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**Further points of reference: Dual studies, transfer, artificial intelligence**

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Thematically, both universities see further potential for joint projects, in addition to the life sciences, especially in the field of artificial intelligence. Both university administrations confirmed their intention to continue their cooperation in the near future on the basis of an official cooperation agreement. If possible, personal meetings are to take place again next year, both on site in Wildau or at Al-Quds and on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the TH.

**Further information:**

Centre for International Affairs at TH Wildau: <https://en.th-wildau.de/university/central-departments-and-facilities/centre-for-international-affairs/>

Homepage of Al-Quds University (English/Arabic): <https://www.alquds.edu/en>

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