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Dear university members,

This newsletter edition starts with two event announcements. Firstly, we would like to invite you to an event organised by the Equal Opportunities Office and the Service for Families on “Balancing Care and Career in Science” that will take place on 1 February 2022. More information can be found in the “Internes Bildungsprogramm 2022”. If you are interested, please save the date and register with us.

The second event is a talk entitled “Regenbogenfamilie – zwischen Normalisierung und emanzipatorischen Ansprüchen” and will take place on 16 December 2021. It is part of the lecture series “Elternschaft” and a cooperation between the Chair of Economic and Social History at the Department of History of Heidelberg University, Volkshochschule Heidelberg, and Abendakademie Mannheim.

Of course, we have information on offers for kids as well. Together with the MOVING-kidz team, children can embark on a journey to the Olympic Winter Games during the winter break. A whole lot of new and creative learning opportunities promise fun and games – from the Begeisterhaus, the Zoo Academy, and the Children's Library to “Expedition Erde”, a fascinating exhibition for families in Speyer.

These are only a few of the topics covered in this newsletter. Please have a look, we hope you enjoy the read.

If you have any requests, ideas, suggestions, and criticism regarding family-friendliness at the University, we look forward to hearing from you.

One final note: For reasons of data protection, it is not possible to set up a separate university mailing list for employees with children. If you are not interested in the newsletter, we kindly ask you to disregard it.

Wishing you a pleasant Advent season,
Andrea Steinmann and Agnes Speck

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Online seminar: **Balancing Care and Career in Science** (in english)

As a parent in academia, you can gain rich experiences in two worlds. However, making a university career compatible with active parenthood also requires a great deal of self-management and resilience. This seminar will take place on 1 February 2022 and is aimed at all employees and everyone interested.

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Lecture series on parenthood

As part of the online lecture series of the project “Zeit mit (Groß-)Vätern” at the Chair of Economic and Social History, a lecture will take place on 16 December 2021 entitled “Regenbogenfamilie – zwischen Normalisierung und emanzipatorischen Ansprüchen.” The speaker is Dr Klemens Ketelhut from Heidelberg University of Education.

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2 | Fun and Games during the Winter Break

MOVINGkidz – The Olympic Winter Games

The holiday sports programme will take place from 3 January to 7 January 2022 at the Institute of Sports and Sports Sciences. Together with the MOVINGkidz team, participating kids will embark on an exciting and sportive journey to the Olympic Winter Games.

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3 | International School Opening

Learning concept in cooperation with Heidelberg University

In September 2021, the Circle of Friends of the DAI Heidelberg e. V. opened an international school. The community school (initially grades 1–10 with an option for upper school) offers all-day classes. In cooperation with the Institute for Education Studies of Heidelberg University, teaching and learning methods that have proven particularly beneficial in global comparison are at the centre of the lessons. These include project-based learning and the method of Deeper Learning. The school will be located in the BEGEISTERHAUS.

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4 | Creative Learning Opportunities for Kids

The BEGEISTERHAUS

Located in the Heidelberg Innovation Park (hip), formerly Patton Barracks, the BEGEISTERHAUS is a one-of-a-kind creative centre for the entire city with a wide range of offers for children and young persons: From the Makerspace to the Art Space, from the Language and Poetry Lab up to the Astronomy Tower, the BEGEISTERHAUS provides access to excellent and inspiring learning opportunities for children.

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Zoo Academy imparts knowledge

The Zoo Academy in the “Explo-Halle” of Heidelberg Zoo combines the classic educational opportunities of a zoo with a moleculobiological learning laboratory, the field of technology, and exhibitions. Workshops, holiday programmes, and projects for school classes are offered.

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“Expedition Erde”: Exhibition in Speyer

The Historical Museum of the Palatinate in Speyer presents an exhibition for the entire family. Up until 19 June 2022, “Expedition Erde” offers an impressive look at the earth’s soil – children between the ages of six and twelve will be fascinated by earthworms, ants, large earth bumblebees, and moles.

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Children’s Library

The Children’s Library provides a lot of information, suggestions, and news on media offers and events, as well as support offers for pupils of all ages – via email or phone, too.

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5 | A Break for Families

Getting away, taking a breather, recharging one’s batteries

The Coronavirus pandemic has taken a toll on many families. To offer them a respite, the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth makes available affordable family holidays for families with lower incomes or with family members with disabilities in one of the participating family recreational facilities.

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