

future place: EUROPE

How does your future place Europe look like?

Europe is more than an institution, an economic and monetary union. Europe is a cultural and legal sphere with various definitions. These definitions change with time, depending on who is determining and drawing the visions for the future of the continent. Thus, Europe itself is the place where Europe is re-conceptualized: future place Europe. For hundreds of years, even in the current crisis.

The Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities initiates the Topic of the Year 2013|14 "future place: EUROPE" to contribute to the impassioned debates about the future of our continent. To gain a better understanding of current European challenges, we will examine the present situation in its historical genesis and Europe as an ongoing process. Therefore, questions of European remembrance and future visions are brought into dialogue as well as internal and external perspectives on Europe. In the events and projects of the Topic of the Year, scientists, students and (international) players from culture, politics and the economy consider the future place Europe from interdisciplinary perspectives. They undertake a search for the forgotten European diversity, think about the future role of the continent in the world but also inquire into European "blindness" towards non-European knowledge and academic cultures. "Future place" means to consider critically our past and present visions of Europe, to ask for unused potentials and release new ones. The Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities cordially invites you to discuss our future place: EUROPE.

The Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities established the "Topic of the Year" programme in 2007. It is committed to promoting dialogue between the sciences and society. Its first goal is to inform the public about the Academy's research projects and encourage discussion. Secondly, it strives to bundle the activities of scientific and cultural institutions in Berlin and Brandenburg into one thematic complex, and in so doing, sustainably strengthen the interinstitutional network.

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