

# Press Release

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## More than just advice The Council of *Die Junge Akademie* begins its new three-year term

*Die Junge Akademie* has formed its new Council, which will serve for the next three years. This committee advises the members and the Board and helps build the network of *Die Junge Akademie* with science, the arts, and society as a whole. The Council members are elected for three years and come from various scientific and artistic disciplines as well as from other areas of society, science management, and science policy. Former members of *Die Junge Akademie* are also regularly involved in the Council.

“The Council consists of a group of carefully selected independent thinkers, individuals from research, politics, and culture, and advisers who critically examine society. We look forward to constructive and critical support from the Council members and thank the departing Council members for their expertise,” says Junior Professor Dr Philipp Rothmund, Chair of the Board of *Die Junge Akademie*.

### The current Council members

- **Professor Dr Helge Braun**, President of University of Lübeck and former federal minister
- **Professor Dr Gabriele Britz**, Professorship in Public Law, Faculty of Law, Goethe University Frankfurt and Judge at the German Federal Constitutional Court a. D.
- **Professor Dr Christian Drosten**, Director of the Institute for Virology, Charité University Hospital Berlin
- **Professor Dr Joybrato Mukherjee**, Rector of the University of Cologne and President of the German Academic Exchange Service
- **Professor Dr Armin Nassehi**, Department of Sociology, from 1 October 2025 Vice President at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
- **Dr Mithu Sanyal**, Author and cultural scientist
- **Dr Anna-Lena Scholz**, Editor in the Knowledge Department of the weekly newspaper DIE ZEIT

The following members have resigned from the Council: Professor Dr h.c. Jutta Allmendinger, Scientific Commission of Lower Saxony (WKN), Professor Dr Bénédicte Savoy, Technical University of Berlin, Professor emeritus Dr Peter Strohschneider, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich, Professor Dr Dr h.c. mult. Andreas Voßkuhle, University of Freiburg and President of the German Federal Constitutional Court a. D.

You can find further information on the Council of *Die Junge Akademie* [here](#).

*Die Junge Akademie*

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*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.