

Press Release

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New Board of *Die Junge Akademie* starts work

Following *Die Junge Akademie*'s summer plenary session on 24 June 2023, the new Board has started its work. The election of the Board for a one-year term took place at the spring plenary session in Cologne in March. Upon a proposal by the designated Board, the members then elected Gisela Kopp as the new Chair of *Die Junge Akademie*. It is her second term as a member of the Board. She succeeds Timo de Wolff.



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The following persons are members of the new Board:

- **Julia Gurol**, Political Scientist (University of Freiburg)
- **Gisela Kopp**, Biologist (University of Konstanz and Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior)
- **Pascal Langenbach**, Law Expert (Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods)
- **Birgit Nemeč**, Medical Historian (Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin)
- **Kerstin Pahl**, Historian (Max Planck Institute for Human Development)

“*Die Junge Akademie* has always provided an unusually open environment for new ideas to arise and solutions to be found – even for questions that first occur during interdisciplinary work,” says

Gisela Kopp, new Chair of *Die Junge Akademie*. Regarding plans for the next year, she explains: “In the coming months we want to focus on internationalisation practices and look at how research environments can be positively shaped. In addition, just like last year, we wish to significantly shape the discourse on research policy.”

The Board’s tasks include guiding the development of *Die Junge Akademie* in terms of both strategy and content, which is discussed in plenary sessions and put into practice by members in various formats and projects. The Board also supports the Chair, who heads the Board and represents *Die Junge Akademie* externally.

You can find more detailed information on the members of the new Board at:
diejungeakademie.de/en/board

Die Junge Akademie
at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
and the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina

Die Junge Akademie was founded in 2000 as the world’s first academy for outstanding young academics. Its members – who come from all academic disciplines as well as creative fields – explore the potential and limits of interdisciplinary work in new projects, aim to encourage dialogue between academia and society, and provide new impetus in discussions about scientific policy. *Die Junge Akademie* is supported by the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) and the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. Its office is located in Berlin.