

PhD Union report for the HTU university assembly meeting on 15.10.2025

- Internal event, Sommerseminar at International House (23.08.)
 - distribution of tasks and roles among the new members of the PhD Union
 - organization of events
 - PhD Survey review
- International Welcome Day (17.09.)
 - Event hosted by International House
 - We also welcomed the international PhDs, and gave an introductory presentation about the PhD at TU Graz
- Meeting Point Dissertation (26.09.)
 - Short talk given by a former member of the PhD Union
 - Q&A session
- PhD Union room
 - Need a new location for the PhD Union room.
 - The current room will be occupied by the Institute of Railway Infrastructure Design by the end of 2025
- PhD Survey 2024
 - The questionnaire addresses: overall experiences within the PhD, working environment, supervision, harassment experiences, and mental health
 - more than 200 participants
 - The final report is sent to all PhD students by the end of October
- Buddy System
 - An initiative of the rectorate and PhD-Union to make contact persons available at each institute, which is especially relevant for international PhDs
 - Further advertising is necessary. Will be done together with the Koordinationsstelle Doktorat.
- Regular Boards:
 - Taskforce Doctorate: We participated as always, but at the moment, there is nothing relevant to report to the UV assembly
 - Koordinationsstelle Doktorat: Regular meetings, but also nothing special to report
- UNITE! Sure
 - Student representatives are now fully integrated into the HTU
 - Three representatives (Bachelor, Master, PhD programme)
- Upcoming public events:
 - Handicraft workshop on 23.10.2025, fully booked
 - Vineyard rally in November 2025