

# Press Release

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## New Board of *Die Junge Akademie*

The new Board of *Die Junge Akademie* has taken up its work following its summer plenary session on June 5, 2022.

The election of the Board for a one-year term took place at the spring plenary session, which was held as a hybrid event in Freiburg in March. On the proposal of the designated Board, the members then elected **Timo de Wolff** as the new Speaker of the Board. For him, it is the second term as a member of the Board.

The members of the Board are:

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- **Timo de Wolff**, Mathematics (Technische Universität Braunschweig)
- **Simon Wolfgang Fuchs**, Islamic Studies (University of Freiburg)
- **Gisela Kopp**, Biology (University of Konstanz)
- **Birgit Nemeč**, History of Medicine (Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin)
- **Paulina Starski-Lutoborski**, European and International Law (University of Freiburg)



From left to right: Timo de Wolff, Gisela Kopp, Simon Wolfgang Fuchs, Paulina Starski-Lutoborski (not pictured: Birgit Nemeč) Photograph: Die Junge Akademie/Bernd Brundert

“Along with many fascinating projects by our members, *Die Junge Akademie* has strengthened its dialogue with society and its connectivity to politics in the discourse on

science policy at the European level, especially in the last two years through its increased commitment. The Board and I are determined to continue this successful development and at the same time strengthen interdisciplinary research work within *Die Junge Akademie*,” comments Timo de Wolff. “In view of the current world situation, we must also ask ourselves in which conditions good science can be practised today how this and a free society are mutually dependent,” de Wolff continues about the plans for the coming year.

Among the Board's tasks is the steering of the strategic and conceptual direction of the *Die Junge Akademie*, which are discussed in the plenum and realized in various formats and projects by the members of *Die Junge Akademie*. In addition, the Board members support and advise the Speaker of the Board, who leads the Board and represents *Die Junge Akademie* externally.

Detailed information on the members of the new Board can be found at [diejungeakademie.de/en/about-us/board](https://diejungeakademie.de/en/about-us/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.