate for Innovation
and Transfer

Central point of contact for the implementation of
transfer activities at Heidelberg University

Promoting the transfer of university knowledge and
technology to society

Target group: all members of the university



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Tasks and priorities

Start-up consulting and promotion of ideas

Support with transfer projects

Funding acquisition

Training and continuing education programs,
including the “Entrepreneurial Skills” certificate

Networking within the university

Cooperation with external partners

IP scouting

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Studying



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Studying in Heidelberg



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Ideal conditions for studying and pursuing an academic career

More than 190 degree programs: a virtually unparalleled range of subject combinations – all system-accredited

Perfect setting for individualized and interdisciplinary studies

Research-oriented teaching

Bachelor's and Master's Programs

Winter Semester 2023/2024



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58 bachelor's programs

72 master's programs (consecutive)

8 master's programs (continuing education)

1 Master of Education (Profile: upper secondary education)
21 degree program components and
19 supplementary teaching subjects

1 Master of Education
(Profile: higher teaching profession at vocational schools)
7 minor subjects

5 state examination programs

1 degree program with other degrees
(ecclesiastical or faculty examination)



Research-Oriented Teaching



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Early involvement in research projects during the bachelor phase

Support of individual research projects in master's programs

Tutor training programs for students

Marsilius Studies: integrating interdisciplinary research in studies

Support for Young Researchers

Doctoral Studies in Heidelberg



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heiDOCS: Quality program for the doctoral phase

Graduate Academy at the Käthe Leichter Forum

Structured doctoral programs

- 4 Graduate Schools

- 10 DFG Research Training Groups

- 4 International Max Planck Research Schools

heiSKILLS: Certificate programs for individual skill sets



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Cooperation



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Cooperation and Exchange

More than 700 ERASMUS arrangements with European universities

International exchange programs with about 180 universities worldwide

27 partnerships with universities across the world and a large number of further international cooperation agreements at the faculty, institute and subject level



International Affairs

Centers Abroad and Institutional Bridges in Heidelberg



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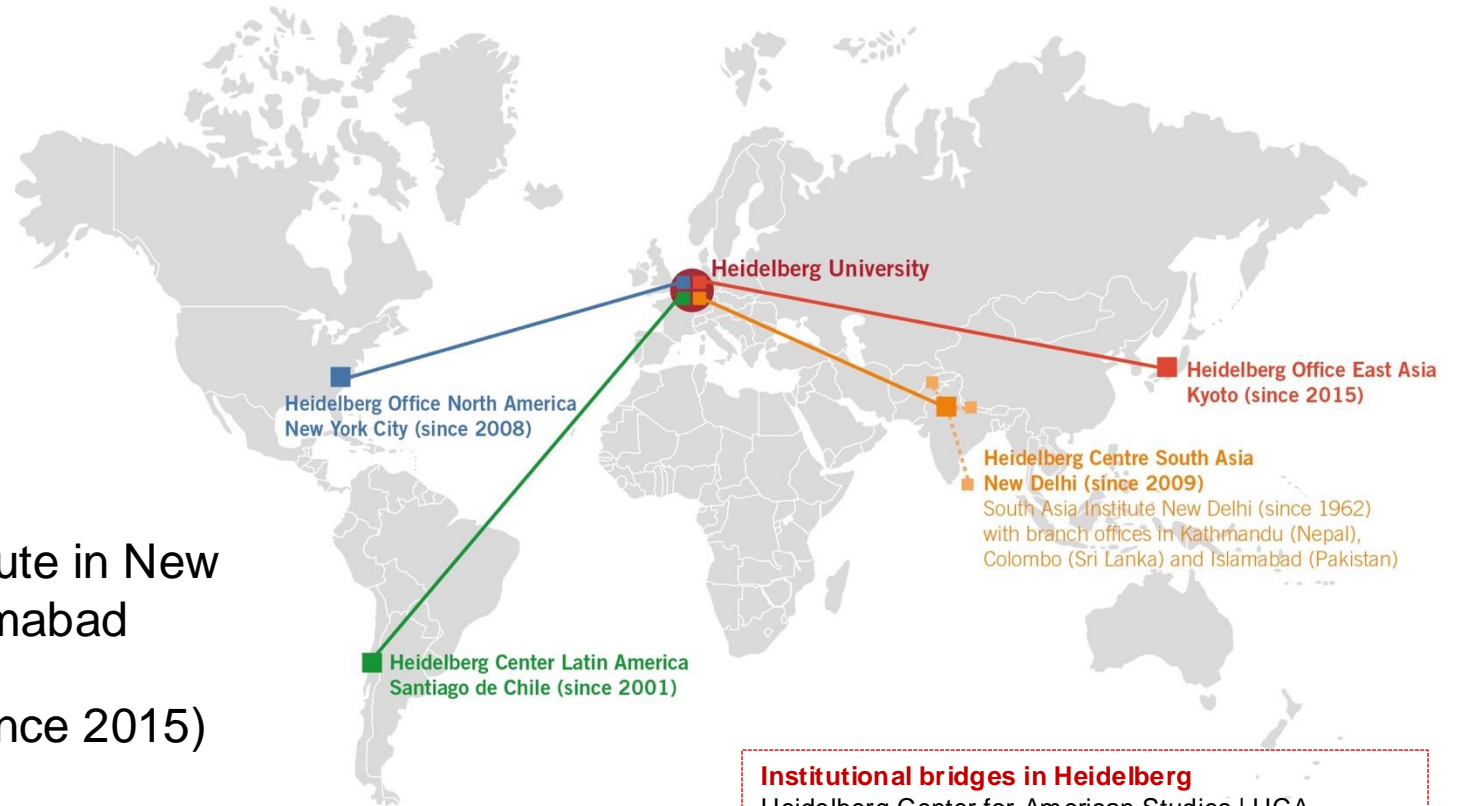
Heidelberg Center Latin America,
Santiago de Chile (since 2001)

Heidelberg Office North America,
New York City (since 2008)

Heidelberg Centre South Asia,
New Delhi (since 2009)

Branch offices of the South Asia Institute in New
Delhi, Colombo, Kathmandu and Islamabad

Heidelberg University Office Kyoto (since 2015)



Institutional bridges in Heidelberg

Heidelberg Center for American Studies | HCA
Heidelberg Center for Ibero-American Studies | HCIAS
Centre for East Asian Studies
South Asia Institute | SAI

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Diversity, Family and Equal Opportunities



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UNIFY

Unit for Family, Diversity & Equality



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Central institution for family, diversity and equality at Heidelberg University

Development and implementation of the university's equal opportunities concept

Promotion of equal opportunities and diversity at the university

Programs to increase the proportion of women in academia

Advice on balancing studies, research and family responsibilities

Designing anti-discrimination measures

Implementing the university's gender and diversity monitoring



