



Zentrum
Libérale
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29.11.2023, 9.00-19.00h
Allianz Forum, Pariser Platz 6, 10117 Berlin

ECOLOGY & FREEDOM

How can the principles
of liberal democracy
and climate protection
be reconciled?

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INTRODUCTION

The climate crisis presents us with immense challenges. Its effects go far beyond the ecological foundations of life. Environmental crises, global migration movements, conflicts over scarce resources and economic slumps can lead to a permanent emergency regime with far-reaching encroachments on basic democratic rights and our everyday lives.

The urgency of the problem and the short window of opportunity for effective action are already intensifying the debate about appropriate responses to climate change. While some are in favour of drastic state intervention and restrictions, others are looking for a strategy that combines climate protection with liberal democracy and a market economy.

At the same time, politics and society are facing other urgent challenges: Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine, war in the Middle East, rising prices, housing shortages and increasing conflicts over migration. Climate policy is slipping down the political priority scale and in public perception. The recent ruling by the Federal Constitutional Court on the Climate and Transformation Fund adds to the pressure.

How can climate policy get back on the offensive? What can a liberal climate policy look like, how can it be implemented in practice? What strategies and concepts, what narratives are needed for this?

The conference offers a platform for an open discussion on the tense relationship between liberalism and ecology, climate protection and freedom: What are the alternatives to drastic restrictions and bans, how can a dynamic of ecological investment and innovation be unleashed, what role can and should science play and what regulatory framework conditions are needed for a successful ecological transformation?

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German and partly English
(simultaneous interpretation available)*

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**9:00 –
9:15 a.m.**

| WELCOME (German/English Translation)

Ralf Fücks, Managing Partner, Centre for Liberal Modernity

Rainald Manthe, Head of Program “Liberal Democracy”, Centre for Liberal Modernity

**9:15 –
10:30 a.m.**

| OPENING PANEL (German/English)

Do Liberalism and Ecology go Together?

Michael Zürn, Professor of International Relations, Freie Universität Berlin and Principal Investigator at the Cluster of Excellence „Contestations of the Liberal Script“ (SCRIPTS)

Philipp Lepenies, Professor of Politics with a focus on sustainability

Head of the Research Centre for Sustainability, Freie Universität Berlin

Patrizia Nanz, Head of the Laboratory Involved Administration, Federal Office for the Safety of Nuclear Waste Management (BASE)

Ralf Fücks, Managing Partner, Centre for Liberal Modernity

Moderation:

Tanja A. Börzel, Professor of Political Science, Freie Universität Berlin, and Co-Speaker of the Cluster of Excellence „Contestations of the Liberal Script“ (SCRIPTS)

**10:30 –
10:45 a.m.**

| Coffee Break

**10:45 –
12:00 a.m.**

| DISCUSSION FORUMS

FORUM 1A (German)

How Much Innovation Does the Climate-Friendly Transformation Need?

Julia Metz, Head of Industrial Policy at Agora Energiewende

Jano Costard, Challenge Officer at SPRIND, the Federal Innovation Agency

Moderation:

Lukas Daubner, Head of Program “Ecological Modernity”,
Centre for Liberal Modernity

FORUM 1B (German)

Follow the Science: Democracy and Climate Protection

Brigitte Knopf, Secretary General at the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change

Matthias Koller, Head of Department at the Federal Environment Agency

Herrmann Held, Professor of Sustainability and Global Change, University of Hamburg

Moderation:

Ursula Weidenfeld, Freelance Journalist and Publicist

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FORUM 1C (German/English Translation)

Climate Change and Populism: How Can It Be Countered?

Claus Leggewie, Political Scientist; Co-Editor of Blätter für deutsche und internationale Politik.

Jarosław Kuisz, Editor-in-Chief of the Polish Online Weekly Kultura Liberalna

Matthias Quent, Professor of Sociology for Social Work, Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences

Moderation:

Carolin Friedemann, Managing Director, Climate Neutral Germany Initiative

**12:00 –
1:00 p.m.**

| Lunch Break

**1:00 –
2:00 p.m.**

| PANEL (German/English Translation)

The Role of Business in Climate Transformation: Allies or Adversaries?

Hans-Jörg Naumer, Director Capital Markets & Thematic Research,
Allianz Global Investors

Maja Göpel, Transformation Researcher, Sustainability Expert and Social Scientist

Holger Lösch, Deputy Managing Director of the Federation of German Industries

Moderation:

Philipp Krohn, Business Editor, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

**2:15 –
3:30 p.m.**

| DISCUSSION FORUMS

CONVERSATION 2A (German)

Civil Disobedience in the Climate Crisis - Liberal and Legitimate?

Christian Volk, Professor of Political Theory, Humboldt University of Berlin

Samira Akbarian, Postdoc Researcher, Goethe University Frankfurt am Main

Mirjam Herrmann, Last Generation

FORUM 2B (English)

Climate Change and the Nation State

Przemysław Slowik, Co-Chairman of the Polish Zieloni Party (Green Party)

Sabrina Schulz, Policy Fellow, Das Progressive Zentrum

Moderation:

Jakub Bodziony, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Kultura Liberalna

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FORUM 2C (German)

Why the Transformation Needs Social Policy as Well as Regulatory Policy

Karl-Heinz Paqué, Chairman of the Board of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation
for Freedom and Professor of Economics, Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg

Bernd Weber, Founder and Managing Director of EPICO KlimaInnovationn

Lars Peder Nordbakken, Author and Economist at the Norwegian Think Tank Civita

Moderation:

Stefan Kolev, Wirtschaftswissenschaftler und wissenschaftlicher Leiter des
Ludwig Erhard Forums für Wirtschaft und Gesellschaft

**3:30 –
4:00 p.m.**

| Coffee Break

**4:00 –
5:00 p.m.**

| KEYNOTE AND DISCUSSION WITH ROBERT HABECK

(German/English Translation)

Robert Habeck, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Protection,
Vice-Chancellor

**5:00 –
6:00 p.m.**

| FINAL PANEL (German/English Translation)

How Can We Get Back on the Offensive in Climate Policy? What Is Ecologically Expedient and Compatible With Democracy?

Andreas Jung, Spokesperson for Climate Protection & Energy of the CDU/CSU
parliamentary group in the German Bundestag

Lukas Köhler, Deputy Chairman of the FDP parliamentary group in the German
Bundestag

Lisa Badum, Chairwoman for Bündnis 90/Die Grünen in the Committee on Climate
Protection and Energy in the German Bundestag

Nina Scheer, Energy Policy Spokesperson for the SPD parliamentary group
in the German Bundestag

Moderation:

Ralf Fücks, Managing Partner, Centre for Liberal Modernity

**6:00 –
6:15 p.m.**

| CLOSING OF THE DAY

BIOGRAPHIES



Samira Akbarian is a PostDoc researcher at the Chair of Public Law and Philosophy of Law at Goethe University Frankfurt am Main and co-editor of the Verfassungsblog.



Lisa Badum is a Member of Parliament in the Alliance 90/The Greens parliamentary group, Chairwoman of the Committee on Climate Protection and Energy and Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on International Climate and Energy Policy.



Jakub Bodziony is deputy editor-in-chief of Kultura Liberalna and editor of the „Topic of the week“ section. He is also responsible for social media in the editorial office. He has a degree in international relations from the University of Warsaw. He studies at the Warsaw School of Economics.



Tanja A. Börzel is Professor of Political Science at the Otto Suhr Institute for Political Science at the Free University of Berlin. Her research focusses on institutional change, comparative regionalism and governance. She is spokesperson for the Cluster of Excellence „Contestations of the Liberal Script“ (SCRIPTS).



Jano Costard is an economist and Challenge Officer at SPRIND. He creates a space in which people compete to find the best solutions to the major challenges of our time. He is convinced that this competition of ideas and implementations helps to realise the full potential of innovators and their ideas.



Lukas Daubner Lukas Daubner is a political scientist, sociologist, author and head of the program “Ecological Modernity” at the Centre for Liberal Modernity.

BIOGRAPHIES



Carolin Friedemann is Managing Director and founder of “Initiative Klimaneutrales Deutschland”, specialising in stakeholder engagement and communication on climate and energy policy.



Ralf Fücks is the founder of the Centre for Liberal Modernity, a former board member of the Heinrich Böll Foundation, a former politician in Alliance 90/The Greens and a publicist and non-fiction author.



Maja Göpel is a German political economist, transformation researcher, sustainability expert and social scientist specialising in transdisciplinary thinking.



Robert Habeck is a member of the Alliance 90/The Greens party and Deputy Federal Chancellor as well as Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Protection.



Hermann Held is Professor of Sustainability and Global Change at the University of Hamburg. He heads the research unit of the same name at the Centre for Earth Systems Research & Sustainability. Held studied physics in Kiel, Zurich and Munich and has held academic positions in Munich, Berkeley and Potsdam.



Andreas Jung is a member of the Bundestag for the constituency of Constance, spokesperson for climate protection and energy for the CDU/CSU parliamentary group and a member of the Bundestag committee of the same name.

BIOGRAPHIES



Brigitte Knopf is a physicist and climate scientist. She has been Secretary General of the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change since 2015. Since 2020, she has also been a member and Deputy Chair of the German government's newly appointed Expert Council on Climate Change.



Stefan Kolev is an economist and scientific director of the Ludwig Erhard Forum for Economy and Society in Berlin.



Matthias Koller is head of department at the Federal Environment Agency and deals with fundamental issues, sustainability strategies and scenarios as well as resource conservation.



Lukas Köhler is Deputy Chairman of the FDP parliamentary group and Secretary General of the Free Democrats in Bavaria as well as a member of the Federal Executive Committee.



Philipp Krohn is business editor of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. He writes about economic and social policy issues and the insurance industry. His book „Ökoliberal. Why sustainability needs freedom“ was published by Frankfurter Allgemeine Buch in 2023.



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Holger Lösch has been a member of the Executive Board since July 2011 and Deputy Managing Director of the Federation of German Industries since April 2017.



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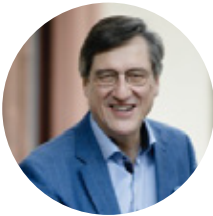


Hans-Jörg Naumer holds a doctorate in economics and is Head of Capital Markets & Thematic Research at the fund management company Allianz Global Investors. Among other things, he is the editor of the book „Vermögensbildungspolitik. Increase Prosperity - Reduce Inequality - Strengthen Sovereignty“ and the Essentials „Green Growth“.

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Karl-Heinz Paqué is Chairman of the Board of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom and Professor of Economics, in particular International Economics, at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg. He was a member of the state parliament of Saxony-Anhalt and the state's finance minister from 2002-2006.



Matthias Quent is a German sociologist, right-wing extremism researcher and university lecturer. Since 2016, Quent has been the founder and director of the Institute for Democracy and Civil Society (IDZ) Jena, which is sponsored by the Amadeu Antonio Foundation.



Nina Scheer is a German environmental and energy politician of the SPD, board member of the Hermann Scheer Foundation and member of the German Bundestag since 2013.



Sabrina Schulz is a strategy and communications consultant in the areas of climate, energy transition, ESG and sustainable finance. She is also a Policy Fellow at the think tank Das Progressive Zentrum.



Przemysław Słowik is a Polish politician and leader of the Zieloni party (Green Party). In the 2023 parliamentary elections, he was the candidate of the Civic Coalition for the Sejm in the district of Koszalin.

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Christian Volk is Professor of Political Theory at the Institute of Social Sciences at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. He conducts research in the fields of political theory and philosophy, democracy and social theory with a special focus on political protest. He is Principal Investigator at the Cluster of Excellence „Contestations of the Liberal Script (SCRIPTS)“.



Bernd Weber is the founder and Managing Director of EPICO KlimaInnovation. He previously headed the Industry, Energy and Environment division of the Economic Council, where he worked from 2015 to 2020. Bernd Weber holds a PhD in European energy and climate policy from Sciences Po Paris and the University of Oxford. He is a member of the faculty of the College of Europe, where he teaches EU energy policy as a Visiting Professor.



Ursula Weidenfeld is a German business journalist, columnist and presenter. She studied economic history, German studies and economics in Bonn and Munich.



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