

Press Information

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Getting Out of the Climate Crisis with Art and Culture?

Panel discussion hosted by the Akademie der Künste and the Umweltbundesamt
Friday 15 July 2016, 7 pm, Akademie der Künste, Pariser Platz

The Akademie der Künste and the Umweltbundesamt (UBA, German Federal Environment Agency) will debate the roles of art and culture in the climate crisis. Although environmental protection has long been regarded as an issue for the natural sciences, environmental politics and climate research are gradually coming to the conclusion that the cultural dimensions of sustainability and the role of art must be taken more strongly into consideration in order to firmly entrench environmental protection in our society. The panel discussion – including both climate experts and professionals who work in the cultural sector – takes up the subject of climate and the climate crisis as cultural and historical constructions of reality. It will discuss to what extent the relationship between art and science can contribute to a new understanding between humans and nature.

Opening remarks

Kathrin Röggla, vice-president of the Akademie der Künste

Maria Krautzberger, president of the Umweltbundesamt

Panelists:

Eva Horn, cultural and literary scholar, author of the book *Zukunft als Katastrophe*

Anders Levermann, climate researcher, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) and Columbia University, New York

Karsten Sach, head of the department for climate protection in Europe, international collaboration through the Bundesumweltministerium (BMU, Federal Ministry for the Environment), chief negotiator of the German federal government during international climate negotiations

Matthias Sauerbruch, architect, member of the Akademie der Künste

Moderation: **Hanna Gersmann**, editor-in-chief of the magazine *zeozwei*

Event information:

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Akademie der Künste, Pariser Platz 4, 10117 Berlin, admission € 5/3

Before the discussion: artist's videos *3ster mit Ausblick* by Michael

Sailstorfer/Jürgen Heinert and *Museo Aero Solar* by Tomás Saraceno et al.

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