

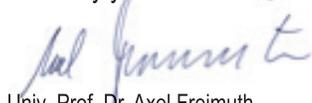
# MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE AND COMPLEXITY

Dear Sir/Madam,

in the past months, there has been much speculation about the new Excellence Initiative. Now we know that there will be another round. Top research will continue to be rewarded! The Prime Ministers' Conference on 16 June, which brings together the leaders of the German federal states, decided that the momentum the Excellence Initiative has created so far in the country's higher education system is worthy of being continued beyond 2017. In future, there will be two funding lines – Clusters of Excellence and Excellence Universities. Support for the Clusters of Excellence ensures good conditions for internationally competitive, top-level research at German universities.

The funding line Excellence Universities is intended to strengthen universities – or a network of universities – in the long run. It allows them to consolidate their international research reputation on the basis of successful Clusters of Excellence. Moreover, the funding period of all current Excellence Initiative projects will be extended for up to two years, which allows us to further develop the measures we have already implemented. I will inform you in due time about the details.

Sincerely yours



Univ.-Prof. Dr. Axel Freimuth  
Rector of the University of Cologne



## UoC-Research Prizes Awarding Ceremony

On 23 May, the UoC-Research Prizes were bestowed for the fourth time. The Max Delbrück Prize went to PROFESSOR THORSTEN HOPPE (CECAD), the Leo Spitzer Prize to PROFESSOR WILHELM HOFMANN (Social Cognition Center) and the Hans Kelsen Prize to PROFESSOR JOHANNA HEY (Institute of Tax Law). As excellent junior researchers, DR. MARIA HERMANN (Institute of Theoretical Physics) received the Max Delbrück Prize and DR. DANIEL ULBER (Institute for German and European Labour and Social Law) the Hans Kelsen Prize. Congratulations to all laureates!

## Junior Researchers Program

On 16 June, the Albertus Magnus Graduate Center hosted a summer party for all doctoral candidates at the University of Cologne. Besides the opportunity to network, engage in interdisciplinary exchange and get to know the doctoral candidates' representatives, there was a barbeque and people watched the soccer game together. Also on 16 June, the second postdoc network meeting, organized by the UoC's Postdoc Career Program ([www.postoc.uni-koeln.de](http://www.postoc.uni-koeln.de)), took place.



## Professoren

Four renowned international scholars and scientists could be won for the UoC's International Faculty Program: Professor Jan Hoeijmakers (Erasmus University Rotterdam) has been at the Cluster of Excellence CECAD since March. Professor Pavlos Kollias (Princeton University) is contributing his expertise to Competence Area III – Quantitative Modelling of Complex Systems (QM<sup>2</sup>). Professor David Anderson (Warwick University) and Professor Julio Ortega (Brown University) could be won for the Global South Studies Center (GSSC).

Further information: <http://international.uni-koeln.de/internationalfaculty.html?&L=0>.

## DATES

>> October 5, 2016 - University Conference

>> November 3-4, 2016 - Meeting of the External Scientific Advisory Board

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