

# Celebrating Enquiry June 24, 2013

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg



## UCF Inauguration Program

University College Freiburg (UCF) is the University of Freiburg's central facility for promoting and administering international, interdisciplinary teaching activities. It complements and supports the faculties' work in this field, serves as a laboratory for innovative approaches to teaching and instructional design and houses high- profile teaching projects. UCF is situated right in the very center of Freiburg: in the historical buildings of the "Peacock's Hall" ("Pfauenburse"), which feature a wonderful old courtyard with ancient trees. In these buildings, which date back to the 17th century, the medieval "Artes Liberales" were taught centuries ago as a cornerstone of university education at the time. Today, they are the site for exciting new explorations in higher education.



Courtyard of the "Alte Universität"

#### **Program Part I**

University College Freiburg, Alte Universität, Theatersaal, Bertoldstraße 17, 79098 Freiburg

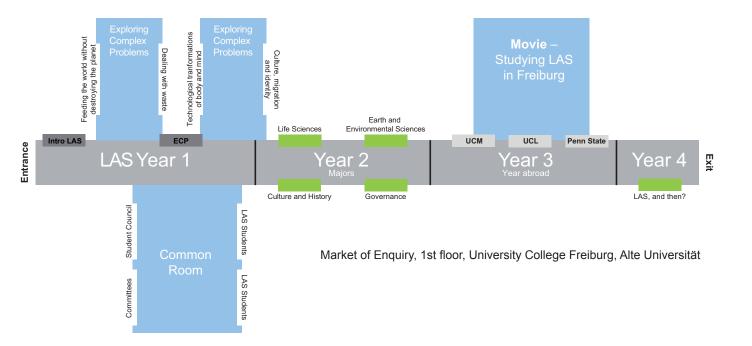
### 16:30 Welcome by

- Prof. Dr. Heiner Schanz (Vice-President of the University of Freiburg) and
- Peter Kronenberg (Liberal Arts and Sciences Student Officer for Outreach)

#### 17:00 - 18:30 Market of Enquiry - Exhibitions and Interactions

- Meet and exchange with the students and staff whose curiosity and creativity have brought University College Freiburg to life.
- Get to know the students' perspectives on UCF and experience the personal and intellectual variety that an interdisciplinary approach fosters.

At the Market of Enquiry, UCF students and staff present you their understanding of and experiences with the Liberal Arts and Sciences program. This includes academic results from the first LAS year, a timeline of the fouryear program and an overview of extracurricular activities and international partnerships.



#### **Program Part II**

Meckel-Halle, Sparkasse Freiburg-Nördlicher Breisgau, Kaiser-Joseph-Straße 186-190, 79098 Freiburg

- 19:15 Welcome by
  - Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. Hans-Jochen Schiewer (Rector of the University of Freiburg) and
  - Marcel Thimm (Chairman of the Board, Sparkasse Freiburg-Nördlicher Breisgau)
- **19:30** Erasmus Prize for the Liberal Arts and Sciences Award Ceremony
  - Laudation by Prof. Dr. Hans-Joachim Gehrke (Director of Outreach, University College Freiburg)
  - Presentation by the laureate, Michael Schonhardt, M.A.
- 19:45 Keynote address by Prof. Dr. h. c. Hans-Jörg Rheinberger "Wissen und Nichtwissen"
- 20:30 Inauguration of University College Freiburg

After the second part of the program, we cordially invite you to our celebration including a buffet dinner. The music is provided by **Adrian Goldner**. Goldner, born October 20th, 1991 in Freiburg, has studied violin and piano since 1998 and is currently a student at the University of Music Freiburg. As a pianist, he has won several regional and national awards, including a national 3rd prize in chamber music at "Jugend musiziert" in 2007.

The **Erasmus Prize for the Liberal Arts and Sciences** will be awarded for the first time in 2013. The prize, funded by the Sparkasse Freiburg-Nördlicher Breisgau, underscores the epistemological focus of the Liberal Arts and Sciences study program in Freiburg and honors studies that deal in an exemplary way with epistemological questions and make special contributions to methodological and theoretical exchange across disciplinary boundaries. The award is named after Erasmus of Rotterdam, one of the most important representatives of European Humanism in the 16th century. Between 1529 und 1531, Erasmus worked and lived in the "Haus zum Walfisch", now home to the Sparkasse Freiburg-Nördlicher Breisgau.

**Prof. Dr. h.c. Hans-Jörg Rheinberger** studied philosophy and biology in Tübingen and Berlin. He received his M.A. in philosophy in 1973, his Ph.D. in biology in 1982, and his habilitation in molecular biology in 1987. Since 1997, he has been Director at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin. He was a fellow of the Collegium Helveticum and of the Freiburg Institute for Advanced Study (FRIAS) and is a member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of the Sciences and of the German Academy of Natural Scientists "Leopoldina".

The main focus of Rheinberger's research lies in the history and epistemology of experimentation in the life sciences. His academic work bridges the gap between history, philosophy and contemporary cuttingedge sciences, such as molecular biology. He is also a published poet.



#### An outstanding interdisciplinary perspective

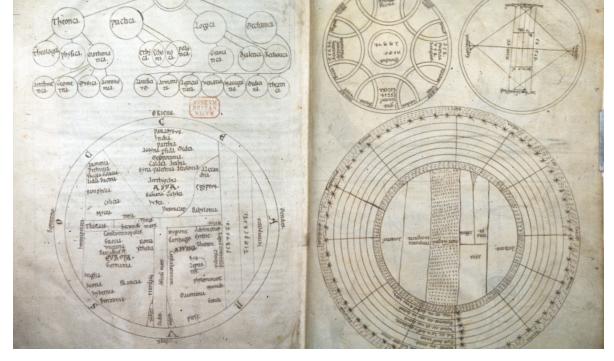
**Michael Schonhardt**, born June 13th, 1986 in Freiburg, was nominated for the Erasmus prize by Prof. Birgit Studt, Chair of Medieval History. His Master's Thesis, "Ortus ventorum sunt comfi phylosophorum. Untersuchungen zum Umgang mit Wissen im Prämonstratenserstift Arnstein an der Lahn im frühen 13. Jahrhundert" explores the medieval, monastic book and knowledge culture.



Schonhardt's study of 13th century scientific manuscripts and diagrams from the Arnstein Abbey is not only a paleographic and codicological analysis. By combining historical research methods with theoretical approaches from science and media studies, he uncovers the sociocultural conditions and epistemological principles of medieval knowledge (re-)production. Consequently, his study exemplarily shows the potential of an interdisciplinary perspective in understanding knowledge and its cultural contexts.

The diagrams are from Schonhardt's Master Thesis, which has not yet been published. They are available at: www.bl.uk/catalogues/illuminat-edmanuscripts (Arnsteinbible).







After two years of planning, UCF came into being with a Senate decision on September 26th, 2012. UCF is a university institution under the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs. Its work is supervised by a Board of Directors and accompanied by an advisory council that includes representatives of business, media, research and the arts.

Drawing on the University of Freiburg's tradition and excellence in research and teaching, University College Freiburg serves as an interfaculty platform and teaching laboratory for the advancement of interdisciplinary programs in higher education.

Building on the University of Freiburg's mission as a Universitas Litterarum, University College Freiburg pursues the objectives of interdisciplinarity, internationalization and innovation in teaching and learning.

Based on the principles of epistemological enquiry, academic expertise and on the unity of research and teaching, University College Freiburg is a visionary institution for conveying

- intellectual versatility,
- socially informed responsibility,
- communicative competency and
- grounded excellence.



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