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## U15 Universities and Martin Buber Society agree on cooperation

In Berlin, the cooperation between the university association German U15 and the Martin Buber Society was further expanded today.

The Martin Buber Society, based in Jerusalem, annually awards five fellowships to outstanding young Israeli and German top researchers. It promotes pioneering research projects in the humanities and social sciences. In the future, the Fellows of the Martin Buber Society will be able to conduct research and teach up to one semester at the member universities of the German U15.

A corresponding Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Prof. Yigal Bronner, Director of the Martin Buber Society, and - on behalf of German U15 - Prof. Günter M. Ziegler, President of the Freie Universität Berlin.

Prof. Yigal Bronner, Director of the Martin Buber Society: "It is important to us that our fellows maintain a close relationship with the German science system during their work in Jerusalem. The U15 universities are ideal partners for this. They stand for excellence, tradition and academic freedom. The aim of the Buber Society is to promote German-Israeli exchange in the humanities and social sciences, and this cooperation is a very important contribution to this."

Prof. Günter M. Ziegler emphasized: "The Martin Buber Society is a very renowned institution and Israel an extremely innovative science location, especially in the field of humanities and social sciences. We are therefore delighted that the excellent Fellows of the Buber Society will continue their research at the U15 universities in the future."

## **About The Martin Buber Society**

The Martin Buber Society of Fellows in the Humanities and Social Sciences at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, is a German-Israeli Foundation financed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). Its research facility is situated at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. It is aimed at creating a creative, vibrant scholarly environment for outstanding young scholars in all fields of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

## **About German U15**

German U15 is the association of 15 research-strong and internationally visible German universities. The U15-universities educate nearly one third of all German and international students in Germany. They supervise half of all completed doctoral projects in Germany. The U15 universities are raising two fifths of the public third-party funding, in the medical sector even 60 percent.

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