

New Appointments



Maximilian Bockhorn
General and Visceral Surgery

Dr. Maximilian Bockhorn has been appointed Professor of General and Visceral Surgery at the Department of Human Medicine. He is also Director of the University Clinic for General and Visceral Surgery at the Klinikum Oldenburg. Before coming to Oldenburg Bockhorn was senior consultant and deputy director at the Clinic for General, Visceral and Thoracic Surgery at the Universitätsklinikum Hamburg-Eppendorf (UKE). Bockhorn studied human medicine in Tübingen and Hamburg and received his doctorate in 1996. In 1998, he transferred to the Clinic for General, Abdominal and Transplant Surgery at Essen University Hospital for his specialist training. From 2000 to 2002 he conducted research at Harvard Medical School, Boston (USA). After earning his Habilitation, Bockhorn returned to the UKE in 2008. He became a certified specialist in abdominal surgery in 2012 and in thoracic surgery in 2016, Bockhorn's clinical focus is oncological surgery and minimally invasive surgery in tumour diseases of the liver, stomach and other organs. In his research he is investigating the role of inflammation in tumour development.



Oliver Dewald
Heart Surgery

Prof. Dr. Oliver Dewald has been appointed Professor of Heart Surgery at the Department of Human Medicine. He is also director of the University Department for Cardiac Surgery at the Klinikum Oldenburg. Previously Dewald worked at the Department for Cardiac Surgery at the University Hospital Bonn, where he was head of the Section for Congenital Heart Surgery in Children and Adults. Dewald studied human medicine at the LMU Munich, where he earned his doctorate in 1999. A two-year research grant from the German Research Foundation (DFG) took him to Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas (US). Before earning his Habilitation and consultancy licence in 2008 he was a junior doctor at the Department for Cardiac Surgery at the University Hospital Bonn. He then became consultant and in 2015 head of the pediatric heart surgery programme at the University Hospital Bonn. His work focuses on inflammatory responses and tissue remodelling in diseased hearts.



Mathias Dietz
Physiology and Modelling
of Auditory Perception

Prof. Dr. Mathias Dietz has been appointed Professor of Physiology and Modelling of Auditory Perception at the Department of Medical Physics and Acoustics. Previously, he was an associate professor at the National Centre for Audiology at Western University in London, Ontario (Canada). Dietz studied physics at the University of Münster before becoming a research assistant in the German Research Foundation (DFG)-funded Transregio Collaborative Research Centre "The Active Auditory System" at University of Oldenburg. Here he earned his PhD in 2009 with a thesis on directional hearing. From 2011 to 2012 he conducted research on a fellowship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation at the Ear Institute of the University College London (UK). He then led a junior research group in the Cluster of Excellence "Hearing4all" at the University of Oldenburg until 2015. Since 2018 Dietz's work has been funded by a 1.5 million euro Starting Grant from the European Research Council (ERC). Much of his research into binaural hearing is conducted with the help of sophisticated computer simulations of sound processing in the brain.

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Axel Hamprecht
Medical Microbiology

Prof. Dr. Axel Hamprecht has been appointed Professor of Medical Microbiology at the Department of Human Medicine. He is also Director of the University Institute of Medical Microbiology and Virology at the Klinikum Oldenburg. Hamprecht was previously a professor at the Institute for Medical Microbiology, Immunology and Hygiene at the University of Cologne. He studied human medicine at the Universities of Heidelberg, Berlin and Bordeaux (France) and earned his doctorate in Berlin in 2005. After a junior doctor post at the Department for Dermatology at the University of Bonn he moved to the Institute for Medical Microbiology, Immunology and Hygiene at the University Hospital Cologne in 2008. Hamprecht became a consultant in 2014. Following his Habilitation he was appointed to a professorship on Antibiotic Resistance of Gram-Negative Pathogens at the University of Cologne in 2018. His research focuses on the genetic background of multidrug resistance and the transmission of genes encoding beta-lactamases. Additionally, he works on the development of new methods for the rapid detection of multidrug-resistant organisms.



Axel Heep
Paediatrics

Prof. Dr. Axel Heep was appointed as Professor of Paediatrics at the Department of Human Medicine. He is also Executive Director of the University Clinic for Paediatrics at the Klinikum Oldenburg. On his previous appointment in the UK, Heep worked as neonatal consultant and research lead at the North Bristol NHS Trust. At the University of Bristol he was conducting research activity as honorary clinical lecturer and member of the Stem Cell and Neuroregeneration research group. Since his appointment in Oldenburg, Heep has set up joint research projects between the two academic sites as well as with partners at the University of Oldenburg. Heep studied medicine at the University of Cologne. He has worked as a paediatric specialist and neonatologist since 1996. He was senior consultant and research lead at the University of Bonn and Clinical Director of Paediatric service at the Städtisches Klinikum München (Munich). Heep's focus is neonatal neurology, in particular the causes of diseases of the central nervous system in premature and newborn babies and the functional development of the brain after premature birth.



Jörn Hoppmann
Management

Prof. Dr. Jörn Hoppmann has been appointed Professor of Management at the Department of Business Administration, Economics and Law. He had held the Chair of Strategic Management and Corporate Sustainability in an interim capacity since 2017. Hoppmann earned his Habilitation in 2018 at ETH Zurich, where he had also completed his PhD in 2013. He gained his diploma in Business Administration and Mechanical Engineering in 2009 at the Braunschweig University of Technology. Research trips have taken him to Harvard University and MIT (both Cambridge, USA), the University of Waterloo in Canada, and IMD Business School in Lausanne (Switzerland). Hoppmann has received numerous awards for his work; for his lecture series "Introduction to Business Administration" he won the University of Oldenburg's 2018 teaching award for the best course. Hoppmann conducts research at the intersection of strategic management, sustainability, and innovation, particularly in the context of the energy and mobility sectors. A focus area of his research is mechanisms that enable businesses to act more sustainably.



René Hurlemann
Psychiatry and Psychotherapy

Prof. Dr. Dr. René Hurlemann has been appointed Professor of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy at the Department of Human Medicine. He is also Director of the University Clinic for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy at the Karl-Jaspers-Klinik in Oldenburg. Hurlemann was previously deputy director of the Clinic and Polyclinic for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy at University Hospital of Bonn and director of the department of medical psychology there. He studied human medicine at the University of Bonn, where he earned his doctorate in 2001. During his time as a junior doctor he studied neuroscience at the University of Maastricht (Netherlands) and also received a doctorate in this field. After completing his specialist training Hurlemann became a consultant at the Clinic and Polyclinic for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy in Bonn and was appointed Professor of Medical Psychology in 2013. Hurlemann's main area of clinical expertise is affective and schizophrenic disorders. In the treatment of depressive disorders, he uses non-invasive brain stimulation methods, which he is further developing in his research.



Cristian Huse
Applied Microeconomics

Prof. Dr. Cristian Huse has been appointed Professor of Applied Microeconomics at the Department of Business Administration, Economics and Law. Previously he was associate professor at the Stockholm School of Economics. Huse, who holds both German and Brazilian citizenships, studied economics at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. He gained his Masters in Economics at the Getulio Vargas Foundation in Rio de Janeiro and a second Masters in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics at the London School of Economics, where he also completed his doctorate in 2009. From 2007 to 2016 he was assistant professor and then from 2016 associate professor at the Stockholm School of Economics. Huse's main research interests lie in environmental and energy economics, applied microeconomics, industrial economics, and applied econometrics. He has studied policies aimed at reducing CO₂ emissions in the new vehicle market, for instance. Since 2013 Huse has been involved in organising the annual workshop "Economics of Low-Carbon Markets" in São Paulo. Huse's work has been distinguished by numerous awards and published in both economics and the natural sciences.



Claus-Henning Köhne
Internal Medicine:
Haematology and Oncology

Prof. Dr. Claus-Henning Köhne has been appointed Professor of Internal Medicine with a Focus on Haematology and Oncology at the Department of Human Medicine after holding the position in an interim capacity. He is also director of the University Clinic for Internal Medicine – Oncology und Haematology at the Klinikum Oldenburg. Köhne studied human medicine at the Hannover Medical School (MHH), where he gained his medical licence in 1985. After earning his doctorate in 1987 he completed his specialist medical training at the MHH in internal medicine as well internal medicine, haematology and internal oncology. From 1995 to 1998 Köhne was consultant for haematology/oncology and tumour immunology at the Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin before transferring to the Clinic and Polyclinic for Internal Medicine at the University of Rostock. From 2001 to 2004 Köhne was Professor of Internal Medicine with a Focus on Internal Oncology at the University Hospital of the Technical University Dresden. He is currently conducting research in the field of internal oncology, with a focus on solid tumours and gastrointestinal and mammary carcinomas.

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Eduard Malik
Gynaecology and Obstetrics

Prof. Dr. Eduard Malik has been appointed to the Chair of Gynaecology and Obstetrics at the Department of Human Medicine, which he held as an interim capacity as of 2013. Malik has been the Director of the University Clinic for Gynaecology and Obstetrics at the Klinikum Oldenburg since 2006 before it became a University facility in 2013. Formerly, he was a senior consultant and deputy clinical director at the University Hospital of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of the University of Regensburg. Malik studied medicine in Hamburg, received his doctorate from the Goethe University Frankfurt and earned his Habilitation at the University Hospital Lübeck in 2000. From 2002 to 2004 he was senior consultant and deputy clinical director at the University Hospital Aachen, and in 2004 he received a professorship at the University of Regensburg. As a gynaecologist and obstetrician, Malik has profound experience in the fields of gynaecological oncology, perinatal medicine as well as minimally invasive surgery. His research focuses on endometriosis, one of the most common benign diseases in women, and vascular growth in gynaecological and obstetric diseases.



Jannika Mattes
Organisation and Innovation

Prof. Dr. Jannika Mattes, previously Junior Professor for the Sociology of European Societies at the Institute of Social Sciences, has been appointed Professor of Organisation and Innovation. Since 2018 the sociologist has led the three-member Emmy Noether Independent Junior Research Group REENEA dedicated to studying the regional energy transition. Mattes studied European Economic and Business Studies at the University of Bamberg and then took up a postgraduate research position in 2006. She completed her doctorate in Oldenburg in 2010 with a thesis which also earned her the “Weser-Ems Science Award for an Outstanding Thesis”. A year later she was appointed to the Junior Professor post. In 2017 Mattes won the “Prize for Excellent Research” awarded by the University Society of Oldenburg (Universitätsgesellschaft Oldenburg) and in 2018 the “Lower Saxony Science Award” from the Ministry of Science. Her research interests include innovation research, organisation sociology, energy transition and regional and international societal change processes.



Ivan Milenkovic
Physiology

Dr. Ivan Milenkovic has been appointed Professor of Physiology at the Department of Human Medicine. Prior to his appointment in Oldenburg he led a research group and held an associate professor position at the medical faculty of Leipzig University. Milenkovic studied molecular biology, physiology and neurophysiology at the University of Belgrade, Serbia. In 2000 he moved to Leipzig University’s Paul Flehsig Institute for Brain Research, where he received his doctorate in 2002. He then took a postdoctoral research post at the Department of Neurobiology in Leipzig, where he earned his Habilitation in 2010 in the field of neurobiology/developmental biology. Research stays took Milenkovic to the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, USA, among others. Since 2014 he moved to the Carl Ludwig Institute of Physiology at Leipzig University’s medical faculty where he led an independent research group. By employing various electrophysiological methods, Milenkovic investigates the activity-dependent development of neuronal networks in the central auditory system.



Tonio Oeftering
Political Education

Prof. Dr. Tonio Oeftering has been appointed Professor of Political Education at the Institute for Social Sciences. Previously he was Junior Professor of Political Education at the Institute of Political Science at Leuphana University Lüneburg. After training in commerce Oeftering studied to become a secondary school teacher in politics and English at the Freiburg University of Education, where he passed the first state exam. He went on to gain a diploma in educational science there, specialising in adult education with a focus on political science. In 2012 he earned his doctorate in political science. From 2011 to 2013 Oeftering was also a research associate at the Institute for Political Science at the Leibniz Universität Hannover. From 2013 to 2014 he took on interim professorships in Hannover and at the Catholic University Eichstätt-Ingolstadt. Oeftering is an active member on numerous advisory boards and since 2018 he has been federal chairman of the “Deutsche Vereinigung für Politische Bildung” (DVPB).



Katharina Pahnke-May
Marine Isotope Geochemistry

Dr. Katharina Pahnke-May has been appointed Professor of Marine Isotope Geochemistry at the Institute for Chemistry and Biology of the Marine Environment (ICBM). From 2011 until 2019 she led the Max Planck Research Group for Marine Isotope Geochemistry, a collaboration between the ICBM and the Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology in Bremen. Pahnke-May studied geology in Göttingen and Kiel and received her doctorate from Cardiff University, Wales, in 2004. She spent her postdoctoral period in the USA, first at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge and then at Columbia University’s Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory in New York. Before coming to Oldenburg she was an Associate Research Professor at the University of Hawaii from 2008 to 2011. In her research Pahnke-May uses trace elements and their isotopes to determine the origin of water masses and reconstruct geochemical processes and conditions in the present and past ocean. Her research group is involved in the major international “GEOTRACES program”, that studies global biogeochemical cycles of trace elements and isotopes in the ocean.



Andreas Radeloff
Otorhinolaryngology

Prof. Dr. Andreas Radeloff has been appointed Professor of Otorhinolaryngology at the Department of Human Medicine. He had held the professorship in an interim capacity since 2016. He is also Director of the University Clinic for Otorhinolaryngology at the Evangelisches Krankenhaus Oldenburg. Radeloff studied medicine at the Goethe University Frankfurt and then became a junior physician in the Otorhinolaryngology department. He earned his doctorate in 2005 before transferring to the Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg (JMU). Here he completed his specialist training as an ear, nose and throat doctor and earned his Habilitation in 2011. Radeloff then took a consultant position at the Clinic and Polyclinic for Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases, Plastic and Aesthetic Operations. Between 2010 and 2016 he ran the “Implantable Hearing Systems” section at the Comprehensive Hearing Centre of the University Hospital Würzburg, initially in an interim capacity and from 2014 with full responsibility. In 2017 he was made adjunct professor at the JMU. In his research Radeloff focuses on improving auditory rehabilitation in patients with impaired hearing.

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Stefan Schrader
Ophthalmology

Prof. Dr. Dr. Stefan Schrader has been appointed Professor of Ophthalmology at the Department of Human Medicine. He is also Director of the University Clinic for Ophthalmology at the Pius-Hospital Oldenburg. Previously Schrader was senior consultant at the Clinic for Ophthalmology at the University Hospital Düsseldorf, where he also held a Lichtenberg-endowed Chair from 2014. Schrader studied human medicine at the University of Lübeck and completed his MD thesis there in 2005. He was a visiting researcher at University College London (UK), where he also earned the degree “Doctor of Philosophy” (PhD). In 2012 Schrader became a consultant in Düsseldorf and in 2013 he earned his Habilitation in Ophthalmology at the medical faculty. He was head of the clinical focus area of corneal diseases there from 2016. Schrader researches and treats diseases of the eye surface. His speciality is corneal transplantations and reconstructions of the ocular surface as well as surgical procedures to the retina and vitreous body of the eye.



Mark Schweda
Medical Ethics

Dr. Mark Schweda has been appointed Professor of Medical Ethics at the Department of Health Services Research. Previously Schweda was a research associate at the Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine at the University Medical Center Göttingen. He studied philosophy and modern German literature at the Humboldt-Universität at Berlin (HU Berlin) and the University of Nottingham (UK). He earned his doctorate at the HU Berlin's Institute of Philosophy in 2012. He was also a research associate at the Institute for Ethics and History of Medicine at the University of Tübingen and Junior Research Fellow at the Lichtenberg-Kolleg – Göttingen Institute for Advanced Study. He spent research stays in the UK and the USA. In 2015, Schweda earned his Habilitation at the medical faculty of the University of Göttingen with a thesis on “Concepts of Aging in Medicine and Healthcare” which won him the faculty Habilitation prize. His research centres on ethical aspects of aging and old age, assistive technologies and the impact of digitalisation in healthcare.



Dirk Weyhe
Visceral Surgery

Prof. Dr. Dirk Weyhe has been appointed Professor of Visceral Surgery at the Department of Human Medicine. He has been Director of the University Clinic for Visceral Surgery at the Pius-Hospital Oldenburg since 2007 and had held the professorship in an interim capacity since 2013. Weyhe studied human medicine at the Ruhr-Universität Bochum, where he received his doctorate in 1998 and his Habilitation in 2008. He specialised in surgery, visceral surgery and special visceral surgery with additional qualifications in surgical intensive care and emergency medicine and was a consultant at the St. Josef Hospital of the Ruhr-University Bochum from 2002 to 2007. In 2005 he became head of the molecular experimental surgery laboratory for gene expression analysis at the hospital. Before moving to Oldenburg, he was senior consultant at the Pancreas Centre of the St. Josef Hospital of the Ruhr-University Bochum. Weyhe's main clinical focus is complex oncological visceral surgery, including pancreatic, oesophageal, gastric and colon cancer surgery. His research concept centres on further improving patient safety in surgical procedures.



Johannes Woitzik
Neurosurgery

Dr. Johannes Woitzik has been appointed Professor of Neurosurgery at the Department of Human Medicine and Director of the Department of Neurosurgery at the Evangelisches Krankenhaus Oldenburg. Before coming to Oldenburg Woitzik served as deputy director and senior consultant of the Department of Neurosurgery at the Charité University Hospital in Berlin. Woitzik attended medical school at the Universities of Lübeck and Heidelberg. After graduating in 2001, he performed his residency training at the Department of Neurosurgery of the University Hospital Mannheim, where he later served as consultant. During this period in Mannheim, he completed his MD thesis and received his board certification. In 2007 Woitzik transitioned to the Charité in Berlin, where he received his Habilitation in 2008. His main areas of clinical expertise are the treatment of brain tumours, aneurysms, stroke and diseases of the spine and cerebrospinal fluid system. He is also developing novel treatment options for stroke as well as imaging techniques for displaying metabolic processes in the brain during surgery.



Oliver Wurl
Processes and Sensing
of Marine Interfaces

Dr. Oliver Wurl, leader of the Marine Interfaces research group, has been appointed Professor of Processes and Sensing of Marine Interfaces at the Institute of Chemistry and Biology of the Marine Environment (ICBM). Wurl has been teaching and researching in Oldenburg since 2014 – initially on a generous “starting grant” from the European Research Council (ERC). Wurl studied environmental technology at the Hamburg University of Applied Sciences and then worked for four years in research and industry. In 2006 he received his doctorate from the National University of Singapore. From 2008 to 2012 he was a research associate at the Institute of Ocean Sciences of the State Department “Fisheries and Oceans” in Canada and then at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, USA. In 2012 Wurl moved to the Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research in Warnemünde, before coming to Oldenburg in 2014. His research focuses on sea surfaces and their influence on the global climate. Among other things he is studying the role of the thin boundary layer between water and air in the absorption of carbon dioxide by the ocean.



Tania Zieschang
Geriatrics

Dr. Tania Zieschang has been appointed Professor of Geriatrics at the Department of Health Services Research. She is also Director of the University Clinic for Geriatric Medicine at the Klinikum Oldenburg and Head of the Clinic for Geriatric Rehabilitation at the Rehasentrum Oldenburg. Previously she was a consultant and acting medical director at the Agaplesion Bethanien Krankenhaus in Heidelberg. Zieschang studied mathematics and medicine at the University of Bochum, where she finished her doctoral thesis in 1994. She completed her practical year of Medical School in the USA. From 1998 to 2006 she received her training as an internist at the Bethanien Krankenhaus, the Centre for Geriatric Medicine of Heidelberg University, and at the University Hospital in Heidelberg. In the following years she received a research grant from the Robert Bosch Foundation and gained additional qualifications in clinical geriatrics and palliative medicine. Her main areas of research and clinical focus are training interventions for older people with dementia and the improvement of acute somatic care in patients with dementia.