



Press Release

New President for the University of Tübingen

**Professor Karla Pollmann took office October 1 -
Official handover on October 18**

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There is a new president at the University of Tübingen. Professor Karla Pollmann took office on October 1, 2022. She was elected in April 2022 by the University Council and the Senate to succeed Professor Bernd Engler for a six-year term.

The official handover is to take place at the start of the winter semester. The ceremonial act on Tuesday, October 18, at 6:00 p.m. may be followed via livestream at <https://youtu.be/8Th66YKwJH8>.

Professor Karla Pollmann succeeds Professor Bernd Engler, who led the University for sixteen years. The current members of the President's Office, Executive Vice-President Dr. Andreas Rothfuss; Professor Karin Amos, Vice-President of Student Affairs and Studies; Professor Peter Grathwohl, Vice-President of Research and Innovation; and Professor Monique Scheer, Vice-President of International Affairs and Diversity, remain in office.



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Karla Pollmann has been Professor of Classics and Theology and Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Bristol since 2018. Born in Tübingen, she studied Greek, Latin, theology and education in Tübingen, Munich, Cambridge and Bochum.

In 1990 she received her doctorate from the University of Bochum on early Christian doctrinal poetry. She completed her habilitation thesis in 1994 at the University of Constance and the following year moved to the University of St Andrews in Scotland as a lecturer in classical literature. She was appointed to a professorship there in 2000.

In 2013, she accepted an appointment at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England, where she founded the Centre for Early Christianity and its

Reception in 2014 and directed it until 2016. She then moved to the University of Reading as Professor of Classical Literature, where she headed the Humanities Department. From 2018 she was a professor at the University of Bristol, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, and a member of the University Executive Board.

Pollmann's research focuses on early Christianity, interactions between religious and classical philosophies, and questions of exegesis, hermeneutics, and the reception of antiquity and early Christianity over the centuries. A particular focus is the study of the work of St. Augustine. She takes an interdisciplinary approach straddling theology, classical philology, and reception studies. Her research has been funded by the British Academy, the German Research Foundation, and the European Research Council, among others. In 2020, she received a Humboldt Research Award.

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