

# Press Release

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## New Board of *Die Junge Akademie* starts work

The new Board of *Die Junge Akademie* starts work on 7 June 2021 following this year's Summer Conference.

The new Board's members are:

- **Timo de Wolff**, Mathematics (Technische Universität Braunschweig)
- **Astrid Eichhorn**, Physics (University of Southern Denmark), Speaker of the Board
- **Simon Wolfgang Fuchs**, Islamic Studies (University of Freiburg)
- **Roman Lemberg**, Musical Theatre, Dramaturgy and Performance Artist
- **Paulina Starski-Lutoborski**, Law (University of Graz)

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“In recent months, we have, internally, been looking closely at the potential of science communication. We are looking forward to discussing this externally in the coming year and jointly developing formats which promote and foster dialogue between science and society,” states Astrid Eichhorn. She has been elected as the new Speaker of the Board. “At the same time, we are addressing the question of how science will evolve after the Covid-19 pandemic. The pandemic has highlighted opportunities, such as the potential of online formats for climate sustainability, and also exacerbated existing problems, such as gender equality in science.

The Board was elected on 26 March 2021 for a term of one year during *Die Junge Akademie*'s digital spring conference. Its duties include overseeing the strategic and conceptual direction of *Die Junge Akademie*. The spokesperson represents *Die Junge Akademie* externally. The Board's activities overall underpin *Die Junge Akademie*'s objective of getting science and society to connect through relevant topics and innovative formats. The members of *Die Junge Akademie* are currently working in numerous **research groups** and **projects** on topics such as Engaged Science, Diversity, Sustainability and Cultures of Debate.

Detailed information on the members of the new Board can be found at [diejungeakademie.de/ueber-die-akademie/praesidium](https://diejungeakademie.de/ueber-die-akademie/praesidium)

**Die Junge Akademie  
an der Berlin-Brandenburgischen Akademie der Wissenschaften  
und der Nationalen Akademie der Wissenschaften Leopoldina**

Die Junge Akademie wurde im Jahr 2000 als weltweit erste Akademie für herausragende junge Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler ins Leben gerufen. Ihre Mitglieder stammen aus allen wissenschaftlichen Disziplinen sowie aus dem künstlerischen Bereich – sie loten Potenzial und Grenzen interdisziplinärer Arbeit in immer neuen Projekten aus, wollen Wissenschaft und Gesellschaft ins Gespräch miteinander und neue Impulse in die wissenschaftspolitische Diskussion bringen. Die Junge Akademie wird gemeinsam von der Berlin-Brandenburgischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (BBAW) und der Nationalen Akademie der Wissenschaften Leopoldina getragen. Sitz der Geschäftsstelle ist Berlin.

