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GOOD SCIENTIFIC PRACTICE (GSP)



Early-career scientists struggle with pressure to publish, unclear authorship rules, and power imbalances. Without institutional support, GSP is going to remain an ideal rather than a reality in modern academia.

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Dorothee Bär is now responsible for new BMFTR. Researchers anticipate changes in WissZeitVG, addressing job insecurity, and tackling structural bullying, improving working conditions in German research institutions. Will she rise to the challenge and deliver meaningful reforms?



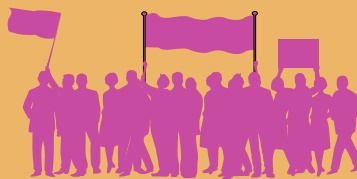
MEET OUR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES OFFICER:

Maren Weissig is part of the Bundesverband since the beginning. She fights for gender equality in academia, advocating for fair working conditions, institutional accountability, and inclusive policies to ensure equitable opportunities for all researchers.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING FOR PhDs?

- An article in *nature* is discussing our working conditions: “**Can Germany reign in its academic bullying problem?**” *Nature* 641, 545-547 (2025)
- The **Netzwerk Machtmissbrauch in der Wissenschaft e.V.** supports affected individuals, raises awareness among institutions, and promotes transparent structures to ensure fair working conditions in academic research.
- **Harvard** is currently in a legal battle with the Trump administration over a controversial ban on enrolling international students. **We strongly oppose this unjust restriction.**



Ideas can only be useful if they come to life in many minds.



Alexander von Humboldt



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