2nd Call for Joint Online Courses in 2022/23
Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) – The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI)

With the goal of advancing German-Israeli academic cooperation in research and teaching, Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI), are pleased to announce the 2nd Call for Joint Online Courses. Launched in 2021 through the German-Israeli Virtual Campus (GIVCA) initiative, the project aims to foster the development of joint digital and blended learning, teaching and mobility formats for the benefit of students at both institutions.

The new reality imposed by Covid-19 has significantly increased the relevance and the need for more joint international online courses. FUB and HUJI are thus seeking pairs of academic staff – 1 HUJI and 1 FUB as “teaching tandems” – who will design and deliver joint online/digital courses that can be integrated into the curricula as regular offerings.

**Fields:** Open to all academic fields, and activities may focus on a single discipline or be interdisciplinary in nature.

**Funding:** Up to 6,000 Euro per joint course. Eligible expenses include: costs for the production of digital content, personnel (on external contract basis), or consumables. Travel expenses may also be part of a proposal, though should not comprise the majority of the project costs. There are service units for digital teaching and learning at both FUB (CeDiS) and HUJI (Unit for Teaching and Learning) that should be consulted as soon as call participation is planned (see contact details below). These service units may act as subcontractors.

**Potential Course Frameworks:**
- Intensive short-term joint courses
- Long-term joint courses (1-2 semesters)
- Joint online lecture series
- Other formats, especially blended formats combining on- and off-line components

All formats should include joint digital teaching and learning activities, i.e. lecture recordings, live sessions via web conference, use of online tools like wikis, blogs etc. These can include blended mobility as a combination of digital teaching and on-site teaching, i.e. workshop either at FUB or HUJI for course participants and/or PIs.

Concept, content and teaching materials for each online lecture or joint course should be developed on a “fifty-fifty-basis” by FUB faculty and HUJI faculty. Individual lectures may be prepared and produced (filmed, etc.) with the support of the local e-learning units at FUB and HUJI.
All teaching materials are to be developed and published according to the GIVCA style guide ([www.givca.org/courses/logo_styleguide](http://www.givca.org/courses/logo_styleguide)). Participants may reference the digital teaching tools provided by both universities ([www.givca.org/courses/tools](http://www.givca.org/courses/tools)).

**Timeframe:** The proposed activities should commence and conclude during the 2022/23 academic year.

**Participants:** Courses will be open to registered FUB and HUJI students.

**Teaching Load:** Each lecturer will receive the full teaching load at his/her institution.

**Application and Submission:**
Proposals should be jointly submitted by FUB and HUJI faculty in English and must include the following information:

- Course title, description and tentative syllabus
- Course timeframe
- Budget
- Written statement of endorsement from respective FUB/HUJI faculty/department
- CV of both instructors

Bullet Points 1-3 (description, syllabus, timeframe, budget) should not exceed **four pages in total**. (CVs and endorsement letters are not calculated into these four pages).

Given their expertise, consultation with the respective service units for e-learning (see below) before submission of proposals is strongly recommended.

Researchers should submit their joint proposal simultaneously to FUB and HUJI. Proposals should be sent **electronically, in a single PDF file**, to both of the following addresses:

**Freie Universität Berlin:**  
Mr. Hans-Martin Meis, Center for International Cooperation,  
E-Mail: hans-martin.meis@fu-berlin.de

**Hebrew University of Jerusalem:**  
Ms. Keri Rosenbluh, International Programs, International Office,  
E-Mail: keriro@savion.huji.ac.il

**Submission Deadline:** 31 January, 2022

**Selection Criteria:**  
Funding for joint online courses will be provided on a competitive basis. Projects will be selected by a joint FUB-HUJI committee, lending particular attention to the following criteria:
• Excellence of course proposal
• Level of synergy between the lecturers, students and institutions
• Contribution to the department’s/institution’s curriculum
• Quality and sustainability of the digital/blended teaching and mobility format
• Sustainability of the cooperation beyond the initial seed money funding phase

**NEW** Workshop for Interested Applicants:

FUB and HUJI will be offering a joint virtual workshop for FUB and HUJI academics interested in applying. During the workshop, questions ranging from the search for cooperation partners to technical support for approved courses will be addressed. Additionally, practical guidance will be offered by experts in the field to assist applicants in developing a viable and attractive online course proposal. Participation does not require the submission of a proposal; moreover, submission of a proposal is possible without having attended the workshop. The workshop will take place on Monday, December 13, 2021, 11:00 – 12:30 CET/ 12:00 – 13:30 IST. To confirm participation, please RSVP via email to keriro@savion.huji.ac.il by December 7, 2021, with the words “Workshop RSVP” in the subject line.

Further Information:

For information regarding the application process please contact the above-mentioned staff.

For consultation regarding concept development and implementation, please contact the respective service units for e-learning at both universities:

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**Hebrew University of Jerusalem**: Online Teaching Director, Michal Ramot, E-Mail: michal.ramot1@mail.huji.ac.il