

# **MOMENT OF TRUTH**



European  
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2024

**PROGRAMME DRAFT**

**EFA24**

**17.08.2024 TO 30.08.2024**

Status: 16 August 2024

The location may be subject to change, please check again at short notice.

For the whole EFA24 programme please visit: [www.alpbach.org](http://www.alpbach.org)

17 August 2024 08:30 - 13:00 | Stage | CCA Liechtenstein-Hayek-Saal

### **Euregio Young Researcher Award 2024**

Hosted by: EUREGIO

Six finalists from different scientific disciplines will present their high-level research work on the topic of artificial intelligence (AI). Those who have impressed the jury, consisting of researchers from the Euregio and jury president Ulrike Tappeiner, with their work and presentation will be honoured at the award ceremony in the evening.

Information about the finalists and their research projects can be found on the Euregio website (click here: [Euregio-JungforscherInnenpreis | Europaregion Euregio - Tirol - Südtirol - Trentino](#)).

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### **Euregio Innovation Award 2024**

Hosted by: EUREGIO

During the Euregio Days, enterprises from the Euregio region Tyrol/South Tyrol/Trentino; will present their innovative products, processes and services concerning the field of artificial intelligence. The best projects are selected by a top-level jury led by Josef Margreiter and will be awarded at the evening event.

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17 August 2024 14:00 - 16:30 | Work | CCA Liechtenstein-Hayek-Saal

### **Women in AI Lab**

Hosted by: Euregio

Dive into the fascinating world of AI! In a series of interactive workshops, we will explore the opportunities and challenges that AI holds for our society together with the experts from "Women in AI Austria!"

The AI-Lab offers twelve slots with different focal points. Registrations until 14 August are accepted here: click here <https://forms.office.com/e/hy5pMcXKqw?origin=lprLink>

18 August 2024 09:00 - 09:45 | Ritual | Kirche

### **Holy Mass**

18 August 2024 11:00 - 12:30 | Stage | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Tyrol Day 2024: Euregio Summit on Artificial Intelligence**

Hosted by: EUREGIO

Artificial intelligence (AI) has become a fascinating and omnipresent topic.

What possibilities does AI offer and what impact is it already having on our daily lives? What are the opportunities for the Euregio and its municipalities? What ethical and moral questions need to be considered? The Euregio Summit of the Tyrol Day 2024 provides answers!

link to the programme: [20240715\\_Einladung\\_Tiroltag\\_invito\\_Giornata\\_del\\_Tirolo\\_2024\\_neu.pdf](https://www.europaregion.info/20240715_Einladung_Tiroltag_invito_Giornata_del_Tirolo_2024_neu.pdf) ([europaregion.info](https://www.europaregion.info))

**Clara, Stefan;** Mayor of Amlach and head of the LEADER project "Digital Data Space" of the Lienzer Talboden planning; Speaker

**Gasslitter, Stefan;** Managing Director Südtiroler Informatik AG (SIAG); Speaker

**Gianordoli, Maurizio;** Fondazione Bruno Kessler - FBK; Speaker

**Gschnitzer, Karin;** European Region Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino; Moderator

**Obwexer, Walter;** Head of EuregioLab; Universität Innsbruck; Speaker

**Singer, Sabine;** Pionierin digitale Strategie und Ethik; Speaker

**Széchényi, Dénes;** Province of Tyrol; Moderator

18 August 2024 18:00 - 19:30 | Stage | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Welcome of Scholarship Holders**

The European Forum Alpbach 2024 kick-off for scholarship holders and participants of the Alpbach Seminars: Meet your peers, see an art performance and inform yourself about everything you need to know to successfully navigate through the days ahead.

**Goldsworthy, Alison;** President; Accord; Speaker

**Treichl, Andreas;** President; European Forum Alpbach; Speaker

18 August 2024 20:00 - 23:00 | Social | Sportanlage Alpbach - Fußballplatz

### **EFA24 Welcoming Party**

Hosted by: European Forum Alpbach and Forum Alpbach Network Committee

Your first evening at the EFA24, will be celebrated with an Opening Party at the local soccer ground with Food and Drinks.

INFO: You can only get food and drinks with vouchers. They will be distributed at the CCA. First come first served.

19 August 2024 08:30 - 18:00 | Lab | CCA Schrödinger-Saal

### **EuregioLabs**

Das EuregioLab ist ein Think Tank von 20 bis-30 einschlägigen Expert:innen aus den drei Ländern der Euregio (Verwaltung, Forschung, Technologietransfer, Zivilgesellschaft) und erarbeitet Empfehlungen für Projekte der Euregio Tirol/-Südtirol/-Trentino. Das EuregioLab findet jährlich zum Thema der EuregioDays statt. 2024 stehen die Etablierung und Nutzung von Anwendungen, Infrastrukturen und Ausbildungen im Bereich künstliche Intelligenz im Mittelpunkt.

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**Gopaldas, Ronak;** Director; Signal Risk; Seminar Chair

**Tchakarova, Velina;** Founder; FACE For A Conscious Experience; Seminar Chair

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### **The Past, Present and Future of Economic Development and Global Inequalities**

Track: SEM, Finance

The empirical evidence about global economic development trends are assessed with novel data sources. Furthermore, participants will be exposed to research frontier methods aimed at addressing the driving factors of global economic development and inequalities as well as future prospects and the challenges posed by climate change, automation, and geopolitical tensions.

**Andrijevic, Marina;** Research Scholar; International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis; Seminar Chair

**Crespo-Cuaresma, Jesus;** Professor of Economics; Vienna University of Economics and Business; Seminar Chair

19 August 2024 09:00 - 12:30 | Seminar | Volksschule Obergeschoß 2

**The Indo-Pacific: Free, Open, Prosperous, Secure, and Resilient – for Whom?**

Track: SEM, Security

The Indo-Pacific region stands for global trade routes, technological leadership, economic vibrancy, but also territorial disputes and regional turmoil – all with potential impact on Europe. The same is true for China's heightening competition with the US, or India's vying for leadership in the Global South. Meanwhile, Japan and South Korea are turning into active foreign policy and security players. Join the debate on how Europe can have a seat at the table and avoid ending up on the menu.

**Kim, Duyeon;** Adjunct Senior Fellow; Center for a New American Security; Seminar Chair

**Reiterer, Michael;** Distinguished Professor, EU-Ambassador ret.; Brussels School of Governance; Seminar Chair

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**Wilson, Charlie;** Professor of Energy & Climate Change; University of Oxford; Seminar Chair

19 August 2024 09:00 - 12:30 | Seminar | Mittelschule EG Klasse 3

**On Financial Misbehaviours: Uncovering Underminers of Democracy**

Track: SEM, Finance

Financial misbehaviours erode core democratic values: tax evasion, sanction evasion, money laundering are some examples. Looking at prevalent techniques (i. e. use of shell companies) and technologies (i. e. crypto assets) enabling these illicit activities, participants gain a comprehensive understanding of modern financial misbehaviours and develop effective countermeasures to mitigate adverse effects on democracy.

**Haslhofer, Bernhard;** Faculty; Complexity Science Hub; Seminar Chair

**Lindenberg, Friedrich;** Founder; OpenSanctions; Speaker

**Paquet-Clouston, Masarah;** Assistant Professor in Criminology; Université de Montréal; Seminar Chair

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**Pirvulescu, Corina;** Co-founder; Civics International; Seminar Chair

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### **Innovation as an Alternative to Degrowth**

Track: SEM, Finance

We live in a world of conflicting policy choices as a response to the global polycrises: degrowth or innovation. In this seminar, we will dive into the detail of the nature of the crises shaping our world, the levers that policy makers have, to shape the scale of these crises, and the multiple dimensions of the solutions to overcome them through innovation. From Silicon Savannah to Silicon Valley, this seminar will analyse the innovation tools and frameworks that policymakers have at their disposal to successfully transition to a post-globalisation world.

**Ambale, Amollo;** Development and Innovation expert; Amollo.com; Seminar Chair  
**O'Sullivan, Sinead;** Board Member; European Space Policy Institute; Seminar Chair  
**Stoisser, Hans;** Managing Director; Ecotec GmbH; Seminar Chair

19 August 2024 09:00 - 12:30 | Seminar | Volksschule Erdgeschoß 1

### **Climate Action and Democracy**

Track: SEM, Climate

Explore the multifaceted relationship between climate action and democracy across Europe. We cover the current state of climate action, complexities introduced by rising populism, and the role of social media – among others. A key focus is on the potential of participatory design as a tool to enhance democratic engagement in climate action, proposing methods to directly involve citizens in policy-making processes.

**Creutzig, Felix;** Professor; MCC Berlin; Seminar Chair  
**Kolleck, Nina;** W3 Professor; University of Potsdam; Seminar Chair

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**Friedling, Michel;** Seminar Chair

**Liebig, Volker;** University Professor and former ESA director for Earth Observation Programmes; Institute for Space Systems, University of Stuttgart; Seminar Chair

**Möller, Hermann Ludwig;** Director; European Space Policy Institute (ESPI); Seminar Chair

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**Mayer, Katja;** Elise Richter Fellow; University of Vienna; Seminar Chair

**Müller-Birn, Claudia;** Professor; Freie Universität Berlin; Seminar Chair

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### **Accelerating Climate Action through Science and Partnerships**

Track: SEM, Climate

Discuss climate change with a focus on current trends and future outlooks, the role of the energy transition, and its opportunities for international partnerships. We will highlight recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports, debunk climate science myths, and outline key mitigation strategies. Participants will further explore challenges of supply chain resilience and be introduced to climate change impacts on the Global South.

**Reiss, Karin;** Program Manager; United Nations Industrial Development Organisation - UNIDO; Seminar Chair

**Urge-Vorsatz, Diana;** Professor / Vice Chair; CEU / IPCC; Seminar Chair

19 August 2024 09:00 - 12:30 | Seminar | CCA Rogger-Saal

### **Anything Goes? Truth and Progress in Science and Society**

Track: SEM, Democracy

Discuss provocative ideas and challenge conventional views on truth and scientific change in a free society. Are the ideas of truth and reason able to navigate us through the sea of alternatives and contradicting information? Is there one truth or many? Is there a crisis of knowledge? How real is reality? Can relativism explain different cultures and societies? What determines the quest for knowledge in science: "Trial and Error" or "Anything Goes"?

**Mitterer, Josef**; Professor; University Klagenfurt; Seminar Chair

**Neges, Katharina**; Senior Scientist; Graz University of Technology; Seminar Chair

19 August 2024 09:00 - 20:00 | Ritual | Schulhäusl klein

### **Road to Alpbach**

Hosted by: Forum Alpbach Network Committee

Road to Alpbach is a photography and art community project. The aim is to bring together scholarship holders and other participants. This is to highlight the incredible diversity of people that the European Forum Alpbach brings together every year.

19 August 2024 13:30 - 14:30 | Ritual | Mittelschule Vorplatz

### **Food for Thought**

"Food for Thought" takes the form of an open space following the concept of a "Speaker's Corner", where anyone is invited to suggest a topic of their choice and facilitate a discussion on it. Anyone – seminar chairs, distinguished visitors, scholarship holders, villagers, EFA staff and others – can host a presentation. We look forward to lively discussions!

//INFO: Please inform the responsible EFA team member in the morning of the day you're planning to speak.

19 August 2024 13:30 - 14:30 | Ritual | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Open Your Mind: Share your EFA story**

In this session scholarship holders are invited to co-author a book on the EFA24 annual theme: They will be guided to write their story on the Alpbach Seminars, their personal Moment of Truth and other reflections. For more information, click [here](#).

**Giesswein, Martin**; Faculty Member; WU Executive Academy; Speaker



19 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | Feuerwehrhaus

### **Negotiation Skills**

Track: SEM

Negotiation is a skill you use in every sphere of life. Participants learn to negotiate in both competitive and collaborative situations. Practical exercises help identify one's own negotiation style and strategies to overcome difficulties like imbalance of power and mental biases. Learn to manage any negotiation challenges across different spheres of personal and professional life.

**Giner-Reichl, Irene**; EFA-Council Chairperson; EFA; Seminar Chair

**Mehta, Kandarp**; Senior Lecturer; IESE Business School; Seminar Chair

19 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | Mittelschule 1. Stock EDV Saal

### **Creative Writing: What is Your Truth?**

Track: ART, SEM

We use creative writing as a means to experiment with language, to develop confidence, investigate verbal expression, and find fluidity with words. Participants will learn how to worry less about the "right way" of saying something but how to write about what matters to them individually. Most importantly they will realise the value of discovery through play and understand how creative language is essential in expressing ideas in a troubled world.

**English, Lucy**; Professor; Bath Spa University; Seminar Chair

**Lane-McElroy, Charley**; Student; Bath Spa University; Seminar Chair

**McLaughlin, Cassandra**; Student; Bath Spa University; Seminar Chair

19 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | Volksschule Erdgeschoß 3

### **A Place of Safety**

Track: ART, SEM

Many actors get introduced to theatre by their parents sending them to theatre workshops to overcome their shyness and gain confidence; and so, it happens that they end up going on stage in front of hundreds of people. They will say that right there, there is their place of safety. So, what is it about working together to create a piece of theatre that produces this feeling? This seminar, led by students from the Royal Academy of dramatic Art in London, will explore this question.

**Schiller, Ingrid**; Acting Tutor; RADA; Seminar Chair

**Shepphard, Nona**; Associate Director and Chair of Audition Panel; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art London (RADA); Seminar Chair

19 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | CCA Liechtenstein-Saal

### **AI Tools as Digital Butlers: Responsible Use and Practical Applications**

Track: SEM

The seminar offers an in-depth insight into the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools such as ChatGPT, Gemini or iask.ai. It illustrates how these tools can act as digital assistants. Experimental exercises demonstrate how AI can be used practically, while discussions and reflections deepen the understanding of the limitations and potentials. The participants will discover ways to use AI technologies consciously and effectively during their studies and in daily life.

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**Herczeg, Petra**; Programme Director and Senior Lecturer; Department of Communication, University of Vienna; Seminar Chair

**Scholl, Armin**; Professor; Department of Communication, University of Münster, Germany; Seminar Chair

19 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | CCA Hayek-Saal

### **Unravelling Reality: Journalistic Methods for Truth Seeking**

Track: SEM

In this seminar participants delve into the journalistic mindset and techniques to explore the complexity of truth and of our relationship with reality. Participants will be introduced to the basics of journalism through practical exercises and embark on a journey to uncover the multifaceted nature of truth through mastering interview techniques, posing challenging questions, practising empathetic listening, and understanding diverse perspectives.

**Leppäjärvi, Anne**; Journalism Degree Director, Journalist; Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences; Seminar Chair

**Munk, Veronika**; Director of Innovation and New Markets; Dennik N; Seminar Chair

19 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | Volksschule Erdgeschoß 1

### **Creating an Ensemble**

Track: ART, SEM

Students from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London will share the parts of their actor training that deal with ensembles. Creating an effective and dynamic piece of theatre requires every individual actor to function as part of the company. Whether they have a large or a small part does not matter – each actor is equally important. This seminar explores the routes, strategies and compromises we might employ to help us work together effectively.

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### **Woodland Dialogues: Exploring Collaboration through Movement and Sound**

Track: ART, SEM

Woodland Dialogues is an immersive project in the Alpbach forest exploring the collaborative creation of dance and music. Participants will draw inspiration from nature to craft soundscapes and choreography, reflecting unity and individuality. The seminar culminates in a performance showcasing the collaborative art formed throughout the week.

**Reider, Florian;** Pianist; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna; Seminar Chair

**Shirzadeh, Wieda;** dancer, dance teacher, choreographer; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna; Seminar Chair

19 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | Mittelschule EG Klasse 1

### **Fashion in a Nutshell: Transparency, Sustainability, and Regulations**

Track: ART, SEM

The fashion industry is going through significant changes: The consumers demand transparency, brands reinvent themselves with sustainability campaigns and policy changes bring a range of new regulations that will have an impact on business logistics and operations. The participants take a journey through the complex world of fashion with a hands-on approach through class discussions, upcycling sessions and a visit to a local supplier.

**Rachimova, Sabinna;** Founder, Lecturer, Consultant; Fashion Revolution Austria, SABINNA; Seminar Chair

**Schratzberger, Nadine;** Co-Founder; Fashion Revolution Austria; Seminar Chair

19 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Finance Unleashed: Innovate, Invest, Inspire**

Track: SEM, Finance

Step into Finance Unleashed, an engaging financial simulation game that offers a hands-on approach to investing and wealth management. Participate in real-time decision-making scenarios, guided by insights from leading financial experts. This interactive seminar emphasises the essential role of financial education in crafting a sustainable and prosperous future and in navigating the complexities of the financial world with confidence.

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**Bayer, Daniel;** CEO; Fingu GmbH; Seminar Chair

**Schiretz, Katharina;** Legal Advisor; Fingu GmbH; Seminar Chair

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### **Line of Departure - Leadership & Decision**

Track: SEM

In military terms, the line of departure is where the attack begins and when quick, yet considered decisions and flexible, yet firm leadership are crucial. The seminar confronts the participants with challenging situations that require efficient decision-making within a group and solutions that are immediately put into action. Participants will not only gain practical and theoretical leadership knowledge but also discover new sides to their personality and skills. //INFO: If the weather allows it, the seminar will take place outdoors. Please bring sportswear and steady footwear.

**Gstrein, Alexander**; Advisor; Ministry of Defence; Seminar Chair

**Schiller, Alexander**; Senior Training Officer for Leadership and training methodology; Defence Academy of the Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

19 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | Mittelschule EG Klasse 3

### **Staying Sane in a Smart World: Positive Psychology & Resilience**

Track: SEM

Digitalisation of work offers many opportunities, but also downsides like a blurred line between work and leisure. This seminar starts from the neurobiology of (social) media use and expands to the known and unknown of the impact on mental health. Asking how one can use its potentials rather than succumb to the threats, it provides tools for selfcare and aims to develop a personalised model for dealing with the impact of media use.

**Narbeshuber, Esther**; Managing Director; Mindlead Institut GmbH; Seminar Chair

**Narbeshuber, Johannes**; CEO; Trigon Development Consultants; Seminar Chair

**Plener, Paul**; Head of the Dept. of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; Medical University of Vienna; Seminar Chair

19 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | Mittelschule Turnsaal

### **Across Divides - Depolarisation of Communication**

Track: SEM, Democracy

Polarisation is one of the most pressing issues of our time. It undermines our ability to collaborate in addressing various contemporary challenges. Different approaches to manage difficult conversations on polarising topics are being explored interactively. Based on practical tools and exercises, the seminar will equip participants with the skills to promote healthy conflict resolution.

**Goldsworthy, Alison**; President; Accord; Seminar Chair

**Nenadovic, Maja**; Co-founder; REFLECTORY; Seminar Chair

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### **Innovation and Green Changemaking**

Track: SEM, Climate

The challenge of innovation and working with the future is that neither the radically new nor the future can be known in advance. This seminar empowers participants with innovative tools and frameworks to develop a fused approach to creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship that is strategically poised to have impact across diverse terrains – from ecology to politics to business.

**Frasca, Jason**; Co-Founder; Emergent Futures Lab; Seminar Chair

**Kerr, Iain**; Founding Co-Director; Emergent Futures Lab; Seminar Chair

19 August 2024 20:00 - 22:30 | Happening | Feuerwehrhaus

### **Taming the Garden: Movie Night**

A powerful man, who is also the former prime minister of Georgia, has developed an exquisite hobby. He collects century-old, massive trees along Georgia's coastline. He commissions his men to uproot them and bring them to his private garden. In order to transplant trees of such dimensions, some other trees are chopped down, electric cables are moved and new roads are paved through mandarin plantations. Salomé Jashi's beautifully observed, thought-provoking and often moving documentary film shows the surreal reality of power.

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**Danek, Theodora**; Content Manager Arts and Culture; European Forum Alpbach; Speaker

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**Scholl, Armin;** Professor; Department of Communication, University of Münster, Germany; Seminar Chair

20 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Finance Unleashed: Innovate, Invest, Inspire**

Track: SEM, Finance

Step into Finance Unleashed, an engaging financial simulation game that offers a hands-on approach to investing and wealth management. Participate in real-time decision-making scenarios, guided by insights from leading financial experts. This interactive seminar emphasises the essential role of financial education in crafting a sustainable and prosperous future and in navigating the complexities of the financial world with confidence.

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**Schiretz, Katharina;** Legal Advisor; Fingu GmbH; Seminar Chair

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### **A Place of Safety**

Track: ART, SEM

Many actors get introduced to theatre by their parents sending them to theatre workshops to overcome their shyness and gain confidence; and so, it happens that they end up going on stage in front of hundreds of people. They will say that right there, there is their place of safety. So, what is it about working together to create a piece of theatre that produces this feeling? This seminar, led by students from the Royal Academy of dramatic Art in London, will explore this question.

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**Sheppard, Nona;** Associate Director and Chair of Audition Panel; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art London (RADA); Seminar Chair

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### **Staying Sane in a Smart World: Positive Psychology & Resilience**

Track: SEM

Digitalisation of work offers many opportunities, but also downsides like a blurred line between work and leisure. This seminar starts from the neurobiology of (social) media use and expands to the known and unknown of the impact on mental health. Asking how one can use its potentials rather than succumb to the threats, it provides tools for selfcare and aims to develop a personalised model for dealing with the impact of media use.

**Narbeshuber, Esther;** Managing Director; Mindlead Institut GmbH; Seminar Chair

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**Plener, Paul;** Head of the Dept. of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; Medical University of Vienna; Seminar Chair

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### **Creating an Ensemble**

Track: ART, SEM

Students from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London will share the parts of their actor training that deal with ensembles. Creating an effective and dynamic piece of theatre requires every individual actor to function as part of the company. Whether they have a large or a small part does not matter – each actor is equally important. This seminar explores the routes, strategies and compromises we might employ to help us work together effectively.

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### **FANC Speed Friending**

Hosted by: Forum Alpbach Network Committee

Welcome to Alpbach: This is your chance to meet new people and make lifelong friends! This event offers the perfect opportunity to engage in a series of short, exciting conversations. Each round lasts just a few minutes, giving you the chance to make a memorable first impression and discover common interests.

21 August 2024 09:00 - 12:30 | Seminar | CCA Heiss-Saal

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Track: SEM, Democracy

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Track: SEM, Security

Progress in emerging and disruptive technologies (EDTs) is enabling a transformation of security and the democratisation of technological tools of war for which Europeans are unprepared. The seminar investigates how Europeans can consolidate defence innovation in EDTs, reduce critical dependencies, and re-shore critical supply chains in a multipolar world. A tabletop exercise allows participants to explore how current gaps in technological sovereignty practically affect European security and defence.

**Burton, Joe**; Professor of International Security; Lancaster University; Seminar Chair

**Soare, Simona**; Professor of Strategy and Technology; Lancaster University; Seminar Chair

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### **Accelerating Green and Digital Innovation to Achieve Net-Zero**

Track: SEM, Climate

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**Verdolini, Elena;** Climate economist and professor; University of Brescia; Seminar Chair

**Wilson, Charlie;** Professor of Energy & Climate Change; University of Oxford; Seminar Chair

21 August 2024 09:00 - 12:30 | Seminar | Mittelschule EG Klasse 4

### **Reinventing Democracy in Europe and Beyond for Future Generations**

Track: SEM, Democracy

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**Friedling, Michel;** Seminar Chair

**Liebig, Volker;** University Professor and former ESA director for Earth Observation Programmes; Institute for Space Systems, University of Stuttgart; Seminar Chair

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**Haslhofer, Bernhard**; Faculty; Complexity Science Hub; Seminar Chair  
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**Paquet-Clouston, Masarah**; Assistant Professor in Criminology; Université de Montréal; Seminar Chair

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Track: SEM, Climate

Discuss climate change with a focus on current trends and future outlooks, the role of the energy transition, and its opportunities for international partnerships. We will highlight recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports, debunk climate science myths, and outline key mitigation strategies. Participants will further explore challenges of supply chain resilience and be introduced to climate change impacts on the Global South.

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### **The Indo-Pacific: Free, Open, Prosperous, Secure, and Resilient – for Whom?**

Track: SEM, Security

The Indo-Pacific region stands for global trade routes, technological leadership, economic vibrancy, but also territorial disputes and regional turmoil – all with potential impact on Europe. The same is true for China's heightening competition with the US, or India's vying for leadership in the Global South. Meanwhile, Japan and South Korea are turning into active foreign policy and security players. Join the debate on how Europe can have a seat at the table and avoid ending up on the menu.

**Kim, Duyeon;** Adjunct Senior Fellow; Center for a New American Security; Seminar Chair

**Reiterer, Michael;** Distinguished Professor, EU-Ambassador ret.; Brussels School of Governance; Seminar Chair

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### **Climate Action and Democracy**

Track: SEM, Climate

Explore the multifaceted relationship between climate action and democracy across Europe. We cover the current state of climate action, complexities introduced by rising populism, and the role of social media – among others. A key focus is on the potential of participatory design as a tool to enhance democratic engagement in climate action, proposing methods to directly involve citizens in policy-making processes.

**Creutzig, Felix;** Professor; MCC Berlin; Seminar Chair

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22 August 2024 13:30 - 14:30 | Ritual | Mittelschule Vorplatz

### **Food for Thought**

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22 August 2024 13:30 - 14:30 | Ritual | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Open Your Mind: Meditations for our Moment of Truth – Part 1**

Mindfulness and compassion are often associated with wellbeing, but they can also support our sense-making and skillful action in the world. In this session, we will explore practices for resilience in challenging times and aid the process of learning and discernment.

**Bristow, Jamie;** Writer and Policy Expert; Inner Development Goals, Life Itself, Climate Majority Project; Speaker

22 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | Feuerwehrhaus

### **Negotiation Skills**

Track: SEM

Negotiation is a skill you use in every sphere of life. Participants learn to negotiate in both competitive and collaborative situations. Practical exercises help identify one’s own negotiation style and strategies to overcome difficulties like imbalance of power and mental biases. Learn to manage any negotiation challenges across different spheres of personal and professional life.

**Giner-Reichl, Irene;** EFA-Council Chairperson; EFA; Seminar Chair  
**Mehta, Kandarp;** Senior Lecturer; IESE Business School; Seminar Chair

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### **Woodland Dialogues: Exploring Collaboration through Movement and Sound**

Track: ART, SEM

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**Shirzadeh, Wieda;** dancer, dance teacher, choreographer; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna; Seminar Chair

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### **Across Divides - Depolarisation of Communication**

Track: SEM, Democracy

Polarisation is one of the most pressing issues of our time. It undermines our ability to collaborate in addressing various contemporary challenges. Different approaches to manage difficult conversations on polarising topics are being explored interactively. Based on practical tools and exercises, the seminar will equip participants with the skills to promote healthy conflict resolution.

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**Nenadovic, Maja**; Co-founder; REFLECTORY; Seminar Chair

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Track: SEM

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Track: ART, SEM

We use creative writing as a means to experiment with language, to develop confidence, investigate verbal expression, and find fluidity with words. Participants will learn how to worry less about the “right way” of saying something but how to write about what matters to them individually. Most importantly they will realise the value of discovery through play and understand how creative language is essential in expressing ideas in a troubled world.

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### **On Financial Misbehaviours: Uncovering Underminers of Democracy**

Track: SEM, Finance

Financial misbehaviours erode core democratic values: tax evasion, sanction evasion, money laundering are some examples. Looking at prevalent techniques (i. e. use of shell companies) and technologies (i. e. crypto assets) enabling these illicit activities, participants gain a comprehensive understanding of modern financial misbehaviours and develop effective countermeasures to mitigate adverse effects on democracy.

**Haslhofer, Bernhard**; Faculty; Complexity Science Hub; Seminar Chair

**Lindenberg, Friedrich**; Founder; OpenSanctions; Speaker

**Paquet-Clouston, Masarah**; Assistant Professor in Criminology; Université de Montréal; Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 09:00 - 12:30 | Seminar | Mittelschule 1. Stock EDV Saal

### **Accelerating Climate Action through Science and Partnerships**

Track: SEM, Climate

Discuss climate change with a focus on current trends and future outlooks, the role of the energy transition, and its opportunities for international partnerships. We will highlight recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports, debunk climate science myths, and outline key mitigation strategies. Participants will further explore challenges of supply chain resilience and be introduced to climate change impacts on the Global South.

**Reiss, Karin**; Program Manager; United Nations Industrial Development Organisation - UNIDO; Seminar Chair

**Urge-Vorsatz, Diana**; Professor / Vice Chair; CEU / IPCC; Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 09:00 - 12:30 | Seminar | Volksschule Obergeschoß 2

### **The Indo-Pacific: Free, Open, Prosperous, Secure, and Resilient – for Whom?**

Track: SEM, Security

The Indo-Pacific region stands for global trade routes, technological leadership, economic vibrancy, but also territorial disputes and regional turmoil – all with potential impact on Europe. The same is true for China's heightening competition with the US, or India's vying for leadership in the Global South. Meanwhile, Japan and South Korea are turning into active foreign policy and security players. Join the debate on how Europe can have a seat at the table and avoid ending up on the menu.

**Kim, Duyeon;** Adjunct Senior Fellow; Center for a New American Security; Seminar Chair

**Reiterer, Michael;** Distinguished Professor, EU-Ambassador ret.; Brussels School of Governance; Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 09:00 - 12:30 | Seminar | Volksschule Erdgeschoß 1

### **Climate Action and Democracy**

Track: SEM, Climate

Explore the multifaceted relationship between climate action and democracy across Europe. We cover the current state of climate action, complexities introduced by rising populism, and the role of social media – among others. A key focus is on the potential of participatory design as a tool to enhance democratic engagement in climate action, proposing methods to directly involve citizens in policy-making processes.

**Creutzig, Felix;** Professor; MCC Berlin; Seminar Chair

**Kolleck, Nina;** W3 Professor; University of Potsdam; Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 09:00 - 12:30 | Lab

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23 August 2024 13:30 - 14:30 | Ritual | Mittelschule Vorplatz

### **Food for Thought**

“Food for Thought” takes the form of an open space following the concept of a “Speaker’s Corner”, where anyone is invited to suggest a topic of their choice and facilitate a discussion on it. Anyone – seminar chairs, distinguished visitors, scholarship holders, villagers, EFA staff and others – can host a presentation. We look forward to lively discussions!

//INFO: Please inform the responsible EFA team member in the morning of the day you’re planning to speak.

23 August 2024 13:30 - 14:30 | Ritual | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Open Your Mind: Meditations for our Moment of Truth – Part 2**

Mindfulness and compassion are often associated with wellbeing, but they can also support our sense-making and skillful action in the world. In this session, we will explore practices for resilience in challenging times and aid the process of learning and discernment.

**Bristow, Jamie;** Writer and Policy Expert; Inner Development Goals, Life Itself, Climate Majority Project; Speaker

23 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | Feuerwehrhaus

### **Negotiation Skills**

Track: SEM

Negotiation is a skill you use in every sphere of life. Participants learn to negotiate in both competitive and collaborative situations. Practical exercises help identify one’s own negotiation style and strategies to overcome difficulties like imbalance of power and mental biases. Learn to manage any negotiation challenges across different spheres of personal and professional life.

**Giner-Reichl, Irene;** EFA-Council Chairperson; EFA; Seminar Chair  
**Mehta, Kandarp;** Senior Lecturer; IESE Business School; Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | Schulhäusl

### **Woodland Dialogues: Exploring Collaboration through Movement and Sound**

Track: ART, SEM

Woodland Dialogues is an immersive project in the Alpbach forest exploring the collaborative creation of dance and music. Participants will draw inspiration from nature to craft soundscapes and choreography, reflecting unity and individuality. The seminar culminates in a performance showcasing the collaborative art formed throughout the week.

**Reider, Florian;** Pianist; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna; Seminar Chair  
**Shirzadeh, Wieda;** dancer, dance teacher, choreographer; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna; Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | Mittelschule Turnsaal

### **Across Divides - Depolarisation of Communication**

Track: SEM, Democracy

Polarisation is one of the most pressing issues of our time. It undermines our ability to collaborate in addressing various contemporary challenges. Different approaches to manage difficult conversations on polarising topics are being explored interactively. Based on practical tools and exercises, the seminar will equip participants with the skills to promote healthy conflict resolution.

**Goldsworthy, Alison**; President; Accord; Seminar Chair

**Nenadovic, Maja**; Co-founder; REFLECTORY; Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | CCA Hayek-Saal

### **Unravelling Reality: Journalistic Methods for Truth Seeking**

Track: SEM

In this seminar participants delve into the journalistic mindset and techniques to explore the complexity of truth and of our relationship with reality. Participants will be introduced to the basics of journalism through practical exercises and embark on a journey to uncover the multifaceted nature of truth through mastering interview techniques, posing challenging questions, practising empathetic listening, and understanding diverse perspectives.

**Leppäjärvi, Anne**; Journalism Degree Director, Journalist; Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences; Seminar Chair

**Munk, Veronika**; Director of Innovation and New Markets; Denník N; Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | Mittelschule EG Klasse 1

### **Fashion in a Nutshell: Transparency, Sustainability, and Regulations**

Track: ART, SEM

The fashion industry is going through significant changes: The consumers demand transparency, brands reinvent themselves with sustainability campaigns and policy changes bring a range of new regulations that will have an impact on business logistics and operations. The participants take a journey through the complex world of fashion with a hands-on approach through class discussions, upcycling sessions and a visit to a local supplier.

**Rachimova, Sabinna**; Founder, Lecturer, Consultant; Fashion Revolution Austria, SABINNA; Seminar Chair

**Schratzberger, Nadine**; Co-Founder; Fashion Revolution Austria; Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | CCA Heiss-Saal

### **Innovation and Green Changemaking**

Track: SEM, Climate

The challenge of innovation and working with the future is that neither the radically new nor the future can be known in advance. This seminar empowers participants with innovative tools and frameworks to develop a fused approach to creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship that is strategically poised to have impact across diverse terrains – from ecology to politics to business.

**Frasca, Jason**; Co-Founder; Emergent Futures Lab; Seminar Chair

**Kerr, Iain**; Founding Co-Director; Emergent Futures Lab; Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | Mittelschule 1. Stock EDV Saal

### **Creative Writing: What is Your Truth?**

Track: ART, SEM

We use creative writing as a means to experiment with language, to develop confidence, investigate verbal expression, and find fluidity with words. Participants will learn how to worry less about the “right way” of saying something but how to write about what matters to them individually. Most importantly they will realise the value of discovery through play and understand how creative language is essential in expressing ideas in a troubled world.

**English, Lucy;** Professor; Bath Spa University; Seminar Chair

**Lane-McElroy, Charley;** Student; Bath Spa University; Seminar Chair

**McLaughlin, Cassandra;** Student; Bath Spa University; Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | CCA Liechtenstein-Saal

### **AI Tools as Digital Butlers: Responsible Use and Practical Applications**

Track: SEM

The seminar offers an in-depth insight into the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools such as ChatGPT, Gemini or iask.ai. It illustrates how these tools can act as digital assistants. Experimental exercises demonstrate how AI can be used practically, while discussions and reflections deepen the understanding of the limitations and potentials. The participants will discover ways to use AI technologies consciously and effectively during their studies and in daily life.

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**Herczeg, Petra;** Programme Director and Senior Lecturer; Department of Communication, University of Vienna; Seminar Chair

**Scholl, Armin;** Professor; Department of Communication, University of Münster, Germany; Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Finance Unleashed: Innovate, Invest, Inspire**

Track: SEM, Finance

Step into Finance Unleashed, an engaging financial simulation game that offers a hands-on approach to investing and wealth management. Participate in real-time decision-making scenarios, guided by insights from leading financial experts. This interactive seminar emphasises the essential role of financial education in crafting a sustainable and prosperous future and in navigating the complexities of the financial world with confidence.

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**Bayer, Daniel;** CEO; Fingu GmbH; Seminar Chair

**Schiretz, Katharina;** Legal Advisor; Fingu GmbH; Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | Volksschule Erdgeschoß 3

### **A Place of Safety**

Track: ART, SEM

Many actors get introduced to theatre by their parents sending them to theatre workshops to overcome their shyness and gain confidence; and so, it happens that they end up going on stage in front of hundreds of people. They will say that right there, there is their place of safety. So, what is it about working together to create a piece of theatre that produces this feeling? This seminar, led by students from the Royal Academy of dramatic Art in London, will explore this question.

**Schiller, Ingrid;** Acting Tutor; RADA; Seminar Chair

**Sheppard, Nona;** Associate Director and Chair of Audition Panel; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art London (RADA); Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | Mittelschule EG Klasse 3

### **Staying Sane in a Smart World: Positive Psychology & Resilience**

Track: SEM

Digitalisation of work offers many opportunities, but also downsides like a blurred line between work and leisure. This seminar starts from the neurobiology of (social) media use and expands to the known and unknown of the impact on mental health. Asking how one can use its potentials rather than succumb to the threats, it provides tools for selfcare and aims to develop a personalised model for dealing with the impact of media use.

**Narbeshuber, Esther;** Managing Director; Mindlead Institut GmbH; Seminar Chair

**Narbeshuber, Johannes;** CEO; Trigon Development Consultants; Seminar Chair

**Plener, Paul;** Head of the Dept. of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; Medical University of Vienna; Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | Volksschule Erdgeschoß 1

### **Creating an Ensemble**

Track: ART, SEM

Students from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London will share the parts of their actor training that deal with ensembles. Creating an effective and dynamic piece of theatre requires every individual actor to function as part of the company. Whether they have a large or a small part does not matter – each actor is equally important. This seminar explores the routes, strategies and compromises we might employ to help us work together effectively.

**Schiller, Ingrid;** Acting Tutor; RADA; Seminar Chair

**Sheppard, Nona;** Associate Director and Chair of Audition Panel; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art London (RADA); Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Seminar | CCA Loggia

### **Line of Departure - Leadership & Decision**

Track: SEM

In military terms, the line of departure is where the attack begins and when quick, yet considered decisions and flexible, yet firm leadership are crucial. The seminar confronts the participants with challenging situations that require efficient decision-making within a group and solutions that are immediately put into action. Participants will not only gain practical and theoretical leadership knowledge but also discover new sides to their personality and skills. //INFO: If the weather allows it, the seminar will take place outdoors. Please bring sportswear and steady footwear.

**Gstrein, Alexander**; Advisor; Ministry of Defence; Seminar Chair

**Schiller, Alexander**; Senior Training Officer for Leadership and training methodology; Defence Academy of the Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

23 August 2024 15:00 - 18:00 | Lab

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23 August 2024 19:00 - 20:00 | Stage | CCA Schrödinger-Saal

### **Alpbach Seminars - Closing**

Join the European Forum Alpbach 2024 Alpbach Seminars closing ceremony! A group of young talents from all over the world celebrates the successful completion of the Alpbach Seminars, shares insights into their learnings and takeaways, and gives inspiring art performances.

23 August 2024 20:00 - 20:30 | Ritual | Dorfplatz

### **Open Air Concert Alpbach Brass Band**

On Fridays during the summer months, the Alpbach brass band hosts their open-air concert on the village square. All Alpbach residents as well as national and international guests are cordially invited!



24 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Work | Feuerwehrhaus

### **ERSTE Finance Workshop**

Supported by: Erste Group

24 August 2024 09:00 - 12:30 | Lab

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24 August 2024 10:00 - 12:00 | Work | CCA Liechtenstein-Hayek-Saal

### **Alpbach IDEAS Kick-Off**

Join us for the Alpbach IDEAS programme 2024/25! Alpbach IDEAS is a one-year journey that bridges the gap between theory, and offers a space to experiment, learn and co-create ideas for a more democratic and sustainable Europe to aspiring changemakers and innovators. Learn more about the programme and participation at Alpbach IDEAS 2024/2025.

**Obrist, Michael;** Head of Venture Incubation; Pioneers Innovation; Speaker

24 August 2024 16:30 - 18:30 | Stage | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Opening: Europe in the World Days**

The opening of the Europe in the World Days will revolve around the annual theme of this year's European Forum Alpbach "Moment of Truth" and the module focus of Europe's role in the world. It will pave the way for the subsequent discussions.

**Barroso, José Manuel;** Former President of the European Commission; Speaker

**Fischer, Jochka;** Former Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs; Federal Republic of Germany; Speaker

**O'Brien, James;** Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; United States Department of State; Speaker

**Osinbajo, Yemi;** Former Vice President of Nigeria; Climate Action Platform for Africa; Speaker

**Pope Francis;** Head of the Catholic Church; (via Livestream); Speaker (online)

**Pressl, Damita;** Journalist and Moderator; NZZ; Moderator

**Treichl, Andreas;** President; European Forum Alpbach; Speaker

24 August 2024 18:30 - 20:30 | Social | Dorfplatz

### **Be(e) Together – An Invitation from ERSTE Foundation**

Supported by: ERSTE Stiftung

To round off the opening of the Europe in the World Days, ERSTE Foundation invites you to an evening of music, culinary and installation interventions in the heart of Alpbach. Opening a space for people to communicate, and to celebrate togetherness.

We start the evening at the big table - the place where what belongs together comes together: a 15-metre-long table in the heart of Alpbach. Bread, butter, pickled vegetables from chefs and other heroes. And honey from all over Europe.

24 August 2024 20:30 - 21:30 | Social | Kirche

### **Be(e) Together in Concert – Alicia Edelweiß**

Supported by: ERSTE Stiftung

In the Alpbach parish church, we dive deep into the world of sound and ambience. After an introductory concert played by Benny Omerzell on the church's own organ, we give the stage to Alicia Edelweiß. The Viennese singer and songwriter gracefully crosses the genre borders between pop and folk and creates a poetical atmosphere.

An evening to share what is important and to celebrate together!

25 August 2024 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual | CCA Vorplatz

### **Morning Sports: Functional Fitness**

Supported by: Federal Ministry of Defence

Start the day with a boost of energy! The trainers of the Austrian Armed Forces will get you sweating with military functional fitness on the forecourt of the CCA - an ideal way to recover from stress and prevent burnout or illness.

25 August 2024 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat | CCA Schrödinger-Saal

### **Is Economic Inequality Inevitable?**

Track: Finance, Democracy

Since the 1980s, wealth and income inequality has started to rise again in many countries. While some, such as the US, have seen a significant increase in inequality, others, such as Sweden, have maintained relatively stable levels. Explore the reasons for these divergent trends: What are the roots of inequality and which policies can make a real difference?

**Felbermayr, Gabriel;** Director; Austrian Institute of Economic Research; Speaker

**Meierkord, Anja;** Labour Market Expert; OECD; Moderator

**Schularick, Moritz;** President; Kiel Institute for the World Economy; Speaker

**Stiglitz, Joseph E.;** Economist, Public Policy Analyst and Professor; Columbia University; Speaker

**Weber, Andrea;** Professor of Economics; Central European University; Speaker

25 August 2024 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat | CCA Flora-Heiss-Rogger Saal

### **Space and Sustainability – Exploring Best Practices, Technology and Policy Solutions**

Supported by: Amazon | Track: Climate

The space economy and its applications can improve the daily lives of people worldwide through their contributions to, among other things, connectivity, environmental monitoring, satellite navigation, mobility, weather forecasting and many more. The wish and need to increase access to these applications and services and their benefits also brings the need to protect the outer space environment. In a constructive discussion, the panelists will cover use cases and best practices of space and its applications, the various regulatory frameworks and policy developments as well as the ways to preserve the use of space for future generations.

**Charlesworth, Amber;** Head of Space Policy; Amazon, Project Kuiper; Speaker

**Holla-Maini, Aarti;** Director; United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs; Speaker

**Kikuchi, Nobuyuki;** Minister Counsellor; Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna; Speaker

**Mischkulnig, Margit;** Director General for Space Policy; Austrian Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation & Technology; Speaker

**Möller, Hermann Ludwig;** Director; European Space Policy Institute (ESPI); Moderator

25 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Work | Hotel Post - Seminarraum

### **Conflict Resolution in Times of Crises – From Communication to Cooperation**

Supported by: Muslim Jewish Conference | Track: Democracy

For those of us on the outside of today's violent global and local conflicts, we have an obligation and the challenge of a generation to try something different: having conversations, even without having all the solutions – lessons from the Muslim Jewish Conference.

**Sichrovsky, Ilja;** Founder & Director; Muslim Jewish Conference; Speaker

25 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Work | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Winds of Radical Change in European Politics?**

Supported by: ERSTE Foundation | Track: Democracy

European politics is witnessing unprecedented shifts, challenging established structures and giving rise to new movements. This two-part debate will initially investigate whether a radical change in the European political landscape has in fact occurred, dissecting election results and the driving forces behind them. We will then discuss the broader implications, whether there will be a radical change in the trajectory of Europe and Europe's role in the world.

**Alemanno, Alberto;** Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law; HEC Paris / The Good Lobby; Speaker

**Armakolas, Ioannis;** Senior Research Fellow & Head of the South-East Europe Programme; Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP); Speaker

**Krastev, Ivan;** Permanent fellow; Institute for Human Sciences IWM Vienna; Speaker

**Krekó, Péter;** Director; Political Capital Institute; Speaker

**Oertel, Janka;** Director, Asia programme; European Council on Foreign Relations; Speaker

**Ogou Corbi, Viviane;** Speaker

**Vejvoda, Ivan;** Permanent Fellow; Institute for Human Sciences - IWM; Moderator

25 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Work | Schulhäusl

### **The Elephant in the Room: Goodbye, Cognitive Dissonance**

Track: ART, Climate

How do you train your inner dragon? Inner conflicts are part of being human. When personal aspirations and reality diverge as we face major crises, cognitive dissonance comes into play: we know it is time to act, but our inner dragon keeps us lingering in inaction.

This workshop invites you to an experiment: by combining approaches from environmental psychology with movement, dance and improvisation, you will look for ways to train our inner dragon: How can we set impulses that help us overcome inner conflicts and move in a new direction both mentally and physically?

**Brudermann, Thomas**; Associate Professor; University of Graz; Speaker

**Omari Ansong, Iris**; Dancer, Performer & Dance Facilitator; Freelancer; Artist

25 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike | CCA Terrasse

### **Let's Talk to Each Other: Impulses in a Speechless World**

Supported by: Federal Ministry for Defence | Track: Security

In a world of rapid change, fragmentation and polarisation mark society and politics. Although contemporary challenges require close international cooperation, the willingness and ability to engage in dialogue are dwindling. Democracy is under pressure, alternatives are appearing and Europe has to explain itself. How can defence policy support a stable space for discussions?

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**Hirn, Lisz**; Philosopher and university lecturer; Universität Wien, Technische Universität Wien; Speaker

**Kammel, Arnold**; Generalsekretär; Federal Ministry for Defence Austria (BMLV); Speaker

**Mishra, Rahul**; Associate Professor at the Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (India) & Se; Jawaharlal Nehru University; Speaker

25 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike | CCA Vorplatz

### **No Nature, No Business**

Track: Climate, Finance

All human economic activities rely on natural resources and ecosystems. Yet, the state of nature and biodiversity is critical all around the globe. Hear different concepts and strategies about how businesses can integrate nature and biodiversity goals into corporate strategies. It is explored how to achieve long-term prosperity and economic resilience, by becoming not only climate-neutral but climate-positive.

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**Dunlop, Kirsten**; CEO; EIT Climate-KIC; Speaker

**Heinzel, Sebastian**; CEO; Heinzel Group; Speaker

**Ottacher, Gebhard**; Managing Director; Climate Lab; Moderator

**Rycroft, Nicole**; Founder & Executive Director; CanopyPlanet; Speaker

**Schumacher, Tim**; Co-Founder; Ecosia.org & World Fund; Speaker

25 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike | Buswendeplatz

### **Risky Business: Europe's Economic (In-)Security**

Track: Finance, Security

The pandemic and the war in Ukraine have shown Europe's dependencies in critical areas. Since then, there has been a lot of talk about "de-risking": mitigating risks and limiting strategic dependencies. However, it's still not clear what this would mean for Europe. How much de-risking is necessary to safeguard Europe's economic security and when does de-risking itself become a risk to the economy?

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**Gehrke, Tobias**; Senior Policy Fellow; European Council on Foreign Relations; Speaker

**Hahn, Svenja**; Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

**Herlitschka, Sabine**; CEO; Infineon Technologies Austria AG; Speaker

**Zettelmeyer, Jeromin**; Director; BRUEGEL; Speaker

**Zinkanell, Michael Gabriel**; Director; Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES); Moderator

25 August 2024 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat | CCA Liechtenstein-Hayek-Saal

### **The Geopolitics of Enlargement: A Way to Safeguard the European Space**

Supported by: European Council on Foreign Relations | Track: Security

The EU Enlargement is increasingly seen as an effective foreign policy tool to diminish the influence of external powers in the Eastern Neighbourhood and the Western Balkans. Reframing European integration as a strategy to provide security for the neighbourhoods, as well as make EU Member States safer, will certainly strengthen the EU's standing as a geopolitical actor - for example through a sustainable peace settlement for Ukraine and sound security arrangements for Moldova.

**Delevic, Milica**; Director for Governance and Political Affairs; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD); Speaker

**Gherasimov, Cristina**; Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration; Republic of Moldova; Speaker

**Ischinger, Wolfgang**; President of the Foundation Council; Munich Security Conference Foundation; Speaker

**Morina, Engjellushe**; Senior Policy Fellow; European Council on Foreign Relations; Moderator

**Ogryzko, Olesia**; Director | Visiting Fellow; Sahaidachnyi Security Center | European Council on Foreign Relations; Speaker

25 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | Schulhäusl

### **A Better World Is Possible: Past, Present and Future of Human Rights**

Track: Democracy

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights defines a common basis for the rights of all people and nations. Rapid technological advancements as well as increased calls to give non-human entities such as rivers legal rights could potentially change the conversation about who deserves which rights. This session will explore how our concept of human rights might evolve over the next few years.

**Aksöz Balzar, Zeynep (tbc.)**; Assistant Professor; TU Wien; Speaker

**Stagno Ugarte, Bruno**; Chief Advocacy Officer at Human Rights Watch; Human Rights Watch; Speaker

**Zeller, Jennifer**; Chair / Business Network Manager; Forum Alpbach Network / myAbility Social Enterprise; Moderator

25 August 2024 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike | CCA Vorplatz

### **Harnessing AI in the Service of Democracy**

Track: Democracy

As artificial intelligence (AI) continues to advance, there is growing interest in leveraging its capabilities to enhance democratic processes and governance. We aim to nurture a nuanced understanding of the opportunities and challenges associated with harnessing AI in the service of democracy and of its potential for improving democratic engagement. Join the dialogue on best practices, ethical considerations and policy implications.

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**Kotsikopoulou, Vasiliki**; Policy Advisor; Ministry of Education; Speaker

**Mayer, Katja**; Elise Richter Fellow; University of Vienna; Speaker

**Reddel, Max**; Advanced AI Director; International Center for Future Generations; Speaker

**Simic, Ana**; CEO | Supervisory Board Member; Engage Technology | ASFINAG | EuroTeleSites AG; Moderator

**Villani, Cédric**; University Professor; University Lyon I & IHES; Speaker

25 August 2024 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike | Buswendeplatz

### **Making Pension Systems Fit for the Future**

Track: Finance

Global demographic changes, such as declining birth rates and increasing life expectancy, are challenging the sustainability of many European pension systems. Explore how successful pension models can provide valuable lessons. It is critical to act now and implement policies that ensure a secure future for all, preventing old-age poverty for future generations.

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**Demertzis, Maria**; Professor of Economic Policy, Senior Fellow; European University Institute, Bruegel; Speaker

**Maric, Goran**; CEO; Three Coins; Speaker

**Meierkord, Anja**; Labour Market Expert; OECD; Moderator

**Schranz, Bianca Alina**; Advisor to the Federal Minister of Finance; Federal Ministry of Finance; Speaker

25 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | Hotel Post - Seminarraum

### **New African-European Ambition: Ways Forward in Energy, Climate and Tech**

Supported by: Heinrich Boell Foundation | Track: Climate

Africa and Europe have the unique opportunity to work together in the context of emerging tools and technologies and to co-create climate and energy policy solutions. Those have to be just and effective for both sides on the path towards climate neutrality. Leading policy makers, activists and experts discuss the ambitions, potentials and hurdles the African-European partnership is facing.

**de Bastion, Geraldine**; Founder & CEO; Global Innovation Gathering (GIG); Speaker

**Osinbajo, Yemi**; Former Vice President of Nigeria; Climate Action Platform for Africa; Speaker

**Trotter, Philipp**; Professor of Sustainability Management; University of Wuppertal; Speaker

25 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **“Hip Hope” – Reimagining the Future in the Balkans**

Supported by: ERSTE Foundation | Track: Democracy

The Western Balkans find themselves mired in a stagnant status quo, trapped in traditional diplomatic discourse without clear strategies to forge a path forward. To navigate a dynamic course ahead, they need fresh perspectives that can illuminate new opportunities for regional advancement. These perspectives are already within our grasp, waiting to be discovered and embraced. United and mobilised, they embody a powerful force capable of reviving hope and ushering in a new era of prosperity in the Balkans.

**Delevic, Milica**; Director for Governance and Political Affairs; European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD); Speaker

**Kovač, Nika**; Founding Director; 8th of March Research Institute; Speaker

**Lajcak, Miroslav**; EUSR for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues; European External Action Service; Speaker

**Vejvoda, Ivan**; Permanent Fellow; Institute for Human Sciences - IWM; Moderator

**Veliaj, Erion**; Mayor of Tirana; Municipality of Tirana; Speaker

25 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | Feuerwehrhaus

### **Engaging the Private Sector for the Social Good**

Supported by: Friends of Europe | Track: Finance

Businesses are pivotal to Europe’s social contract, driving growth and innovation while impacting societal well-being. Despite public mistrust of their profit-led motives, their capacity for rapid, scalable innovation is undeniable. Explore how governments and the EU can harness this potential for the social good, rethinking interactions between the private sector, public institutions, and citizens to forge a new relationship.

**Felbermayr, Gabriel**; Director; Austrian Institute of Economic Research; Speaker

**Georgieva, Lucy**; Head of Government Affairs & Public Policy; Austria, Google; Speaker

**Kanani, Dharmendra**; Chief Operating Officer and Chief Spokesperson; Friends of Europe; Moderator

**Nava, Mario**; Director General DG EMPL; European Commission; Speaker

**Orban, Anita**; Public Affairs and ESG Director; Vodafone Group; Speaker

25 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | CCA Flora-Heiss-Rogger Saal

### **The Future of Multilateralism**

Track: Security

The world is far from achieving the Sustainable Development Goals: Extreme poverty and hunger are increasing, violent conflicts are multiplying and global emissions are at their highest levels ever. In September, the UN will convene a “Summit of the Future” to reinvigorate multilateralism. How should the system be adapted to better meet current challenges? Hear perspectives from different countries, and share your ideas for the future of multilateralism.

**Fleming, Melissa**; Under-Secretary-General for Global Communications; United Nations; Speaker

**Ischinger, Wolfgang**; President of the Foundation Council; Munich Security Conference Foundation; Speaker

**Wehler-Schöck, Anja**; International Editor; Tagesspiegel; Moderator

25 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | CCA Liechtenstein-Hayek-Saal

### **The End of the World as We Know It: Big Oil's Final Countdown**

Track: Climate

If the global community is to be true to its commitments, carbon emissions need to be reduced by at least 45 % globally and by at least 55 % EU-wide by 2030. Fossil fuel use and production need to be scaled down, yet the industry remains heavily subsidised. It is time to explore the most effective ways of bringing movement into the stuck system of 'big oil' power. What can (shareholder) activism, (financial) regulation, investment stewardship, or other actors achieve?

**Alexandersen, Astrid**; Program Manager; KR Foundation; Speaker

**Campanale, Mark**; Founder & Director; Carbon Tracker Initiative; Speaker

**Pinzler, Petra**; Author/Correspondent; DIE ZEIT; Moderator

**Vanizette, Christian**; Co-Founder; chilli.club & makesense; Speaker

25 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | CCA Schrödinger-Saal

### **Archipelago of Possible Futures: Defining European Missions through Art, Science and Technology**

Supported by: CultTech Association

This panel will dive into the transformative journey of the New European Bauhaus, "an interdisciplinary project that creates experimental spaces where art, culture, science, and technology can mingle, imagine, test, and demonstrate new solutions" launched in 2020 by the President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen. Pioneering strategies and new instruments catalyse large-scale, multidisciplinary experimentation, and support innovation in Europe. Join the debate about the need for a new ambitious and impactful vision for the coming decade of the integration of the Arts into the EU's Innovation policy.

**Bello, Mónica**; Curator, Head of Arts; CERN; Speaker

**Bria, Francesca**; Professor of Innovation; Institute of Innovation and Public Purpose, UCL London; Speaker

**de Vicente, José Luis**; Curator and cultural researcher; Moderator

**Kloiber, Julia**; Managing Director and Co-Founder; SUPERRR Lab; Speaker

**Thun-Hohenstein, Christoph**; Director General for International Cultural Relations; Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Republic of Austria; Speaker

25 August 2024 15:45 - 16:30 | Chat | CCA Loggia

### **Book Talk: Janka Oertel**

Track: Security

Join Janka Oertel for a book talk of "The End of the China Illusion" at the Loggia.

//INFO: In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place in the Liechtenstein-Hayek-Hall.

**Oertel, Janka**; Director, Asia programme; European Council on Foreign Relations; Speaker



25 August 2024 17:00 - 18:00 | Stage | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Financing the Green Transition: Who Is Going to Pay the Bill?**

Track: Climate, Finance

The transition that lies ahead is unprecedented. Achieving a climate-neutral economy requires political commitment as well as substantial investment and rapid action. It is vital to ensure a just and equitable transition for all stakeholders, leaving no one behind. Explore how to unlock the necessary investment, both from the EU and national public sectors, and from the private sector.

//INFO: The session will begin with the short film *Afterlives* (Michael Heindl, AT 2022, 3:27 min), offering an artistic perspective on the topic of discussion.

**Dixson-Declève, Sandrine**; Co-President; The Club of Rome; Speaker

**Dörfler, Stefan**; CFO; Erste Group Bank AG; Speaker

**Dunlop, Kirsten**; CEO; EIT Climate-KIC; Speaker

**Hamers, Ralph**; Former CEO; UBS and ING; Speaker

**Nava, Mario**; Director General DG EMPL; European Commission; Speaker

**Rosen, Monika**; Vice President; Austro-American Society; Moderator

25 August 2024 17:00 - 18:00 | Chat | CCA Schrödinger-Saal

### **Finding Common Ground in a Polarised World**

Track: Democracy

Against the backdrop of growing polarisation, the complexity of national identities, diverse cultures and opposing ideologies, ways must be found for meaningful dialogue and common ground. How can we bridge divides in politics and society? Can shared values or goals serve as a foundation?

**Espinal Fondeur, Daniela**; Speaker

**Goldman, Aaron**; Director of the JFK Jr. Forum at Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics; Harvard University; Speaker

**Goodhart, David**; Head of the Demography Unit; Policy Exchange; Speaker

**Osmani-Sadriu, Vjosa**; President of the Republic of Kosovo; Office of the President of the Republic of Kosovo; Speaker

**Szyszkowitz, Tessa**; Author, Journalist and Columnist; Falter; Moderator

25 August 2024 18:30 - 19:30 | Chat | Schulhäusl

### **Truth in a Post-Factual World**

We seem to live in a postfactual world. Disinformation, deep fakes and fake news abound. Inspired by philosopher and Alpbach regular Paul Feyerabend, who questioned established concepts of truth, knowledge and reason, this discussion will ask if “anything goes” – and if there is such a thing as objective truth.

**Gentinetta, Katja**; Philosopher, author, TV moderator; Speaker

**Mitterer, Josef**; Professor; University Klagenfurt; Speaker

25 August 2024 18:30 - 19:30 | Chat | CCA Hayek-Saal

**Book Talk: Petra Pinzler**

Track: Climate

Join Petra Pinzler for a book talk of "Does this have a future or can we do without?" in the Hayek-Hall.

**Paulick-Thiel, Caroline;** Founding Director; Politics for Tomorrow / nextlearning e.V.; Moderator  
**Pinzler, Petra;** Author/Correspondent; DIE ZEIT; Speaker

25 August 2024 18:30 - 19:00 | Ritual | Kirche

**Into the Silence: Evening Ritual**

A place of calm: Spiritual impulses from various religious and philosophical backgrounds invite you to contemplate and reflect. Inspiring initiators tell their stories, take you on a journey of the mind and initiate moments of genuine stillness.

// INFO: Into the Silence on the 25th will be in English.

25 August 2024 18:30 - 19:30 | Stage | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

**Pitch: To Grow or Not to Grow: The Path Towards a Climate-Positive Economy**

Track: Climate, Finance

The negative social, emotional and environmental consequences of our current model of economic growth are becoming ever more evident. Planetary resources are finite and emissions from production and consumption steadily increase. What model works best to achieve economic, social and planetary wellbeing? Hear three visions and challenge the speakers with your questions.

**Herkes, Anne Ruth;** State Secretary (ret.), Ambassador (ret.), Corporate Non-Executive Director; Quintet Private Bank (Europe) S.A.; Brookfield Business Partners L.P.; Speaker  
**Mehta, Nipun;** Founder; ServiceSpace; Speaker  
**Ottacher, Gebhard;** Managing Director; Climate Lab; Moderator  
**Wagner, Gernot;** Climate economist; Columbia Business School; Speaker

25 August 2024 19:30 - 23:00 | Happening | Spar Tiefgarage

### **DIVES / Tonica Hunter**

Track: ART

Dancing in the parking garage - join us for an unforgettable evening with a concert and DJ set: The Viennese band DIVES met at a music camp for women, inter and trans people in 2015. They have since perfected their brand of stirring multivocal indiepop with DIY vibes, characterised by lyrics about everyday sexism and self care, friendship and summer nights.

As a DJ Tonica Hunter has founded collectives and events and DJ'd at many festivals and cultural spaces. Hunter describes their sound as a merger of their Jamaican roots, their London upbringing and their ties to Africa as a member of the Diaspora - as well as the navigation of those identities.

[How to get there. \(click here\)](#)

DOORS: 19:30

DIVES: 20:00

TONICA HUNTER: 21:00

**Breitfuss, Laura;** Musician; DIVES; Artist

**de Goederen, Dora;** Drummer of the Band DIVES; DIVES; Artist

**Hunter, Tonica;** Curator, Lecturer; Universität für angewandte Kunst Wien; Artist

**Kirner, Viktoria;** Journalist, Musician, Lawyer; Der Standard; Artist

**Leichtfried, Tamara;** Musician; DIVES; Artist

25 August 2024 20:15 - 22:00 | Stage | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **The 18th Annual Speakers Night at the European Forum Alpbach**

Hosted by: Club Alpbach Styria

Speakers Night is the popular public speaking contest; a platform for scholarship holders to showcase their oratorical skills on the big stage. The format offers a select group of bright young minds the ideal opportunity to share their ideas and perspectives on a pre-determined topic with a larger audience, all while receiving valuable feedback from a distinguished panel.

**List, Kathryn;** Chairwoman of the Board; AVL Cultural Foundation; Chair

26 August 2024 04:00 - 09:00 | Hike | CCA Vorplatz

### **Sunrise Hike: Gratlspitz**

Rise and shine: Enjoy the first rays of sunshine on the top of Alpbach. Experience this special atmosphere and start your day energised!

//INFO: The hike is not recommended for beginners! Attention: 900 metres in ascent! Please wear hiking boots, bring water and possibly a small snack. If you have a head torch, please bring it with you. Participation at your own risk!

Depending on the pace you are walking at, you should allow between 4 and 5 hours for the walk.

26 August 2024 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual | CCA Vorplatz

### **Morning Sports: Functional Fitness**

Supported by: Federal Ministry of Defence

Start the day with a boost of energy! The trainers of the Austrian Armed Forces will get you sweating with military functional fitness on the forecourt of the CCA - an ideal way to recover from stress and prevent burnout or illness.

26 August 2024 08:00 - 08:30 | Ritual | Kirche

### **Into the Silence: Morning Ritual**

A place of calm: Spiritual impulses from various religious and philosophical backgrounds invite you to contemplate and reflect. Inspiring initiators tell their stories, take you on a journey of the mind and initiate moments of genuine stillness.

26 August 2024 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat | CCA Schrödinger-Saal

### **Let's Call a Spade a Spade: What the EU Needs to Do to Get Things Right.**

Supported by: Erste Group

Which role does Europe play globally? What does the continent's future potential consist of? Do the EU's values (still) have a role in the age of BigTech and AI? How do we address the megatrends that shape our times: demographics, climate change, inequality, and globalization? This panel offers diverse range of views, but with one common denominator: the belief that Europe's best days are yet to come!

**Bosek, Peter;** CEO; Erste Group Bank AG; Speaker

**Goulard, Sylvie;** Professor of Practice in Global Affairs and Geopolitics; SDA Bocconi School of Management; Speaker

**Thorning-Schmidt, Helle;** Former Prime Minister; Kingdom of Denmark; Speaker

**Vettermann, Doris;** Domestic policy and EU journalist; Moderator

26 August 2024 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat | CCA Flora-Heiss-Rogger Saal

### **EU Enlargement: A New Chapter or Old Wine in New Bottles?**

Track: Democracy, Security

The war in Ukraine has brought a new sense of urgency to the EU enlargement process. The European Council opened accession negotiations with Ukraine and Moldova. Now comes the hard part, as the candidate countries in the Western Balkans know only too well. We will discuss what Ukraine and Moldova can learn from their experiences and what impact the new momentum driven by Ukraine has on the enlargement process in the Western Balkans and in general.

**Edtstadler, Karoline**; Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution; Republic of Austria; Speaker  
**Gherasimov, Cristina**; Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration; Republic of Moldova; Speaker  
**Heilbronn, Pierre**; France's Special Envoy for Ukraine's Relief and Reconstruction; French Republic; Speaker  
**Mayr-Harting, Thomas**; Chair of the International Advisory Board; European Forum Alpbach; Moderator  
**Milatović, Jakov**; President; Montenegro; Speaker

26 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Work | Schulhäusl

### **Staged Contact**

Track: ART

Learn to use approaches from arts and culture in new and exciting ways! You'll dare to ask questions, give compliments and cause conditions to dance. Surprising methods will lead you to unusual encounters; you will change locations and experience dynamic interactions. The open exchange with each other is a key tool for practising democracy; it also encourages connections that last.

**Anton, Matthias**; Artist and Educator; Kulturagent\*innen Hamburg e.V.; Artist  
**Münz, Julia**; Cultural Agent; Kulturagent\*innen Hamburg e.V.; Artist

26 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike | CCA Terrasse

### **Energy Beyond Borders: Industry Partnerships for a Sustainable Future**

Supported by: Enery | Track: Climate

Envision a future where sustainable energy powers Europe's industry. Explore how partnerships between industry, green energy producers, and public stakeholders are tackling climate challenges and enhance economies along with innovations such as cross-border Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs). Join us to shape Europe's energy future and drive collective action towards a greener future.

//INFO: Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of bad weather, shuttles will bring you to the location.

**Beelitz, Constantin**; Regional President Europe, CIS & Türkiye; RHI Magnesita; Speaker  
**Dixson-Declève, Sandrine**; Co-President; The Club of Rome; Speaker  
**Gögele-Celeda, Katrin**; Country Manager Austria & Adriatic; Immofinanz AG; Speaker  
**König, Richard**; CEO; Enery; Speaker  
**Stühlinger, Lukas**; Managing Partner; Fingreen; Moderator

26 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike | CCA Vorplatz

### **Rethinking Work in the Age of AI & Automation**

Track: Finance

Digital technologies have fundamentally changed the way businesses operate and people interact. While many jobs will be lost along the way, many more will be created and almost all will be transformed. What will the future of work look like? Discuss how policy makers, companies and societies can ensure that workers acquire the skills needed to succeed in an ever-changing labour market.

//INFO: Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place on the upper floor of the elementary school.

**Deodato, Marzia**; Software Engineer; Barclays, Google Developer Group, Google Women Techmakers; Speaker

**Meierkord, Anja**; Labour Market Expert; OECD; Speaker

**Meissner, Philip**; Founder / Director; European Center for Digital Competitiveness; Speaker

**Simic, Ana**; CEO | Supervisory Board Member; Engage Technology | ASFINAG | EuroTeleSites AG; Moderator

**Stengg, Werner**; Cabinet Expert; European Commission; Speaker

26 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike | Buswendeplatz

### **Youth as Catalysts for Change**

Track: Democracy

Young people are increasingly powerful agents of change, driving innovative solutions and advocating for progressive policies on a global scale. We aim to illuminate the pivotal role of youth in shaping policies worldwide, exploring their diverse contributions – such as involving first-time voters or training other young change-makers – and charting pathways for meaningful youth engagement in decision-making processes.

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**Dober, Rebekka**; Founder & CEO, Social Entrepreneur; YEPworks; Speaker

**Joseph, David**; U-Report Ambassador; UNICEF; Speaker

**Pirvulescu, Corina**; Co-founder; Civics International; Speaker

**Pressl, Damita**; Journalist and Moderator; NZZ; Moderator

26 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Work | Hotel Post - Seminarraum

### **Co-Creating a Narrative towards a Sufficiency Economy in the EU**

Supported by: Robert Bosch Foundation & Mercator Switzerland Foundation | Track: Climate, Democracy

The just transition keeps making news' handlines, however, today's policies aiming at the environmental transformation of the EU are far from being just. The concept of sufficiency ensures that policies and business models deliver on human needs within planetary boundaries. In this workshop you will co-create just transition narratives for the EU that will inform the soon to be published Sufficiency Gap Report of the World Sufficiency Lab.

**Saheb, Yamina;** Senior researcher and co-founder of the World Sufficiency Lab; World Sufficiency Lab - Sciences Po-; Moderator

**Stuhlfauth, Valentin;** PhD student in economics working on sufficiency policies for mobility; University Lyon 2; Moderator

26 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Work | CCA Liechtenstein-Hayek-Saal

### **Resilience Against a Backlash: Maintaining Momentum for Climate Action**

Track: Climate, Democracy

There will either be a just transition or no transition at all – This is a statement that is often heard. Particularly in times of (anticipated) backsliding on climate action, it is crucial that a) the transition is designed by taking everyone's needs and interests into account, and b) polarising voices do not dominate the discourse. In this workshop you will explore arguments and policies that really work in addressing the trilemma of social justice, democratic participation and climate action holistically and that support society in unearthing aspiration from grievances.

**Biskupski, Jacek;** Senior reasearcher at KEZO Labs (Renewable Energy Laboratory of Polish Academy of Sciences); PAN (Polish Academy of Sciences); Speaker

**Dela Fiamor, Roxana;** Senior Researcher; E3G; Moderator

**Dunlop, Kirsten;** CEO; EIT Climate-KIC; Speaker

**Rajn, Mario;** Mayor; City of Križevci; Speaker

**Wheaton, Pip;** Planet & Climate; Ashoka; Speaker

26 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Work | Alphof - Seminarraum

### **Forming Alliances: Collective Strategies for our Democracies**

Supported by: Faktor D | Track: Democracy

There is one thing many of us have in common is that we are working for a better world of tomorrow. But even if we have similar goals, our activities are often uncoordinated. At a time of polycrisis that puts us under enormous pressure to act, strategic cooperation seems more important than ever. How do we manage to join forces in this plurality and complexity and develop collective strategies in order to achieve our common goals faster and more purposefully, and strengthen our democracies?

**Dederichs, Laura;** Projectmanager; Faktor D; Speaker

**Hammoutene, Caroline;** Project Manager; Faktor D // Demokratie21; Speaker

**Schnider, Nina;** CEO Austria; Faktor D; Speaker

26 August 2024 13:30 - 14:00 | Chat | CCA Bookstore

### **Book Signing: Gernot Wagner**

Track: Climate

Join Gernot Wagner for a book signing of "Geoengineering: The Gamble" at our bookstore.

26 August 2024 14:00 - 16:30 | Work | Schulhäusl

### **Campaign for the Future**

Track: ART

Have you heard the good news? It's a historic election year: the ideal time for a playful reflection on the utopian potential of elections and democracy itself. Take part in two utopian election campaigns and work with the campaign teams as they prepare for a collective performative election rally.

**Aksöz Balzar, Zeynep**; Assistant Professor; TU Wien; Artist

**Duller, Kathrina**; Architect, Designer; Self-employed; Artist

**Hunter, Tonica**; Curator, Lecturer; Universität für angewandte Kunst Wien; Artist

**Kirner, Viktoria**; Journalist, Musician, Lawyer; Der Standard; Artist

**Mayr, Jakob**; Designer; Studio Jakob Mayr; Artist

**Podlaha, Nikolaus**; Architectural Designer, Urban Researcher; Self-employed entrepreneur; Artist

**Puschmann, Florian**; Creative Director; Puschmann Studio; Artist

**Todorović, Aleksandar**; Graphic designer; Self-employed entrepreneur; Artist

**Wittmann, Kilian**; Graphic Design; Kilian Wittmann; Artist

26 August 2024 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike | CCA Vorplatz

### **War in Ukraine: Recent Developments and Scenarios for the Future**

Track: Security

Two and a half years after Russia started its full-scale invasion of Ukraine, an end of the war is still not in sight. Listen to an analysis of the current military situation and discuss its implications for Ukraine's reconstruction, EU and NATO accession and options for peace.

//INFO: Bring hiking shoes and sufficient water. In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place on the upper floor of the elementary school (Volksschule).

**Gady, Franz-Stefan**; Senior Fellow; Institute for International Strategic Studies; Speaker

**Kofman, Michael**; Senior Fellow; Carnegie Endowment; Speaker

**Ogryzko, Olesia**; Director | Visiting Fellow; Sahaidachnyi Security Center | European Council on Foreign Relations; Speaker

**Skoll, Lindsay**; Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN in Vienna; United Kingdom; Speaker

**Zinkanell, Michael Gabriel**; Director; Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES); Moderator



26 August 2024 14:00 - 16:30 | Chat

### **Finding a New Balance in Times of Crises: Trade and Climate Relations between Europe and Africa**

Track: Climate

The EU has made commitments to support Africa in its climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts. At the same time, the EU's climate diplomacy actions could contribute to a potential slowing down of African economic growth. How can the two continents shape a relationship that advances decarbonisation without creating trade barriers, that is, a relationship that is reciprocal and fit for the challenges of the 21st century?

**Lamy, Pascal**; Chairman; Climate Overshoot Commission; Speaker

**Osinbajo, Yemi**; Former Vice President of Nigeria; Climate Action Platform for Africa; Speaker

**Pinzler, Petra**; Author/Correspondent; DIE ZEIT; Moderator

26 August 2024 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike | CCA Terrasse

### **Supporting a Balanced and Sustainable Diet**

Supported by: Nestlé | Track: Climate

A balanced diet should provide all macro- and micronutrients a person needs to remain healthy. Food's affordability and accessibility often stand as barriers. At the same time, we need to ensure that food is produced in a way that creates a more resilient future of our planet and its people. So how can the dietary needs over the human lifespan be addressed in a sustainable manner?

//INFO: Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of bad weather, shuttles will bring you to the location.

**Emami, Nashmil**; Head of Applied Nutrition; Nestlé; Speaker

**Kowatsch, Bernhard**; Head of Innovation Accelerator; UN World Food Programme (WFP); Speaker

**Penker, Marianne**; Professor of Rural Sociology and Rural Development; BOKU University; Speaker

**Pressl, Damita**; Journalist and Moderator; NZZ; Moderator

26 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **The Geopolitics of Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)**

Supported by: Austrian National Bank (OeNB) | Track: Finance

Central Banks around the globe are developing Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs). This could challenge the current dollar-based system. A single CBDC may have an enormous standard-setting effect. If the digital euro becomes the standard-setter on its promise of privacy, Europe could regain ownership of its financial infrastructure, increase competitiveness and change geopolitical positions.

**Balz, Burkhard**; Member of the executive board; German National Bank (DBb); Speaker

**Birch, David G.W.**; Author, Advisor and Commentator on Digital Financial Services; 15 Mb Ltd; Speaker

**Demertzis, Maria**; Professor of Economic Policy, Senior Fellow; European University Institute, Bruegel; Speaker

**Lohninger, Thomas**; CEO of epicenter.works- for digital rights and board member of European Digital Rights (EDRi); Speaker

26 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | CCA Flora-Heiss-Rogger Saal

### **State-Sponsored Disinformation and the Dangers to Electoral Integrity**

Supported by: Heinrich Böll Foundation | Track: Democracy, Security

In this historic election year, we are confronted with the multifaceted challenges posed by state-sponsored disinformation more than ever before. This includes voter manipulation and defamation campaigns. Explore the learnings we can draw from these attacks on electoral integrity and identify strategies to best protect the democratic electoral process of the future.

**Clifford, Cayley**; Deputy Chief Editor; Africa Check; Speaker

**Ho, Huian**; Head of International Projects; Taiwan FactCheck Center; Speaker

**Kovalcikova, Nad'a**; Senior Analyst and CFI Project Director; EU Institute for Security Studies; Speaker

**Krekó, Péter**; Director; Political Capital Institute; Moderator

**Schiffirin, Anya**; Director of the Technology, Media and Communication Department; Columbia University SIPA; Speaker

26 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | CCA Liechtenstein-Hayek-Saal

### **US vs. EU Green Tech Race: How to Work Together?**

Track: Climate, Finance

The US and the EU are both pushing their green industries, but they are taking different approaches. The recent US Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) sent a clear message that green technology is a profitable industry. This has raised concerns in Europe that companies will choose to invest in the US rather than in Europe. What can Europe learn from the US to unlock private investment in clean technologies and which opportunities for cooperation exist?

**Clüver Ashbrook, Cathryn**; Executive Vice President/Senior Advisor; Bertelsmann Stiftung; Speaker

**Gerbert, Philipp**; CEO; TUM Venture Labs; Speaker

**Mateen, Haaris**; Assistant Professor of Finance; University of Houston; Speaker

**Rosen, Monika**; Vice President; Austro-American Society; Moderator

**Spitzer, Sophia**; Chief of Staff; Marvel Fusion; Speaker

26 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | CCA Schrödinger-Saal

### **Imagining Green, Sustainable and Regenerative Cities**

Supported by: IKEA | Track: Climate

The session will visualise greener urban landscapes, focusing on transforming urban spaces globally to ensure a sustainable and livable future. The discussion delves into the practical realisation of these concepts, aiming to create environmentally sustainable urban environments that are well-prepared for the challenges of tomorrow.

**Ambole, Amollo**; Development and Innovation expert; Amollo.com; Speaker

**Deliloglu, Alpaslan**; CEO & Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO); IKEA Austria; Speaker

**Kamensky, Jan**; Artist; Visual Utopias; Speaker

**Paulick-Thiel, Caroline**; Founding Director; Politics for Tomorrow / nextlearning e.V.; Moderator

26 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | Böglerhof - Fichtensaal

### **Unpacking the Role of Packaging & Circularity Towards a Climate Neutral Europe**

Supported by: Constantia Flexibles | Track: Climate

Consumers encounter packaging every day. Packaging plays a major role in preserving the valuable content inside but also for the ecological perception by consumers. A transformation towards more circularity and less environmental impact is necessary. The discussion will explore how packaging design has already changed and will have to change over the next half decade to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals, especially in the context of policy regulation.

**Mandl, Lukas;** Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

**Rademacher, Marc;** Executive Vice President Consumer Commercial; Constantia Flexibles GmbH; Speaker

**Reitz, Alexander;** Team Lead Sustainable Packaging Consulting; PreZero International; Speaker

**Skoda, Elisabeth;** Editor at Large; Packaging Europe; Moderator

26 August 2024 15:45 - 16:30 | Chat | CCA Loggia

### **Book Talk: Werner Stengg**

Track: Finance

Join Werner Stengg, Member of Cabinet of the Commission's Executive Vice-President Margrethe Vestager, for a book talk on his new book "Digital Policy in the EU: Towards a Human-centred Digital Transformation" in the Loggia on top of the CCA.

//INFO: In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place in the Liechtenstein-Hayek-Saal.

**Stengg, Werner;** Cabinet Expert; European Commission; Speaker

26 August 2024 17:00 - 18:00 | Stage | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Better Safe Than Sorry: Time to Get Serious about European Strategic Sovereignty**

Track: Security

Former US President Trump's statements about NATO shocked European allies and raised doubts about the continued reliability of the US as Europe's security guarantor. Will Europe be able to defend and promote its way of life without the US? What does it take to achieve more sovereignty in terms of security and defence?

//INFO: The session will begin with the short film Power (Dana Sink, US 2017, 2:23 min), offering an artistic perspective on the topic of discussion.

**Bildt, Carl;** Co-Chair; European Council on Foreign Relations; Speaker

**Clüver Ashbrook, Cathryn;** Executive Vice President/Senior Advisor; Bertelsmann Stiftung; Moderator

**González Laya, Arancha;** Dean Paris School of International Affairs; Sciences Po; Speaker

**Grić Radman, Gordan;** Minister for Foreign and European Affairs; Republic of Croatia; Speaker

**Odobescu, Luminița-Teodora;** Minister of Foreign Affairs; Romania; Speaker

**Schallenberg, Alexander;** Federal Minister for European and International Affairs; Republic of Austria; Speaker

26 August 2024 17:00 - 18:00 | Chat | CCA Schrödinger-Saal

### **Joining Forces for 1.5 Degrees**

Track: Climate

The more the global community delays its climate actions, the more drastic they will have to be. At the same time, disasters and looming crises unite individuals and organisations to achieve the previously unthinkable. What are moonshot moments of transformation that will bring global climate goals on track in the imminent future? How can we redesign our social and economic systems to prioritise sustainability, regeneration, and resilience in face of the risk of missing the 1.5-degree target?

**Dixson-Declève, Sandrine;** Co-President; The Club of Rome; Chair  
**Johar, Indy;** Co-Founder; Dark Matter Labs; Speaker  
**Rycroft, Nicole;** Founder & Executive Director; CanopyPlanet; Speaker

26 August 2024 18:00 - 20:00 | Chat | Böglerhof - Fichtensaal

### **Book Launch: Lessons from Europe**

Supported by: Erste Stiftung

Join us for the reading and discussion on "Lessons from Europe: 22 Essays on the Future of Our Continent". Renowned experts share their insights on the past 35 years and the future of Europe's societies and economy, with a focus on Central and Eastern Europe. The book explores complex societal and political changes from European integration that will continue to shape the region's future.

6:00 p.m.: Welcome Cocktails

6:30 to 7:00 p.m.: Reading Karl-Markus Gauß, How Does the East Perceive the West? (in German with translated texts)

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.: Discussion "35 Years Later – What Can the West Learn from the East?"

**Bachler-Huber, Martina;** Press Officer for the Boards; Moderator  
**Gauß, Karl-Markus;** Speaker  
**Mair, Johanna;** Speaker

26 August 2024 18:15 - 19:15 | Chat | CCA Schrödinger-Saal

### **Book Talk: Sandrine Dixson-Declève**

Track: Climate

Join Sandrine Dixson-Declève for a book talk of "Earth for All: A Survival Guide for Humanity" in the Schrödinger-Hall.

**Dixson-Declève, Sandrine;** Co-President; The Club of Rome; Speaker

26 August 2024 18:30 - 19:30 | Stage | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

**Relationship Status EU-China: It's Complicated.**

Track: Security

In its 2019 strategic outlook on EU-China relations, the European Commission described China as a partner for cooperation, an economic competitor and a systemic rival. Since then, China has become more repressive at home and more assertive abroad. Should the new Commission adapt its strategy? Listen to three different perspectives on EU-China relations and challenge the speakers with your questions.

**Clifford, Fionn**; MPA holder; Peking University; Speaker

**Oertel, Janka**; Director, Asia programme; European Council on Foreign Relations; Speaker

**Opletal, Helmut**; Fellow; Department of East Asian Studies, University of Vienna; Speaker

**Wehler-Schöck, Anja**; International Editor; Tagesspiegel; Moderator

26 August 2024 20:00 - 22:00 | Social | Alphof - Speisesaal

**Celebrate Europe together**

Supported by: Erste Group

Tyrol welcomes Europe! Join us in the cosy atmosphere of Alphof for cheese spätzle and a drink: a great opportunity to meet new people and raise a glass together. Afterwards, there is a party in the Alpbach underground garage for those looking for more action.

26 August 2024 21:00 - 23:59 | Happening | Spar Tiefgarage

**Sound of Music: Party**

Supported by: Erste Group

Do you know the underground garage in Alpbach? Well, tonight it will be turning into a club for once! DJane Pierre Ciseaux, who also plays at international festivals, will be spinning music from the 90s and early 2000s, while the Alpbacher Landjugend takes care of your drinks. Come on Alpbach – Let's Party!

**Pierre Ciseaux**; DJ; Artist

27 August 2024 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual | CCA Vorplatz

**Morning Sports: Functional Fitness**

Supported by: Federal Ministry of Defence

Start the day with a boost of energy! The trainers of the Austrian Armed Forces will get you sweating with military functional fitness on the forecourt of the CCA - an ideal way to recover from stress and prevent burnout or illness.

27 August 2024 08:00 - 08:30 | Ritual | Kirche

### **Into the Silence: Morning Ritual**

A place of calm: Spiritual impulses from various religious and philosophical backgrounds invite you to contemplate and reflect. Inspiring initiators tell their stories, take you on a journey of the mind and initiate moments of genuine stillness.

27 August 2024 09:00 - 10:15 | Stage | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Closing: Europe in the World Days**

To close out the Europe in the World Days, an in-depth ex-post analysis of the previous European Commission cycle and an ex-ante analysis for the upcoming one are completed while looking for a broad vision for the future of the EU.

**Cloos, Jim;** Secretary General; TEPSA; Speaker

**Demertzis, Maria;** Professor of Economic Policy, Senior Fellow; European University Institute, Bruegel; Speaker

**Grimm, Oliver;** Europe Correspondent; Die Presse; Moderator

**Letta, Enrico;** Former Prime Minister of Italy; Speaker

**Pornschlegel, Sophie;** Director of Studies; Europe Jacques Delors; Speaker

27 August 2024 10:00 - 11:30 | Chat | CCA Liechtenstein-Hayek-Saal

### **(Re-)Creating Affordable Housing in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)**

Supported by: ERSTE Foundation | Track: Finance

While affordable housing models thrive in Austria, they have almost ceased to exist in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), where the vast majority of the population lives in their own dwelling. Following a recent surge in real estate prices, flats in the region's major cities have become the most expensive in the European Union, posing a real challenge, especially for the younger generation. We'll delve into the strategies to leverage Austria's experience in creating new ways towards affordable housing in CEE.

**Blaha, Marek;** CEO; Dostupné bydlení České spořitelny, a.s.; Speaker

**Blazej, Rastislav;** Head of Social Banking; Slovenská Sporiteľňa; Speaker

**Edwards, Sorch (tbc.);** Secretary General; Housing Europe; Speaker

**Jesko, Milos;** Chairman; Slovak Investment Holding; Speaker

**Lehmann, Raphael;** Impact Investment Manager; Erste Social Finance Holding; Moderator

**Nidetzký, Tomáš;** National Development Bank; Speaker

27 August 2024 10:30 - 12:00 | Chat | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Alpbach Talks**

Supported by: Erste Group

Talking brings people together. The pursuit of a “moment of truth” demands lively discussions, contrasting views, and an exchange of ideas. Bold perspectives are encouraged! By answering five questions, you are matched with a thought-provoking discussion partner and engage in a spirited one-to-one discussion aimed at providing both participants with new insights. Who knows, maybe you’ll even discover that you and your discussion partner have more in common than you’d initially thought? At the very least, you’ll leave with new perspectives.

// Please arrive on time to avoid missing the “matching” of participants, as this only occurs once.

**Bleier, Ingo**; Chief Corporates and Markets Officer; Erste Group Bank AG; Speaker

27 August 2024 12:00 - 14:30 | Happening | CCA Vorplatz

### **EFA Food Market hosted by Popchop**

Regional farmers and producers meet urban foodies. Enjoy your lunch break over a variety of culinary delights and get inspired by the topic of sustainable nutrition. After taking some refreshment, let’s head to the opening of the Austria in Europe Days. Bon Appétit!

27 August 2024 14:30 - 16:30 | Happening | Mittelschule Vorplatz

### **Alpbach Pride**

Hosted by: Initiative Group Alpbach Wien

Alpbach Pride celebrates its fourth edition! Join the parade and raise your voice against social exclusion. As prejudices and discriminating practices against the LGBTQIA\* community are on the rise in Europe and beyond, it remains necessary to continue this newly established tradition. Feel free to come in your best Pride outfit and get the glitter shining for a joint celebration of diversity.

27 August 2024 16:30 - 18:30 | Stage | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### Opening: Austria in Europe Days

The opening of the Austria in Europe Days revolves around the annual theme of this year's EFA event "Moment of Truth" and paves the way for subsequent discussions.

**Aslan, Ali**; International TV Host, Moderator and Journalist; [www.aliaslan.de](http://www.aliaslan.de); Moderator  
**Brunner, Magnus**; Federal Minister of Finance; Republic of Austria; Speaker  
**Grossi, Rafael**; Director General; International Atomic Energy Agency; Speaker  
**Hetzer, Martin**; President; ISTA - Institute of Science and Technology; Speaker  
**Neubauer, Luisa**; Climate Activist & Author; Fridays for Future; Speaker  
**Saran, Samir**; President; Observer Research Foundation; Speaker  
**Stürgkh, Anna**; Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker  
**Treichl, Andreas**; President; European Forum Alpbach; Speaker

27 August 2024 18:30 - 22:00 | Social | CCA Otto Molden Foyer

### Cheers to EFA24 by A1

Supported by: A1

After an inspiring start into the Austria in Europe Days, the upper floor of the Congress Centre becomes a gathering place! Meet other participants and catch up with old acquaintances. There will be drinks, snacks and music for everyone!

**Cid Rim**; Musician, Producer; Artist  
**The CloniOus**; Musician, Producer; Artist

27 August 2024 19:30 - 21:00 | Happening | CCA Loggia

### Inhabit the Future: Election Night

Track: ART

A campaign with a twist appears all over Alpbach this year. The votes have almost been counted, exit polls are announced, the excitement is mounting: Which long-term vision of the future will it be? Who will win the election of utopias? The students of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art will help you decide by staging two different visions during an exciting election rally. The campaign is almost over – cast your vote and be there when the results are announced.

**Aksöz Balzar, Zeynep**; Assistant Professor; TU Wien; Artist  
**Duller, Kathrina**; Architect, Designer; Self-employed; Artist  
**Hunter, Tonica**; Curator, Lecturer; Universität für angewandte Kunst Wien; Artist  
**Kirner, Viktoria**; Journalist, Musician, Lawyer; Der Standard; Artist  
**Mayr, Jakob**; Designer; Studio Jakob Mayr; Artist  
**Podlaha, Nikolaus**; Architectural Designer, Urban Researcher; Self-employed entrepreneur; Artist  
**Puschmann, Florian**; Creative Director; Puschmann Studio; Artist  
**Todorović, Aleksandar**; Graphic designer; Self-employed entrepreneur; Artist  
**Wittmann, Kilian**; Graphic Design; Kilian Wittmann; Artist



28 August 2024 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual | CCA Vorplatz

### **Morning Sports: Functional Fitness**

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28 August 2024 08:00 - 09:00 | CCA - Dolmetschkabinen

### **Test Network 2**

Supported by: EFA

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28 August 2024 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat | CCA Schrödinger-Saal

### **Back on Track: Democratic Backsliding and the Challenge of Re-Democratisation**

Track: Democracy

With democratic norms in a worldwide decline, the consequences of this erosion have to be recognised and democratic success stories, such as the case of Poland, have to be appreciated and learnings adopted. We build an understanding of the signs and steps of democratic backsliding, and examine the challenge of re-democratisation, most notably restoring checks and balances and media freedom.

**Pressl, Damita**; Journalist and Moderator; NZZ; Moderator

**Rudzińska-Bluszcz, Zuzanna**; Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Justice; Republic of Poland; Speaker

**Spremo, Jovana**; Advocacy Director, European Young Leader; Lawyers' Committee for Human Rights (YUCOM); Speaker

**Zadić, Alma**; Federal Minister of Justice; Republic of Austria; Speaker

28 August 2024 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat | CCA Flora-Heiss-Rogger Saal

### **Live Podcast: Does Islamism hinder the Integration of Immigrants?**

Supported by: Der Pragmaticus

Deep, mobile, and personal: With podcasts, news and information reach different target audiences in different ways. What is important in this genre? Three hosts – Anna Wallner (Die Presse), Andreas Sator (Erklär mir die Welt), and Karin Pollack (Der Pragmaticus) – talk about their approaches and experiences and interview Islamism expert Lisa Fellhofer in a joint live podcast.

**Fellhofer, Lisa Christiane;** Director of the Austrian Fund for the documentation of religiously motivated political extremism; Speaker

**Pollack, Karin;** editor at the media platform Pragmaticus; Speaker

**Sator, Andreas;** Journalist, podcaster & author; Speaker

28 August 2024 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat | Böglerhof - Fichtensaal

### **Aging Europe: Ensuring Prosperity, Advancing Innovation**

Supported by: Austrian Economic Chamber (WKÖ) | Track: Finance

The demographic shift affects all of Europe. As the population ages rapidly, the number of people in the working-age group decreases. The challenge lies in maintaining prosperity, financing social systems, and promoting innovation. Representatives from politics, business, and academia discuss solutions and explore how migration can be beneficial for both sides.

**Kocher, Martin;** Federal Minister of Labor and Economic Affairs; Republic of Austria; Speaker

**Kopf, Karlheinz;** Generalsekretär; Austrian Economic Chamber (WKÖ); Speaker

**Scheckmann, Annette;** Member of the Board; STRABAG AG; Speaker

**Weissenberger, Eva;** Head of Data & Media Center; Austrian Economic Chamber (WKÖ); Moderator

28 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Work | Feuerwehrhaus

### **The future of the EU Green Deal – Financing the Transition**

Supported by: Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF) | Track: Climate, Finance

Europe's transition to a climate-neutral economic system poses a significant challenge to finance ministries. We discuss why it is important to harmonise fiscal, budget and competition policy when complying with international and union climate goals, and why a purely debt-based transformation is not a solution. In this context, the instrument of green budgeting is also presented.

**Brunner, Magnus;** Federal Minister of Finance; Republic of Austria; Speaker

**Delgado, Jose;** Head of Climate Hub, Budget Division; Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF); Speaker

**Ulmer, Maria;** Budget section; Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF); Speaker

28 August 2024 09:00 - 16:00 | Work | Volksschule Erdgeschoß 3

### **Alpbach IDEAS Camp**

Become part of Alpbach IDEAS, a one-year journey that bridges the gap between theory and practice and creates a space for experiments and continuous learning. Aspiring changemakers, innovators, and problem solvers are invited to participate in two dynamic workshops called IDEAS Camps. A one-hour lunch break is included.

Active participation in all workshops is highly recommended for those interested in joining the Alpbach IDEAS programme in 2024/2025.

- facilitated by Pioneers Innovation GmbH

**Dudek, Martin;** Creative Director; Not A Binary World; Mentor

**Obrist, Michael;** Head of Venture Incubation; Pioneers Innovation; Facilitator

**Reuchlin, Philip;** Head of Carbon Accounting & Climate; Atlas Metrics; Facilitator

28 August 2024 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Europe, Believe in Yourself! Ideas to Advance Society**

Supported by: Erste Group | Track: Finance, Democracy

We have the European Parliament elections behind us and Austria's national elections ahead.

Now's the time for a realistic analysis of the status quo. If we want to ensure our continued prosperity, we need a competitive business environment within a strong Europe. Prioritizing industrial policies and fostering a robust capital market must no longer be seen as alien concepts. What concrete ideas can move us forward as a society?

**Angelo, Silvia;** Member of the Executive Board; ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG; Speaker

**Herlitschka, Sabine;** CEO; Infineon Technologies Austria AG; Speaker

**Holzinger-Burgstaller, Gerda;** CEO; Erste Bank Österreich; Speaker

**Neumann, Patricia;** CEO; Siemens AG Österreich; Speaker

**Vettermann, Doris;** Domestic policy and EU journalist; Moderator

28 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Work | Schulhäusl

### **Enough Is Enough: Give Non-Human Species a Voice**

Track: ART

Humans cannot thrive without a functioning ecosystem. But who shares our habitat? In this workshop, you will explore the biodiversity that surrounds us. You will take a walk to encounter various non-human creatures and step into their shoes to redesign a public space in Alpbach to meet their specific needs.

**Klee, Isa;** Endangered Species Advocacy; Öko Campus Wien; Artist

**Zimmermann, Dominique;** scientist, curator and author; Natural History Museum Vienna; Artist

28 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike | CCA Terrasse

### **Vienna New Deal – Prospects for a Climate-Friendly Future**

Supported by: City of Vienna | Track: Climate

The climate crisis affects us in many ways and leads to dystopian visions of the future. The Vienna New Deal aims to counteract this and show prospects for a socio-ecological transformation. To this end, strategies for change will be developed that focus on the common good and climate protection and blueprint for a climate-friendly future, in which all people can lead a good life within the planetary boundaries.

//INFO: Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of bad weather, shuttles will bring you to the location.

**Czernohorszky, Jürgen;** Executive City Councillor for Climate, Environment, Democracy and Personnel; City of Vienna; Speaker

**Dela Fiamor, Roxana;** Senior Researcher; E3G; Speaker

**Neubauer, Luisa;** Climate Activist & Author; Fridays for Future; Speaker

**Tickell, Phoebe;** Founder and CEO; Moral Imaginations; Speaker

28 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike | CCA Vorplatz

### **Shifting Paradigms: Use the Power of Your Personal Climate Handprint**

Track: Climate

The escalating climate crisis demands urgent action from as many people as possible. However, when it comes to climate action, many people feel powerless, overwhelmed, and frustrated. Framings that individualise responsibility, along with finger-pointing and blame-games, lead to guilt, repression, and inactivity. We will explore how the term “carbon footprint” has contributed to provoking this situation and how each of us can contribute to positive change effectively by applying the climate handprint concept.

//INFO: Bring hiking shoes and sufficient water. In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place on the upper floor of the elementary school.

**Baunach, Gabriel;** Climate Communicator and Author; Speaker

**Schwarz, Corina;** Energy Expert; AEA - Austrian Energy Agency; Speaker

28 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike | Buswendeplatz

### **Disunited in Diversity: What Role for the EU in the Middle East?**

Track: Security

Unlike in the case of the war in Ukraine, the EU has not been able to speak with one voice regarding the war in Gaza. Member states have been criticised for applying double standards regarding the two conflicts. How does this affect Europe’s credibility in the Middle East and beyond and what role can the EU play in fostering a sustainable peace?

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**Fitzgerald, Mary;** Non-resident scholar; Middle East Institute, Washington DC; Speaker

**Hischier, Marion;** Program Officer @ Center for Security Studies ETH Zürich / Policy Fellow @ foraus; Center for Security Studies ETH Zürich / foraus; Speaker

**Khar, Hina Rabbani;** Former Foreign Minister; Islamic Republic of Pakistan; Speaker

**Mandl, Lukas;** Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

**Wehler-Schöck, Anja;** International Editor; Tagesspiegel; Moderator

28 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Work | CCA Liechtenstein-Hayek-Saal

### **Beyond Money: Improving Your Financial Well-being**

Track: Finance

Assess your own financial well-being and learn tricks to improve it using the latest findings from financial well-being research and behavioural science. Gain a more holistic understanding of your financial well-being, learn about the biases that may be holding you back, and get ideas on how to overcome them with simple steps that can go far beyond finances.

**Pello, Rauno**; Head of Design and Research; ERSTE Foundation; Speaker

**Riitsalu, Leonore**; Research Fellow in Behavioural Policy; University of Tartu; Speaker

28 August 2024 10:00 - 11:30 | Chat | Hotel Post - Seminarraum

### **What will the EU get from the accession of Ukraine?**

Supported by: ERSTE Foundation | Track: Security

What will the EU get from the accession of Ukraine? Discuss the benefits from Ukraine's accession despite the cost incurred. Current estimates suggest that Ukraine's membership will be bearable for the EU budget, even given the war uncertainty. Ukraine will enhance the EU in the fields of military, energy, agriculture, pharmacy, and IT.

**Akulenko, Liubov**; Ukrainian Centre for European Policy; Moderator

**Grievesson, Richard**; Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw); Speaker

**Lissitsa, Dr. Alex**; President; Ukrainian Agribusiness Club; Speaker

28 August 2024 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike | Schulhäusl

### **Stop, Look and Listen: Sensing Nature**

Track: ART, Climate

Conserving biodiversity and our ecosystem for the future requires respect for and a deeper understanding of the natural world – and it all starts with listening and looking intently. Learn to reconnect more deeply with your environment and your fellow beings by experimenting with sound and found material. Immerse yourself in the sensory environment of the local forest.

//INFO: Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place in the Schulhäusl

**Džaferović, Tin**; Lecturer, Musician; Freelancer; Artist

**Gruber, Christina**; artist & freshwater ecologist; Independent; Artist

28 August 2024 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike | Buswendeplatz

### **Europe's Scale-Up Challenge: How to Grow Up in Europe?**

Track: Finance

European innovation thrives at the start-up level, yet many promising ventures often stumble at the scale-up stage compared to their US and Scandinavian counterparts. Join an interactive discussion on the financing bottlenecks that European entrepreneurs face when trying to scale up their businesses and find ways to foster a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem that unlocks Europe's investment potential.

//INFO: Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place on the upper floor of the elementary school.

**Buchmayr, Daniela;** CEO; Sarcura GmbH; Speaker

**Kisakye, Winnie;** Board Member; Africa Alpbach Network; Speaker

**Polagnoli, Lucanus;** CEO; Calm/Storm Ventures; Speaker

**Rosen, Monika;** Vice President; Austro-American Society; Moderator

**Unterdorfer, Hans;** Chief Corporates Officer; Erste Bank Oesterreich; Speaker

28 August 2024 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike | CCA Vorplatz

### **Addressing the Paradox: Demographic Trends vs. Migration Fears**

Track: Finance, Democracy

Europe's population is ageing, labour markets are evolving and the demand for immigrant labour grows accordingly. Yet concerns and anxieties about migration persist. Join us as we navigate this paradox and examine how societies and governments can strike a balance between tackling demographic imperatives and addressing fears about immigration.

//INFO: Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place on the upper floor of the elementary school.

**Dalhuisen, John;** Senior Fellow; European Stability Initiative; Moderator

**Kopf, Johannes;** Chairman of the Board; Public Employment Service Austria (AMS); Speaker

**Sakbani, Banan;** GenC Program Support & Changemaker; Ashoka; Speaker

28 August 2024 14:00 - 17:00 | Hike | Mittelschule Vorplatz

### **Understand Forces of Nature, Experience Disaster Prevention**

Supported by: Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism | Track: Climate, Security

During this practical excursion, participants will gain an insight into the implementation of torrent and avalanche control disaster protection in Austria and neighbouring countries, visit protective structures and experience how to deal with natural disasters in crisis situations in a simulated briefing.

//INFO: The excursion takes place in all weathers, so please come in weatherproof clothing and footwear. There is regional catering.

//Attention: Start is not at the CCA, but at the Mittelschule!

**Hanowski, Nicolaus;** Head of Mission Management & Ground Segments Department; ESA / ESRIN; Speaker

**Idl, Selina;** Forester; Gebietsbauleitung Osttirol; Speaker

**Totschnig, Norbert;** Federal Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management; Republic of Austria; Speaker

**Walter, Gebhard;** Head; Sektion Tirol, Wildbach- und Lawinenverbauung (WLV); Moderator

28 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | Hotel Post - Seminarraum

### **Stories Of Transformation – How We Cope With Fundamental Change**

Supported by: City of Linz & Chamber of Labour Upper Austria | Track: Climate

Artificial intelligence, climate change: Fundamental changes are forcing us to learn and to adapt – at work, in business and in shaping our society. The experiences of our speakers and guests help us to better understand: How do they deal with fundamental change? Which transformations push them to their limits? Which ones do they see as opportunities?

**Herlitschka, Sabine;** CEO; Infineon Technologies Austria AG; Speaker

**Lindstaedt, Stefanie;** Founding President; IT:U – Interdisciplinary Transformation University Austria; Speaker

**Pfeiffer, Sabine;** Professor for Sociology (Technology – Labour – Society); Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg; Speaker

28 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | CCA Liechtenstein-Hayek-Saal

### **Demographic Change and Affordable Pensions: Challenges and Prospects**

Supported by: Federation of Austrian Industries (IV) | Track: Finance

The birth rate is falling, the proportion of older people is rising: Europe and Austria are facing enormous demographic change. These developments are accompanied by new trends and ever-increasing employee mobility. Against this backdrop, the following questions arise: Are European pension systems fit for the future? Are they able to maintain their promise of benefits? Are the social systems keeping pace here? This is a discussion on necessary measures and how politicians can drive forward bold changes despite concerns about votes.

**Aichhorn, Julia;** Chairwoman; Junior Industry (Junge Industrie); Speaker

**Bonin, Holger;** Scientific Director; IHS - Institute for Advanced Studies; Speaker

**Grasel, Sara;** Editor in chief; SELEKTIV; Moderator

**Haslund, Lene;** Pension expert; PFA Pension; Speaker

**Knill, Georg;** President; Federation of Austrian Industries (IV); Speaker

28 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | Feuerwehrhaus

### **Digital Bridges: Reaching the Marginalized**

Supported by: ERSTE Foundation | Track: Democracy

Marginalisation is multidimensional. It includes poverty but also entails a lack of capacity to participate in vital parts of social, economic and cultural life. To reconnect and include this group of people, as society we must innovate our approaches to communication and information, as well as redesign social services. How can we centre our efforts around the needs of marginalised groups? Can digitalisation bridge these divides and foster true inclusion?

**Bachler, Christine;** Platform Evolution Lead; Erste Group; Speaker

**Marte, Boris;** CEO; ERSTE Foundation; Moderator

**Sturm, Nadine;** Researcher at the R&I Department of Johanniter Austria Education and Research; Speaker

**Traxler, Nicole;** ERSTE Foundation; Speaker

**Wacenovský, Alena;** Die Chefredaktion; Speaker

28 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | CCA Flora-Heiss-Rogger Saal

### **Regenerative Agriculture: Debunking an Imaginary Conflict**

Track: Climate

Productivity and sustainability are often played off against each other, and so are the interests of the agricultural production system and the natural ecosystem. Hear from actors from the agri-food value chain who have come together across their individual industry silos to transform the system towards a regenerative agriculture. Find out which systemic shifts generate a shared vision among initially unlikely allies.

INFO: Join us for an optional hike after the session to exchange ideas on how you can transfer learnings from the session to your own field of action.

**Degn, Ivo**; Managing Director; Climate farmers; Speaker

**Frick, Martin**; Director, WFP Global Office Berlin; United Nations World Food Programme (WFP); Speaker

**Fröhlich, Peter**; Founder & CEO; AgriCircle; Speaker

**Garuti, Claudia**; Co-Director; Better Way Foundation; Speaker

**Pons, Geneviève**; Director General; Europe Jacques Delors; Speaker

**Wetzler, Ilana**; Transformational Leadership Facilitator, Coach & Consultant; Ilana Wetzler; Moderator

28 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Let Others Wage War For You, Thou, Happy Austria, Stay Neutral?**

Track: Security

According to a poll, 72 % of Austrians expect other EU members to defend them in case of a military attack, but only 14 % say that Austria should support other EU members with armed troops. This attitude is also reflected in statements from government officials and could lead to Austria's isolation. Time for an honest discussion about the tension between neutrality and solidarity and the consequences for Austrian security policy.

**Corazza Bildt, Anna Maria**; Member of the European Parliament, 2009 - 2019. Entrepreneur, Founder and CEO Tabiano Castello.; International Center for Missing and Exploited Children.; Speaker

**Fenkart, Stephanie**; Director; International Institute for Peace; Speaker

**Gilmore, Eamon**; Senior Advisor | Former EUSR for Human Rights; European Institute for Peace; Speaker

**Schwarz, Christoph**; Research Fellow; Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy; Speaker

28 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | CCA Schrödinger-Saal

### **Green Transformation: Role of Businesses and Banks in Austria and CEE**

Supported by: Raiffeisen Bank International & Raiffeisen-Landesbank Steiermark | Track: Finance  
The green transformation requires joint efforts of banks, businesses and the public sector to redesign our economy. Central aspects include identifying prerequisites, determining actions from stakeholders and understanding financing and the associated costs. The discussion will revolve around the role of businesses in Austria and Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) in and around the circular economy.

**Brunner, Valerie**; Brunner,; Raiffeisen Bank International; Speaker

**Filipan, Aleksandra**; Head of Finance; The Garden Brewery; Speaker

**Hobohm, Julia**; CEO; Gemeinsames Rücknahmesystem Service Batterien; Speaker

**Lyon, Rosa**; Moderator and TV journalist; ORF; Moderator

**Schaller, Martin**; Generaldirektor; Raiffeisen-Landesbank Steiermark; Speaker

**Wiesmüller, Lukas**; Head of Sustainability; SPAR Austria; Speaker



28 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | Böglerhof - Fichtensaal

### **How Trust runs the World**

Supported by: Greiner | Track: Democracy

Trust in business, politics and media is the basis for our coexistence in a society. Trust is necessary to maintain international relations, to strengthen democracy and to enable companies to operate successfully. In times of loss of trust, the following question arises: How can trust be (re)established?

**Ivey, Ron**; Research Fellow; Harvard Human Flourishing Program, Harvard University; Speaker  
**Newman, Nic**; Senior Research Fellow; Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism at Oxford University; Speaker  
**Praeceptor, Beatrix**; CEO; Greiner Packaging; Speaker  
**Pressl, Damita**; Journalist and Moderator; NZZ; Moderator

28 August 2024 15:30 - 16:30 | Ritual | CCA Loggia

### **European Peace Circle**

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**Hoffman, Wakanyi**; Senior Research Fellow; The New Institute, Hamburg; Moderator  
**Ludwig, Bettina**; Cultural-Anthropologist; Zukunfts.Symposium Eferding; Moderator

28 August 2024 16:00 - 16:45 | Chat | CCA Liechtenstein-Saal

### **Book Talk: Michael Breisky**

Join Michael Breisky for a book talk of "Europa verstehen und lieben lernen" in the Liechtenstein-Hall.

**Breisky, Michael**; former Austrian Ambassador, author; Speaker

28 August 2024 17:00 - 18:00 | Stage | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Countering Far-Right Narratives and the Responsibility of the Centre**

Track: Democracy

The resurgence of the far-right presents a significant challenge to democratic values and social cohesion. The political centre plays a crucial role as it oscillates between combating and adopting far-right narratives. In a constructive debate, effective countermeasures and ways to defend our inclusive and democratic societies are to be found.

//INFO: The session will begin with the short film *Wind* (Robert Loebel, GER 2022, 3:49 min), offering an artistic perspective on the topic of discussion.

**Karas, Othmar**; former First Vice-President of the European Parliament; Speaker

**Karnitschnig, Matthew**; Chief Europe correspondent; POLITICO Europe; Speaker

**Lührmann, Anna**; Minister of State for Europe and Climate; Federal Republic of Germany; Speaker

**Szyszkowitz, Tessa**; Author, Journalist and Columnist; Falter; Moderator

**Theisen, Esther**; Researcher; modus|zad - Centre for Applied Deradicalisation Studies; Speaker

28 August 2024 17:00 - 18:00 | Chat | CCA Schrödinger-Saal

### **European Defence: Investing More, Better and European**

Track: Finance, Security

In the ongoing war of attrition, Ukraine's ability to defend itself against Russia's attacks depends on Western military assistance. However, US support is stalling and could be further reduced after the elections. This gap has to be filled by European countries which also have to replenish their own arsenals. How can Europe make better use of the potential of its defence industry and deliver what is needed?

**Kowal, Pawel**; Chairman of the Council for the Cooperation with Ukraine, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee; Polish Parliament Sejm; Speaker

**Zinkanell, Michael Gabriel**; Director; Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES); Moderator

28 August 2024 18:00 - 18:30 | Chat | CCA Bookstore

### **Book Signing: Sven Biscop**

Track: Security

Join Sven Biscop for a book signing of "This is Not a New World Order" and "Grand Strategy in 10 Words" at our bookstore.

**Biscop, Sven**; Professor; Egmont Institute & Ghent University; Speaker

28 August 2024 18:30 - 19:30 | Stage | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

**Pitch: 2100: The End of Democracy?**

Track: Democracy

As the world grapples with political, social and technological transformations, fresh visions for the future of democracy need to emerge. Hear three divergent perspectives on the evolution of democracy in the 21st century and challenge the speakers with your questions.

**Cesnulaityte, Ieva**; Europe's Futures Fellow; IWM; Speaker

**Glenny, Misha**; Rector; IWM; Speaker

**Ludwig, Bettina**; Cultural-Anthropologist; Zukunfts.Symposium Eferding; Speaker

**Pressl, Damita**; Journalist and Moderator; NZZ; Moderator

28 August 2024 18:30 - 19:30 | Chat | CCA Liechtenstein-Saal

**Book Talk: Anton Zeilinger**

Track: Climate

Join Anton Zeilinger for a book talk of "Dance of the Photons" in conversation with Cédric Villani in the Liechtenstein-Saal.

//INFO: This session takes place under Chatham House rules.

**Villani, Cédric**; University Professor; University Lyon I & IHES; Moderator

**Zeilinger, Anton**; Professor Emeritus/ Senior Scientist; University of Vienna/ IQOQI Vienna, Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW); Speaker

28 August 2024 20:00 - 22:00 | Social | Hotel Böglerhof - Böglerbar

**Sustainability Innovators: Women Leading the Future**

Supported by: Granat

A sustainable transformation of our economy requires top managers who take responsibility and implement forward-looking strategies and innovations. The event offers inspiring insights into personal and economic success stories, followed by the opportunity of intensive exchange and networking with successful top managers.

**Gewessler, Leonore**; Federal Minister for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology; Republic of Austria; Speaker

**Gruskiewicz, Barbara**; Moderator

**Huber, Stefanie Christina**; CEO; Sparkasse Oberösterreich; Speaker

**Memminger, Claudia**; CEO; Nespresso Austria; Speaker

**Moss, Ruth**; Head of Marketing & Communications; CRIF Austria; Speaker

**Noll, Christiane**; CEO; Avanade / Accenture; Speaker

**Pirkner, Yvonne**; CEO; ON-Growth Mindset; Speaker

**Schimanko, Jennifer**; CEO; Pair Finance; Speaker

28 August 2024 20:00 - 22:00 | Social | Alphof - Speisesaal

### **Tradition Meets Innovation**

Against the backdrop of the rugged mountains in the thinkers' village of Alpbach, you are cordially invited from Accenture to join Tyrolean Governor Anton Mattle for an inspiring exchange on innovation and the spirit of innovation, the future and future prospects with responsibility and a view of our roots.

28 August 2024 20:30 - 22:00 | Happening | Kirche

### **Rosa Anschütz in Concert**

Track: ART

Join us for an evening in the unique surroundings of Alpbach's baroque church. On her hauntingly beautiful and intricately crafted records, Rosa Anschütz combines singing and spoken word with electronic soundscapes, choral arrangements and analogue instruments. Her lyrics explore her environment, and the constant search for the self within that environment.

//INFO: Limited number of seats available.

Doors: 8.30pm

**Anschütz, Rosa;** Artist

29 August 2024 04:00 - 09:00 | Hike | CCA Vorplatz

### **Sunrise Hike: Gratlspitz**

Rise and shine: Enjoy the first rays of sunshine on the top of Alpbach. Experience this special atmosphere and start your day energised!

//INFO: The hike is not recommended for beginners! Attention: 900 metres in ascent! Please wear hiking boots, bring water and possibly a small snack. If you have a head torch, please bring it with you. Participation at your own risk!

Depending on the pace you are walking at, you should allow between 4 and 5 hours for the walk.

29 August 2024 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual | CCA Vorplatz

### **Morning Sports: Functional Fitness**

Supported by: Federal Ministry of Defence

Start the day with a boost of energy! The trainers of the Austrian Armed Forces will get you sweating with military functional fitness on the forecourt of the CCA - an ideal way to recover from stress and prevent burnout or illness.

29 August 2024 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat | CCA Schrödinger-Saal

### Tomorrow Today: Imagining a Liveable Future

Track: Climate

Imagine what a transformed future will look and feel like – and you have already taken the first step towards it. After a short introduction on the usefulness of applied imagination, in this session participants will explore and co-create narrations of a future where humanity will have successfully achieved the transformation. Share your thoughts on a climate-positive future and the path towards it.

**Hoffman, Wakanyi;** Senior Research Fellow; The New Institute, Hamburg; Speaker  
**Neubauer, Luisa;** Climate Activist & Author; Fridays for Future; Speaker  
**Tickell, Phoebe;** Founder and CEO; Moral Imaginations; Speaker  
**Wetzler, Ilana;** Transformational Leadership Facilitator, Coach & Consultant; Ilana Wetzler; Moderator

29 August 2024 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat | CCA Flora-Heiss-Rogger Saal

### Media Moments of Truth

Supported by: ORF

We are facing the “Moment of Truth”, not only at the European Forum Alpbach 2024, but also in our society as we know it. Current debates on the relationship between data, innovation and AI focus on the ethical, social and economic consequences that technologies impose on societies. How can the media use new tools to find, communicate and protect the “best obtainable version of the truth”? At the same time, these tools offer multiple opportunities for the media to create more efficient and relevant offerings for different audiences. With democracy under pressure, traditional legacy and public service media have a particularly important and responsible role to play. Being a critical media infrastructure, they must ensure that societies can continue to rely on a modicum of trustworthy and transparent information in order to function properly. Join the discussion on how public media can fulfil its role in a digital and AI-driven world.

**Karas, Othmar;** former First Vice-President of the European Parliament; Speaker  
**Mitterstieler, Esther;** Regional Director ORF Tirol; Moderator  
**Simic, Ana;** CEO | Supervisory Board Member; Engage Technology | ASFINAG | EuroTeleSites AG; Speaker  
**Tursky, Florian;** The former Austrian State Secretary for Digitalization and Telecommunications; Speaker  
**Wagenhofer, Michael;** Managing Director and Speaker of Österreichische Rundfunksender GmbH & Co KG (ORS); Speaker  
**Zöchling, Astrid;** CIO for ORF; Speaker

29 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Work | Volksschule Erdgeschoß 3

### Alpbach IDEAS Camp

Become part of Alpbach IDEAS, a one-year journey that bridges the gap between theory and practice and creates a space for experiments and continuous learning. Aspiring changemakers, innovators, and problem solvers are invited to participate in three dynamic workshops called IDEAS Camps. Active participation in all workshops is highly recommended for those interested in joining the Alpbach IDEAS programme in 2024/2025.

- facilitated by Pioneers

**Dudek, Martin;** Creative Director; Not A Binary World; Mentor  
**Obrist, Michael;** Head of Venture Incubation; Pioneers Innovation; Facilitator  
**Reuchlin, Philip;** Head of Carbon Accounting & Climate; Atlas Metrics; Facilitator

29 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike | CCA Terrasse

### **Venture Capital for Climate Tech: Empowering the Energy Transition**

Supported by: Verbund | Track: Climate, Finance

The session sheds light on the role of VCs in the energy transition. "Climate" and "Sustainability" dominated seed investments in Europe in 2023. Additionally, Europe has surpassed the USA in new tech startups for five years, and attracts more international talent than it loses. We invite you to discuss the challenges and opportunities from the perspective of investors and startups.

//INFO: Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of bad weather, shuttles will bring you to the location.

29 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Work | Alphof - Speisesaal

### **Prosperity and Achievement as the Basis for Social Cohesion**

Supported by: Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party | Track: Finance, Democracy

We are facing major upheavals and challenges that cannot be solved without confidence, a commitment to work and a growth mindset. Nevertheless, debates about reducing working hours and degrowth are becoming ever more prevalent without considering the impact on our social systems and the resilience of our societies. However, don't we need innovation, personal responsibility and achievement to secure prosperity and thus strengthen social cohesion and trust in democracy, now more than ever?

**Bosbach, Caroline**; Federal Chairwoman; Young Economic Council Germany; Speaker  
**Köppel-Turyna, Monika**; Director; EcoAustria - Institute for Economic Research; Speaker  
**Marguier, Alexander**; Chefredakteur; Cicero. Magazin für politische Kultur; Speaker  
**Rausch-Amon, Bettina**; President of the Political Academy of the People's Party and Member of the Parliament of Austria; Moderator

29 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike | CCA Vorplatz

### **Rethinking (Wealth) Taxation**

Track: Finance, Democracy

The increase in income and wealth inequality poses a serious challenge to social cohesion, social mobility and economic stability. Taxation and other redistributive mechanisms can counteract these dynamics. Explore the crucial role of the state in addressing the dynamics that drive income and wealth inequality.

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**Bonin, Holger**; Scientific Director; IHS - Institute for Advanced Studies; Speaker  
**Goldin, Ian**; Professor of Globalisation and Development; Oxford University; Speaker  
**Meierkord, Anja**; Labour Market Expert; OECD; Moderator  
**Schuster, Barbara**; Economist; Momentum Institut; Speaker

29 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike | Buswendeplatz

### **Setting the Agenda: EU Reform Priorities for the Next Commission**

Track: Democracy

Europe is at a critical juncture ahead of the appointment of the next European Commission. We have to collectively outline EU reform priorities, including potential treaty change, that will shape the future of the continent. Let's jointly explore a course towards a strong and democratic Europe.

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**Lührmann, Anna**; Minister of State for Europe and Climate; Federal Republic of Germany; Speaker

**Mayer, Thomas**; Chief editor for EU/NATO in Brussels; Der Standard; Moderator

**Oberreiter, Thomas**; Ambassador; Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU; Speaker

**Porschlegel, Sophie**; Director of Studies; Europe Jacques Delors; Speaker

29 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Work | Hotel Post - Seminarraum

### **Turn Green: Standing Assets in a Sustainable Future**

Supported by: Adomo | Track: Climate

Transforming existing buildings sustainably without forgetting the social aspects is a huge task. We dive into analysis methods, strategies for sustainable management, retrofitting options and much more, to find solutions that can be implemented in reality.

**Deinhammer, Anna-Vera**; Endowed Chair Sustainable Real Estate Development; FHWien der WKW

University of Applied Sciences for Management and Communication; Moderator

**Soravia, Jakob**; Chief Innovation Officer; ADOMO Group; Speaker

29 August 2024 09:00 - 12:00 | Work | CCA Liechtenstein-Hayek-Saal

### **The Art of Grand Strategy**

Track: Security

Grand Strategy determines how states apply their political, diplomatic, military and economic tools to advance their national interests. After an introduction to the concept, you will work in groups on various aspects of a future EU Grand Strategy. You will discuss how the EU can stabilize Europe, secure its southern flank and keep the world together.

**Biscop, Sven**; Professor; Egmont Institute & Ghent University; Speaker

29 August 2024 10:45 - 12:00 | Chat | CCA Flora-Heiss-Rogger Saal

### **Truth and Knowledge in Crisis: Anything Goes?**

Paul Feyerabend, one of the most influential philosophers of our time, started his career at the European Forum Alpbach. Back in the middle of last century, Alpbach was the intellectual centre of Austria where philosophers and scientists who fled the Nazis came together to discuss the future.

His ideas on science, truth and relativism are more relevant than ever. There is a crisis of truth and knowledge. Have we lost the ability to distinguish between truth and lie, fact and fiction, reality and illusion, and between what is and what is not? Is there such a thing as the objective truth?

**Collodel, Matteo;** Subject Expert - Logic and Philosophy of Science; Ca' Foscari University of Venice; Speaker

**Mitterer, Josef;** Professor; University Klagenfurt; Moderator

**Schorner, Michael;** Senior Scientist; University of Innsbruck Brenner Archive; Speaker

**Zeller, Jennifer;** Chair / Business Network Manager; Forum Alpbach Network / myAbility Social Enterprise; Speaker

29 August 2024 14:00 - 16:45 | Work | Schulhäusl

### **Utopia Build-a-Box**

Track: ART

Reimagine the present and reshape our understanding of tomorrow using the tools of design and storytelling. Build a tool set through creative exercises to imagine positive, collective futures.

**Lotze, Johannes;** Masters Student; Design Investigations, University of applied Arts Vienna; Artist

**Neubauer, Angela;** Masters Student; Design Investigations, University of applied Arts Vienna; Artist

**Schönauer, Stefan;** Masters Student; Design Investigations, University of applied Arts Vienna; Artist

29 August 2024 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike | CCA Vorplatz

### **Untapping Potential and Strengthening Cohesion: Energy Transition in EU Candidate Countries**

Track: Climate

Nine countries are currently in line for EU membership, and their EU integration process in terms of climate and energy goals is already underway. By looking at cases from the broader region, this session showcases the opportunities of jointly engaging in the energy transition. It will outline how the EU and candidate countries can together foster cohesion and enhance Europe's energy security and resilience.

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**Davor, Kunc;** Principal Officer, Corporate Relations / General Secretariat; European Investment Fund (part of European Investment Bank Group); Speaker

**Oroschakoff, Kalina;** Journalist; Neue Zürcher Zeitung; Moderator

**Zeqiri, Arlind;** Former Minister for Foreign Investments; Republic of North Macedonia; Speaker



29 August 2024 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike | Buswendeplatz

### **The Externalisation of EU Migration Management: Out of Sight, Out of Mind?**

Track: Democracy, Security

In order to curb irregular migration, the EU has concluded several agreements with third countries such as Turkey, Tunisia and most recently Egypt. There are also discussions on transferring asylum seekers to purportedly safe third countries and processing their asylum applications there like the UK plans to do in Rwanda. Does this approach work and is it compatible with European values?

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**Dalhuisen, John;** Senior Fellow; European Stability Initiative; Moderator

**Goldner Lang, Iris;** Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law, Head of Department of European Public Law and Vice Dean; University of Zagreb - Faculty of Law; Speaker

**Hahn, Helena;** Policy Analyst; European Policy Centre; Speaker

**Webinger, Peter;** Head of Directorate General (Migration and International Affairs); Federal Ministry of the Interior; Speaker

29 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Stage | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Climate Debate: State vs. Market – Finding Common Ground**

Hosted by: KONTEXT – Institute for Climate Matters, with the kind support of GRIPS and CEOs for Future | Supported by: UNIQA & Hans(wo)men Group | Track: Climate, Democracy

The climate debate has become increasingly polarised. While global science agrees on the huge challenge ahead, politics doesn't seem to agree on a way forward, thus delaying urgently needed policy decisions. One of the key questions is: Can "the market" fix this? Or do we need strong state intervention to prevent an impending climate catastrophe?

Join this completely new, inspiring, provoking debate and see for yourself, whether the panelists can change the audience's opinion.

Yes, there are different value systems. Yes, there are different opinions and approaches. Let's find common ground on a constructive way forward in climate matters for a climate neutral and economically thriving continent.

**Deutsch, Tina;** Co-Founder & Managing Board Member; KONTEXT – Institut für Klimafragen; Moderator

**Heinzel, Sebastian;** CEO; Heinzel Group; Speaker

**Herlitschka, Sabine;** CEO; Infineon Technologies Austria AG; Speaker

**Kopf, Johannes;** Chairman of the Board; Public Employment Service Austria (AMS); Speaker

**Schmidt, Alice;** Author & Thought Leader on AI & Sustainability; Speaker

29 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | CCA Flora-Heiss-Rogger Saal

### **The Incoming European Commission's Agenda on Delivering the Green Transition**

Track: Climate, Finance

As Europe moves towards climate neutrality by 2050, the European Commission needs to support EU Member States in implementing reforms that support the green transition and contribute to the achievement of the Green Deal. What are the key priorities and potential stumbling blocks for the new Commission? Find out how citizens, businesses and stakeholders can contribute to the success of the green transition.

**Giammarioli, Nicola;** Secretary General and Member of the Management Board; European Stability Mechanism; Speaker

**Lamy, Pascal;** Chairman; Climate Overshoot Commission; Speaker

**Moore, Brooke;** Policy Analyst; European Policy Centre; Speaker

**Rosen, Monika;** Vice President; Austro-American Society; Moderator

**Schilling, Lena;** Austrian Greens Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

29 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | CCA Liechtenstein-Hayek-Saal

### **Confronting Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia in Europe**

Track: Democracy

In recent years, Europe has witnessed a concerning resurgence of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, threatening the fabric of pluralistic societies and undermining the principles of tolerance and peaceful coexistence. The origins, proliferation and impact on society at large and on communities across the continent are explored, seeking effective methods to confront these forms of stereotyping, prejudices and hatred.

**Al-Bagdadi, Nadia;** University Professor; Central European University; Speaker

**Sichrovsky, Ilja;** Founder & Director; Muslim Jewish Conference; Speaker

**Szyszkowitz, Tessa;** Author, Journalist and Columnist; Falter; Moderator

**Yüksel, Furkan;** Educational officer; Bildungsstätte Anne Frank; Speaker

29 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | CCA Schrödinger-Saal

### **How to Govern AI in Austria**

Supported by: Microsoft | Track: Democracy

Securing prosperity, seizing opportunities, shaping the future – What is the Austrian strategy for a regulatory framework and successful implementation of artificial intelligence (AI) in business, society and administration?

**Cook, Anthony;** Corporate Vice President & Deputy General Counsel; Microsoft; Speaker

**Erlach, Hermann;** General Manager Austria; Microsoft; Speaker

**Gorzola, Jeannette;** CEO; Act.AI.Now; Speaker

**Kocher, Martin;** Federal Minister of Labor and Economic Affairs; Republic of Austria; Speaker

**Lobnig, Mira;** Moderatorin und PR-Staatspreisträgerin; Schütze Public Results; Moderator

29 August 2024 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat | Hotel Post - Seminarraum

### **Sustainable Management: The Synergy of Sustainability and Growth**

Supported by: McDonald's | Track: Climate

National and international experts from various sectors will discuss how sustainability initiatives and innovations can become a driver of corporate growth. With the involvement of session participants, both internal strategies as well as practical examples for promoting a sustainable economy will be discussed.

29 August 2024 15:30 - 16:30 | Ritual | CCA Loggia

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**Ludwig, Bettina**; Cultural-Anthropologist; Zukunfts.Symposium Eferding; Moderator

29 August 2024 17:00 - 18:00 | Stage | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Europe vs. the Polycrisis**

Track: Climate, Finance, Democracy, Security

Europe faces wars on its border and demagogues in its midst, all while the world is suffering political and social division and the impact of an out-of-control climate. What is the nature of the twenty-first century crises, what are the strengths and weaknesses of Europe, and how can we turn these threats into opportunities?

//INFO: The session will begin with the short film High Hopes (Amir Mrzae, FR 2023, 2:45 min), offering an artistic perspective on the topic of discussion.

**Narayan, Kanishka**; Member of Parliament; UK Parliament; Speaker

29 August 2024 17:00 - 18:00 | Chat | CCA Schrödinger-Saal

### **Quantum Computing: The Next Superpower?**

Track: Finance

Quantum computing promises to disrupt industries and unleash breakthroughs at an unprecedented speed. It is believed to tackle problems beyond imagination – from secure communications to new levels of computing that could bring us life-saving drugs in record time, improved AI performance, and optimised financial markets. But with great power comes great responsibility. Will quantum computing be the key to solving humanity's greatest challenges, and what could be the unforeseen consequences?

**Blatt, Rainer;** Professor of Physics; University of Innsbruck; Speaker

**Hauser, Hermann;** Founding Partner; Amadeus Capital Partners; Speaker

**Kunst, Isabell;** CEO; Xephor Solutions GmbH; Speaker

**Simic, Ana;** CEO | Supervisory Board Member; Engage Technology | ASFINAG | EuroTeleSites AG; Moderator

29 August 2024 18:30 - 19:00 | Ritual | Kirche

### **Into the Silence: Evening Ritual**

A place of calm: Spiritual impulses from various religious and philosophical backgrounds invite you to contemplate and reflect. Inspiring initiators tell their stories, take you on a journey of the mind and initiate moments of genuine stillness.

29 August 2024 18:30 - 19:30 | Stage | CCA Schrödinger-Saal

### **Pitch: Empowering Women and Disadvantaged Groups through Financial Literacy**

Supported by: Liechtenstein Group | Track: Finance, Democracy

Access to financial education remains a privilege, particularly for women and socio-economically disadvantaged groups. In Austria, women face a pension gap of 48 % and a wealth gap of 30 % compared to men. Vote for innovative projects that promote financial equity and decide which teams will receive seed funding to further develop their projects.

**Strolz, Matthias;** Impact Entrepreneur; Strolz e.u.; Moderator

29 August 2024 18:30 - 19:30 | Chat | Schulhäusl

### **Book Talk: Luisa Neubauer**

Track: Climate

Join Luisa Neubauer in conversation with Gabriel Baunach for a book talk of "The Climate Atlas" in the Hayek-Hall.

Both authors will sign books at the end of the session.

**Baunach, Gabriel;** Climate Communicator and Author; Moderator

**Neubauer, Luisa;** Climate Activist & Author; Fridays for Future; Speaker

29 August 2024 18:30 - 19:30 | CCA Liechtenstein-Saal

### **Memorial Service Pfusterschmid**

A memorial service for EFA's past president from 1992-2000 and consequently honorary president. Family members and life companions will speak about him as a person, his life, his achievements.

29 August 2024 19:30 - 23:00 | Social | CCA Otto Molden Foyer

### **It's a Wrap!**

Hosted by: ORF & ORS

We invite you to dance and celebrate, to toast to shared experiences and new friendships. Let's make this an evening to remember – See you on the dance floor!

**Labour MC;** DJ; Artist

**Mel Merio;** DJ; Artist

30 August 2024 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual | CCA Vorplatz

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30 August 2024 09:00 - 10:30 | Stage | CCA Herz-Kremenak-Saal

### **Lead Candidates Debate on Austria's Role in Europe**

At the end of the Austria in Europe Days, we take a look at the upcoming parliamentary elections and discuss Austria's role in Europe with representatives of the parliamentary parties.

**Babler, Andreas;** Federal Party Chairman; SPÖ - Sozialdemokratische Partei Österreichs; Speaker

**Dittelbacher, Lou-Lorenz;** editor-in-chief; ORF III; Moderator

**Fürst, Susanne;** Member of the National Council; Freiheitliche Partei Österreichs; Speaker

**Kogler, Werner;** Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister for Arts, Culture, the Civil Service and Sport; Republic of Austria; Speaker

**Meinl-Reisinger, Beate;** Party Leader; NEOS - Das Neue Österreich und Liberale Forum; Speaker

**Representative, ÖVP;** Speaker

30 August 2024 10:30 - 13:00 | Happening | CCA Terrasse  
**EFA24 Farewell Brunch**

Let's say goodbye to an exciting time and take the opportunity to get together once more for a relaxed brunch. Personal highlights, unique experiences, inspiring encounters and intensive discussions: We look forward to hearing your stories! We hope to see you again next year!