The Wilhelminenhof Campus of HTW Berlin

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HTW Berlin's Wilhelminenhof campus is located in Oberschöneweide in the district of Treptow-Köpenick in south eastern Berlin. The name dates back to a 16th-century travelogue by Joachim II Hector, Elector of Brandenburg, who rhapsodised about the ‘beautiful meadow’.

The Allgemeine Elektricitäts-Gesellschaft (AEG) subsidiary had a major impact on the district. In 1897, it commissioned the first electricity station in Germany and the largest cable factory in Europe there. Within a short time, Schöneweide became a centre of heavy industry in Berlin. Housing estates and social facilities for the labourers soon followed. Leading architects created modern industrial buildings in which cables, power transformers, batteries, etc. were produced. During the GDR era, Oberschöneweide remained an important industrial location. The ‘Wilhelm Pieck’ state cable production holding company was dissolved in 1990 and most of the companies closed.

The historical former industrial park direct on the Spree River has now become a modern location for science. The imposing buildings have been carefully renovated and supplemented by new buildings. In 2006, HTW Berlin moved into its first building there; Since 2009, the 70,000 m² campus has been a place of study, work and research for around 9,000 students and 200 academics in the fields of technology, computing, culture and design. Numerous administrative staff members are also based here. The second HTW Berlin location, Treskowallee campus, is in the district of Lichtenberg.
Building A is a former factory building that today houses Faculty 5. The building was built for the Kabelwerke Oberspree (KWO) in 1904/1905. During the restoration and renovation work in 2000, the building received the distinctive glazed arched roof under which the professors' offices and presentation rooms are now located.

Building B consists of a gable end, the 'Kopfbau', and a single long wing, the 'Längstrakt'. Both buildings were part of a mighty block of halls in 1903. Together with Building A, they were the building complex in which AEG produced cars. The university's information point, the the offices of the Students' Union (AStA) and faculty student councils, and a study area for students are located in the Kopfbau. Halls 1-3 are Faculty 5's presentation and exhibition halls. The Central Sports Unit uses Hall 4 as a gymnasium.

With the historical KWO logo on its roof, Building C is the most obvious indicator of the Wilhelminenhof campus' industrial history. The imposing elongated building, whose façade graced factory halls at the beginning of the 20th century, houses faculties 1, 2 and 4 – to be more precise: their deaneries and many seminar rooms, offices, workshops and laboratories. HTW Berlin's Computer Museum is located in room 610.

Building D – the sections of the building marked 'D' – provides space for the laboratories, workshops and test stands of the Automotive Engineering study programme. At the beginning of the 20th century, they were also part of an industrially zoned block of halls. Later, new buildings were added. With its long table lined with seating blocks, the inner courtyard can be turned into an open-air lecture hall.

Building E was built expressly for HTW Berlin in 2009. The flat cube with large spaces distributed over two stories contains laboratories, workshops and test stands, and is primarily used by the academics and students of the Civil Engineering study programme.
Building F was completed in 2009. This new building houses the laboratories, workshops and seminar rooms of faculties 1 and 2. Building F was built on the site of the former ‘Fernmeldefabrik’, a factory that was one of the most important industrial architecture landmarks of the Modern era – it was listed in 1977, but was not in a suitable state to be refurbished.

Building G is located directly alongside the River Spree. On the ground floor, rooms G 007 and G 008 are used for events. They are next to G 001 and G002, the two lecture theatres, and the university cafeteria and Studentenwerk refectory. The University Library takes up the first floor, and Faculty 1 occupies the remaining floors.

Building H was opened as the Centre for Research and Professional Development in Culture and Information Technology at the beginning of 2013. This new building is the home of innovative information and communications technology projects, which is reflected in the façade design. It depicts research results and media art with the aid of an integrated photovoltaic installation.

SOL is the abbreviation for the plus energy house designed and built by HTW students. It was rebuilt in cooperation with the Electrician's Guild, and has been used as a conference centre and laboratory building since 2012.

PBH stands for Peter-Behrens House. This building is located on Ostendstraße 1, in immediate proximity to the Wilhelminenhof campus. HTW Berlin leased it for the Business Administration and Engineering and Business Mathematics study programmes, as well as various research projects. On the 5th storey, the TurmCafé operated by Stephanus Workshops offers coffees, teas and snacks.

TGS stands for the Technology and Start-up Centre Spreeknie on Ostendstraße 25, which is also in close proximity to Wilhelminenhof campus. In this building, HTW Berlin has leased rooms for the Information Technology Centre and the Foreign Languages Centre.
The **three-dimensional red tube loops** commemorate the HTW Berlin Wilhelminenhof campus's industrial past. The 'Wire & Lines' artwork is by Veronike Hinsberg and Olf Kreisel. Their design won an art competition sponsored by the state of Berlin in 2011, and was realised as part of the 'Art on Buildings' programme. Both of the Berlin-based artists graduated from Weißensee Kunsthochschule Berlin. 'Wire & Lines'.

An audio tour provides the opportunity to explore the history of the campus. The one-hour tour describes a good century of industrial history. The audio tour is held in German and English. It is available online, or you can borrow the free audio guide from the information point in Building B. We require your personal ID as a deposit.

Public transport and opening hours:  
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