

Saturday 20th September until

Tuesday 22th September 2026

Juleum

Auditorium of the former University

Collegienplatz 1

38350 Helmstedt



Deutsche Gesellschaft  
für Hauswirtschaft e.V.



**IFHE**  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION  
FOR HOME ECONOMICS

## **Hauswirtschaft: Eine Welt – Eine Wissenschaft**

## **Home Economics: One World – One Science**

### **Patronage: Minister Melanie Walter**

The conference explores the essential interplay between home economics and sustainable development from both academic and practical perspectives. In light of global transformations such as climate change, demographic shifts, and threats to democracies, it is clear that home economics form the basis of daily life for people worldwide and play a crucial role in addressing these challenges.

The goal of the event is to promote exchange and networking across professions and national borders, because global problems require not only local action but also a global perspective and cooperation.

Looking from Germany across Europe to Tanzania, we ask: How can the vision of “One World” be further developed from a home economics perspective, and where can we learn from one another?

### **Programme**

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**Sunday 20th September 2026, 6:00 pm – Opening**

**For participants of the conference and interested people of Helmstedt**

**Topic:** Aging societies in rural areas: home economics as a point of tension between gender equality and Public Service Provision

Domestic care services are essential to our quality of life and to enable people who need support to live independently. In rural areas in particular these services are coming

under increasing pressure due to economic and demographic changes. Women bear these consequences – whether through unpaid care work or precarious employment. To kick off the dgh Annual Conference, we will discuss perspectives for sustainable, equality-oriented, and gender-just home economics with stakeholders from the fields of practice, academia, and politics.

Chair: Katja Grötzner (scientific co-worker, University Paderborn).

- Maria Noichl (member of EU-Parliament)
- Prof. Dr Christine Küster (Social economy of the private household, University of Applied Sciences Fulda)
- Martina Feulner (Managing Director ‚H wie Hauswirtschaft‘)
- Sonja Klein (Gender Equality Officer in the district of Helmstedt)
- Ilonka Bachmann (Senior Center Helmstedt)

7:45 pm      Get-together with cheese and wine  
Place: CampusOffice, Markt 10 in Helmstedt

### Monday 21st september 2026

8:30 am      Check-in and refreshments

9:30 am      Welcome

Prof. Dr Angelika Sennlaub, Chairperson of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Hauswirtschaft e. V. (dgh) / German Society of home economics  
Beatrix Flatt, Chairperson of the German section of IFHE

9:45 am      Keynote: Prof. Dr Daniel Fischer, Leuphana-University Lüneburg  
**„Nachhaltigkeit lernen in einer polarisierten Welt: Beitrag der Hauswirtschaft“ / Sustainability in a polarized world: contribution of home economics**

10:45 am      Coffee break

11:00 am      Keynote: Prof. Dr Julia Kastrup, University of Applied Sciences Münster  
**„Zwischen Mainstream und Innovation: Nachhaltigkeit in der beruflichen Bildung der Hauswirtschaft weiterdenken“ / Between Mainstream and Innovation: Thinking ahead sustainability in vocational education of home economics**

12:00 am      Young Researcher: Pitches

12:30 am      Lunch

1:30 pm - Workshops (including coffee break)  
4:00 pm

**1: Kultursensibel leiten – verständlich und praxisnah/ Managing cultural sensitivities – a clear and practical approach**

*Prof. Dr Birgit Peuker, Europe-University Flensburg*

**2: Miteinander sorgen: Hauswirtschaftliche Hilfen für ältere Menschen und Angehörige/ Caring together: Home economic support for relatives and the elderly**

*Martina Feulner, Prof. em. Dr Elisabeth Leicht-Eckardt*

*in cooperation with the Senior Center Helmstedt within the „Campaign Week for dementia“*

**3: Market Survey on the Quality and Safety of Fruit and Vegetables / Marktanalyse: Qualität und Sicherheit bei Obst und Gemüse (in English)**

*Mary Kabati, TAHEA, Prof. Dr Dorothee Straka, University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück*

**4: Weiterverwenden oder Wiederverwerten? Aussortierte Textilien in gute Hände geben/ Reuse or recycle? Responsibly sorting textiles**

*Ulrich Müller, Deutsche Kleiderstiftung e.V. / German Foundation of Textiles, Gabi Börries, University Paderborn*

4:00 pm Break

4:15 pm - General Assembly of dgh members  
6:15 pm

7:00 pm Conference anniversary ceremony (75 years dgh)  
Place: Wirtschaftsregion Helmstedt, Poststraße 3, Helmstedt

**Tuesday 22nd September 2026**

8:30 am Check-in, refreshments

8:45 am Welcome: Veronika Bode, Member of the State Legislature Lower Saxony

9:00 am Keynote: Leonor Tavares, EFSI Brussels

**Undeclared Work in the Personal and Household Services sector – A European Problem (in English)**

## **Irreguläre Beschäftigung im haushaltsnahen Dienstleistungssektor – Ein Europäisches Problem**

- 10:00 am Coffee break
- 10:30 am Poster Session
- 11:00 am Keynote: Mary Kabati, Tanzanian Home Economic Association  
**The impact of the changing world on Early Childhood Development** (in English)  
**Investieren in frühkindliche Bildung**
- 12:00 am Moderated talk on the results of the workshops  
Dr Heike Müller, Technical University Berlin
- 12.45 am Outlook  
Prof. Dr Angelika Sennlaub, Chair of dgh  
Annual Conference 2027 in Stuttgart, Subcommittee household and living
- 1:00 pm End of conference  
  
Lunch (registration necessary)

**Place of conference:** Juleum, Collegienplatz 1, 38350 Helmstedt

**Organisation:** Deutsche Gesellschaft für Hauswirtschaft e.V., Kaiser-Friedrich-Straße,  
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### **Notice:**

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