

# **Equal Opportunity Officer** at MLU

Advocacy for Gender Equality



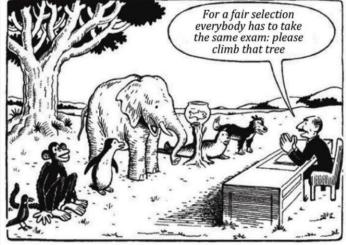
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### **Gender equality – what is it about?**

- Equal rights and equal opportunities
- In everyday language, it is often used in relation to gender or disability, while related terms such as diversity or inclusion are used in relation to other categorisations.
- Intersectionality: Interplay of different forms of discrimination

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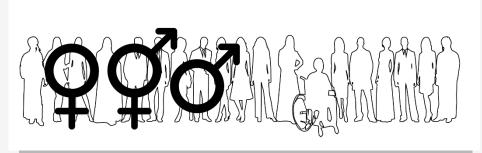


### **Our Education System**

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

- Albert Einstein

Source: https://tinyurl.com/mrx



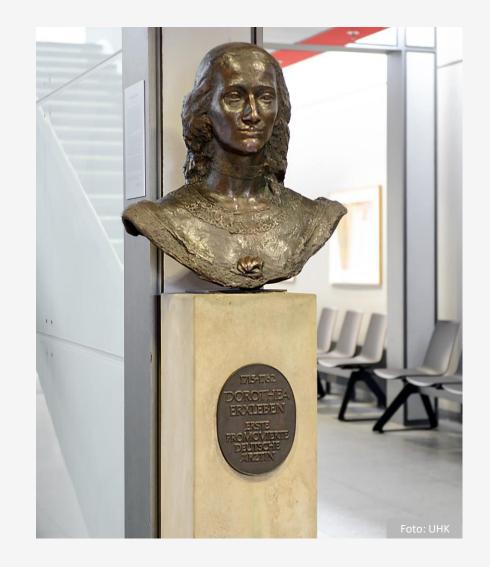
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### **Gender equality – what is it about?**

- ✓ Representative gender ratios at all career levels, areas of expertise and at all places of decision
- ✓ Safety, respect and visibility for all
- ✓ Gender Aspects as Content of Education, Research and Innovation

Dr.in Dorothea Erxleben: She was the first woman in Germany to receive her doctorate in Halle, was sharply attacked for her work as a doctor and dealt with aspects of gender in research and studies.





**Normative: Justice (for all)** 

Everyone should have the chance to be "part of the fun" (Suzanne Fortier) || Securing Employment || Free development of the person

**Qualitative: Better (research) results** 

more perspectives in mixed groups || higher motivation || Reflection on gender leads to differentiated findings and supports "freeing oneself from the illusion of the lack of characteristics [of science – AW]" (Susanne Baer)

**Economical: Pays off** 

Use all potentials (fully): "cannot do without the majority of people" || Shortage of personnel and skilled workers || Reduced performance and absenteeism (demotivation, incompatibility) || More efficient workflows in heterogeneous teams || Criterion of (scientific) funding





Chancengleichheit", 18./19.4.2007, Berlin.



### **Gender Equality (in Science) – Legal Mandate**

# Art. 3 sec. 2 GG: Equality, similar to the LSA constitution

Men and women have equal rights. The state promotes the actual enforcement of ...

### **HSG LSA § 3 para. 3: Tasks of the university**

In the performance of their tasks, the universities work towards the actual realisation of gender equality.

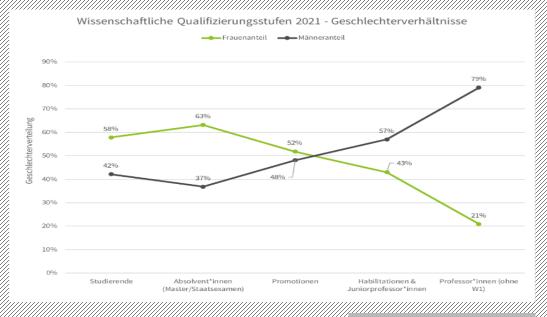
all areas and all status groups

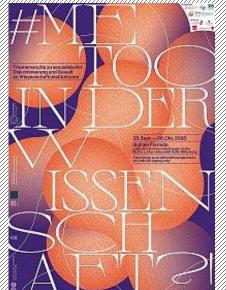
Consideration of different realities of life, measures to compensate for disadvantages, measures to equalize gender proportions

Other topics include: AGG, FrFG LSA, Istanbul Convention



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# **Gender Equality in Science – Status**

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Good for everyone and a legal obligation, but not yet achieved, e.g. MLU:

- → Unequal gender proportions
- → Cases of sexism and sexualised violence
- → Unequal visibilities
- → No gender studies professorship

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# Gender Equality at MLU – Responsibility

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### Cross-sectional task

(Gender Equality Mission Statement)



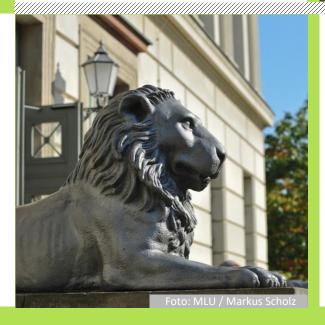
**Rectorate** with the

Diversity and Equal Opportunities Unit,

Deaneries, Superiors

Management task

(§ 3 HSG LSA)



# **Equal Opportunities Officer**

**Advocacy** 

(§ 72 HSG LSA, § 19 FFG LSA)



### **Gender Equality at MLU – Framework**

Laws

inter alia: international law, GG/state constitution, HSG, AGG, labour and civil service law

Regulations, Guidelines, Agreements MLU

inter alia: Staffing Directive; Appointment Regulations; Evaluation Regulations for Junior Professorships; Directive on Protection against Discrimination, (Sexual) Harassment and Violence; Regulations on the administrative procedure in cases of violence, threats and sexual harassment by students; Guideline "Good Work in Science"; Service agreements; Basic and Electoral Regulations

#### Control Instruments MLU

e.g. mission statement for equality; Women's Advancement Plan; Gender equality policies/programmes; Action Programme audit family-friendly university; Diversity Statement; Mission Statement Teaching; Mission Statement for Personnel Development and Personnel Development Concept; Target agreement; University Development Plan

Governance instruments for science and federal/state/urban









Overview of regulations and policies <a href="https://www.gleichstellung.uni">https://www.gleichstellung.uni</a> -halle.de/



- ✓ Information, advice and support:

  Equal Opportunities Officer, Social and Conflict Counselling Centre, Diversity and Equal Opportunities Office

  (Consultant, Family, Inclusion and Sustainability Office, Prevention and Counselling Centre for Anti-Discrimination, Network Office gender\*bilden), Staff Council/JAV, SBV, StuRa, Student Union, Student Advisory Service
- ✓ Further education and training, events
- ✓ Certificate in Gender Studies and Gender Research Workshop
- Childcare facilities, infrastructure (play, breastfeeding and diaper-changing rooms, etc.) Financial support
- ✓ Networking and Assistant Resources, Coaching and Mentoring for Women
- ✓ STEM-Tutorials
- ✓ Relief regulation for female professors































# **Equal Opportunities Officer**

legally anchored, allcompetent, elected, honorary

### **Advocacy**

for all students and employees





#### **Participation**

in the university administration



## Information, advice and support

for all university members



The Equal Opportunities Officer and her deputies form teams.

There is one team for the entire university and one team for each faculty as well as the faculty-independent areas.

You can contact any member in any team.

Alle Kontakte: www.gleichstellung.uni-halle.de





### **Equal Opportunity Officer – Tasks**

### **Participation**

- Participation in committees and decisions (especially filling vacancies and appointments)
- Participation in control instruments, regulations and surveys
- Recording and introducing topics, problems, needs and ideas
- Initiation and, if necessary, own implementation of measures

# Information, advice, support

Information and counseling on regulations and offers at MLU Counseling and support in case of conflicts and problems, especially in case of sexism, sexualized/ violence and mobbing

Information,
event notice
and material on
gender equality
in science
and at MLU

Making female

scientists at MLU visible Counseling and support regarding gender equality activities (technical, organizational, financial)

Counseling regarding projects out of a gender equality perspective (gender consulting)

Conversations and counseling are confidential and oriented to your needs. They are available in all formats possible.

Information and counseling regarding the consideration of gender in research and teaching



### **Equal Opportunity Officer – Success Stories**

- Regulations and structures for protection against and dealing with sexism and sexualised violence, e.g. guidelines and prevention centres
- ✓ Promotion of young female scientists, e.g. network and assistant resources, mentoring, coaching
- ✓ Projects and measures on women in STEM and gender in research and teaching, e.g. MINT-Zi, gender\*bildet and gender studies as an overarching field of research in the profile of MLU
- ✓ Regulations and offers for the compatibility of studies/wage work and family
- ✓ Formulation of a "Gender Equality Mission Statement"
- ✓ Advice/support for numerous people













### **Equal Opportunity Officer –**

A good representation of interests needs:

#### Informationen

- ✓ Rückhalt
- ✓ Wertschätzung und konstruktive Kritik
- ✓ Austausch und Zusammenarbeit
- ✓ Viele Schultern



#### Gute Gründe für das Amt:

- ✓ Gewinnbringend
   Engagement für eine wichtige
   Sache, besser informiert,
   Kompetenzen und neue
   Akzente im Lebenslauf,
   Ehrenamt i.R.d. Arbeitszeit
- Gut gewappnet
  Teamarbeit, Vernetzung,
  Qualifizierungen,
  Unterstützung durch das
  Gleichstellungsbüro