

Fulda University at the HessenFonds Networking Event in Wiesbaden

Tuesday, 5. November 2024

This week, a delegation from the Hochschule Fulda attended the HessenFonds- Networking Event at the Hessian Ministry of Science and Research, Arts and Culture (HMWK) in Wiesbaden with the presence of Minister Timon Gremmels.

Since 2015, the HMWK has awarded 334 HessenFonds scholarships for particularly talented and high-achieving refugee students, doctoral candidates and academics who have been the victims of prosecution or forced displacement due to conflicts in their countries of origin. The funding from the Ministry is intended to support the safe continuation of their studies or academic career at a state university in Hesse.

Fulda University is a member of this programme, and since 2021 has hosted a number of students and persecuted scientists, supported by different scientific departments and by the International Office.

This week, the Ministry honoured our current scholarship holder, Prof. Dr. Samia Nour from Sudan, currently working at the department under the supervision of Prof. Tobias Knedlik. Dr. Nour gave a lecture, detailing her current struggles due the civil war in Sudan and her research project at our university.

Two other scholarships holders from Fulda were also present, one student from Turkey and the researcher Dr. Mones Khalili from Afghanistan.

The evening was moderated by Dr. Kambiz Ghawami from the World University Service (WUS) and included lectures by two other scientists at risk from Turkey and from from Ukraine. Prof. Dr. Eva Waller, president of the Hochschule RheinMain and Prof. Dr. Thomas Nauss, President of Philipps University Marburg also shared their thoughts and visions on the programme in these difficult political times for freedom of thought and research.

Fulda University, represented by members of the International Office including Julia-Sophie Rothmann, Dr. Jorge Mondéjar Fernández and Christina Pitz, as well as Prof. Dr. Knedlik is proud to support these initiatives along other Hessian Universities as places of solidarity and exile.