

Background Information

Prof. Dr. Gyburg Uhlmann

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„The concept of UTN offers a unique opportunity of rethinking university, cooperating scientifically across disciplinary boundaries and breaking new ground in research, teaching and transfer in order to shape this change. I am very much looking forward to this exciting task and working with the outstanding team at UTN.”



Gyburg Uhlmann, born 1975, was most recently Professor of classical philology with a focus on specializing in Greek philology at the Free University of Berlin. Since 2012 she is spokesperson of the special research area „Episteme in motion”. She also headed the Aristotelism Center Berlin and was a member of the excellence cluster „Temporal Communities”.

Prior to that she conducted research at Harvard University and at the Universities of Marburg and Heidelberg. In 2006, the German Research Foundation (DFG) awarded Professor Uhlmann the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize which is most prestigious research prize in Germany. She is recognized as the youngest recipient of this award.

The main focus of Professor Uhlmann’s work is on antique philosophy and rhetoric as well as antique and late antique history of education and science, which she also investigates with the methods of digital liberal arts. In doing so, she understands her historical research as a dialogue with the present and as a contribution to current systematic questions. In her book „Rhetoric and Truth. A precarious relationship from Socrates to Trump“ she analyzes, for example, current phenomena such as fake news and populist propaganda and brings into discussion ancient theories of rhetoric as tools of analysis.

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