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19 August 2023 08:30 - 12:30 | Stage

Euregio Young Researcher Award 2023

Six finalists from different scientific disciplines will present their high-level research work on the topic of energy. With various research questions ranging from the topics of energy transition to security of supply, the finalists were selected from a total of 35 submissions. The overall winners will be awarded by the jury from the Euregio universities at the Tyrol Day.

19 August 2023 14:00 - 18:00 | Stage

Euregio Innovation Award 2023

During the Euregio Days, entrepreneurs, inventors and researchers from the Euregio region Tyrol-South/ Tyrol-Trentino, will present their innovative products, processes and services concerning the field of energy. The best projects are selected by a top-level jury led by Josef Margreiter and will be awarded at the Tyrol Day which follows Sunday, 20 August.

19 August 2023 18:00 - 20:00 | Stage

Alpbach Seminars: Opening and Welcome Ceremony

Join the European Forum Alpbach 2023 kick-off for scholarship holders and participants of the ALPBACH SEMINARS! Meet your group, see an art performance and inform yourself about everything you need to know to successfully navigate through the days ahead.

Danek, Theodora; Content Manager Arts and Culture, European Forum Alpbach; Moderator
Džaferović, Tin; MA, Student; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Artist
Kneip, Winfried; Board Member; European Forum Alpbach; Speaker
Mrkusova, Klaudie; Policy Officer I Vice-chairwoman; European Commission I Forum Alpbach Network Board; Speaker
Reider, Florian; Art scholarship holder; Music and arts private university Vienna; Artist
Schally, Clemens; Chair; Forum Alpbach Network Committee; Speaker
Thierry, Feri; Secretary General & Managing Director; European Forum Alpbach; Speaker
Treichl, Andreas; President; European Forum Alpbach; Speaker
Williamson, Howard; Board Member & Professor of European Youth Policy; the University of South Wales; Speaker
Wissinger, Katia; Stakeholder Manager; European Forum Alpbach; Moderator
Zeller, Jennifer; Chair; Forum Alpbach Network Board; Speaker

20 August 2023 09:00 - 09:45 | Ritual

Holy Mass

20 August 2023 10:45 - 12:15 | Stage

Tyrol Day 2023: Euregio Summit on Energy Transition and Security of Supply

Crisis as an opportunity for the energy transition: Rising energy prices and the disastrous dependence on Russian gas made us aware of our vulnerability in the energy sector as a result of the war in Ukraine. What potentials does the Euroregion Tyrol/South Tyrol/Trentino have in the field of renewable energies? How does climate change influence the energy transition? How can cross-border security of supply be improved? The Tyrol Day 2023 provides answers!

Crema, Luigi; Director Sustainable Energy Center, President Hydrogen Europe Research; FBK Research Centre, Trento / Hydrogen Europe Research, Brüssel; Speaker

Hertl, Andreas; Head of Division "Strategy TIROL 2050 energy-autonomous"; Energy Agency Tyrol, Innsbruck; Speaker

Theiner, Dieter; Direktor Engineering & Consulting; Alperia AG, Bozen-Bolzano; Speaker

Wörsdörfer, Mechthild; Deputy Director General, Directorate General for Energy; European Commission; Speaker

20 August 2023 11:00 - 14:30 | Seminar

Entrepreneuring the Sustainable Future

Join us for five days of exploring how entrepreneurial spirit can contribute to tackling grand challenges of climate change.

Through an immersive learning experience, participants will gain a deep understanding of how innovative business models can generate societal and environmental benefits and simultaneously be economically self-sustaining. As the seminar relies on collaboration, it will benefit from participants from a wide variety of disciplines and experiences coming together. Participants will identify problems, design solutions and develop them into entrepreneurial opportunities to shape a better tomorrow.

Berger, Elisabeth; Professorin für Entrepreneurship; Johannes Kepler Universität; Seminar Chair

Tietsche, Steffen; Senior Scientist; European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts; Seminar Chair

20 August 2023 11:00 - 14:30 | Seminar

The Many-Faceted Dimension of Energy Transitions

The transformation of energy systems towards climate-compatible solutions promises innovation, technological progress and socio-economic development. Decarbonisation is a major step towards regaining strategic energy sovereignty and safeguarding national and regional energy security. This seminar will set out to investigate different aspects of the energy transition and how this might differ depending on the developmental stage and the specific context. We will shed light on how the energy transition is deeply intertwined with societal transformations that require careful and deliberate behavioural shifts to manage demand, shift patterns of consumption and production, and evolve new models of sustainable lifestyles. We will also look at how energy systems can be a major driver for more inclusive and equitable societies and better human and planetary health.

Pachauri, Shonali; Research Group Leader and Principal Research Scholar; International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA); Seminar Chair

Rao, Narasimha; Associate Professor of Energy Systems; Yale School of the Environment; Seminar Chair

Schaffartzik, Anke; Master's Programs Director; Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, Central European University; Seminar Chair

20 August 2023 11:00 - 14:30 | Seminar

Europe's Struggle for Technological Sovereignty and Prosperity

Technological sovereignty has been a central theme in political debate, not least in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russian war of aggression. Europe has lagged behind major technology powerhouses such as the US and China in creating and sustaining ground-breaking technology companies. In this seminar, we will discuss the main challenges and barriers to innovation European tech companies are facing today. The seminar will also explore the implications of new technologies for the future of European economy, work, inequality, and aspects of ethics of technology. We will discuss on how we can achieve technological sovereignty in Europe, if it is possible, or even desirable as well as how technological sovereignty relates to broader geopolitical and strategic issues around relations with China and the United States, managing complex global supply chains, and conflict dynamics as currently demonstrated in the Ukraine war.

Goldin, Ian; Professor; Oxford University; Seminar Chair

Lankes, Hans Peter; Visiting Professor in Practice; The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE);

Soare, Simona; Research fellow for Defence and Military Analysis; International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS); Seminar Chair

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Geopolitical Repercussions of the Russian War on the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine was a watershed moment for European security and showed that many Western powers were sleepwalking by ignoring the Russian threat and the warning calls from Central Eastern Europe, the Baltics and most of all the EU's Eastern neighbours. The war prompted the European Union to rethink to what extent the Union is prepared to serve as a security provider and geopolitical actor in the region. The seminar discusses the geopolitical implications of the war for the EU's Eastern neighbourhood and Central Asia, reflecting on the Union's performance to date and considering how it should adapt its strategy to the changed geopolitical circumstances to ensure its own and the region's security

Klaar, Toivo; Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia;
European Union; Seminar Chair

Sus, Monika; Visiting Professor; Center for International Security, Hertie School; Seminar Chair

20 August 2023 11:00 - 14:30 | Seminar

Envisioning a Net-Zero Europe: Imagining a Bold, Independent and Sustainable Europe

This seminar is built on the belief that we can't just think about the status quo and how to change faulty systems. We also need positive visions of justice, democracy and ecology that guide us through times of crisis. What if we started a new? Starting from a (literally) blank slate, we'll work in interdisciplinary groups across three large sectors: living spaces; mobility and identity; developing a vision for a net-zero continent. From rethinking public space to new rail infrastructure and a more co-operative European identity, we'll produce a map of Europe that looks very different from today, but might serve as a guiding light for an EU in 2050.

Jablonski, David; Designer, Activist, Communicator; Klimadashboard and Self-Employed;
Seminar Chair

Mischitz, Verena; Science journalist and presenter; Freelance journalist; Seminar Chair

20 August 2023 11:00 - 14:30 | Seminar

Just Climate Transition or the Energy Race Towards Net Zero Emissions

Addressing climate change requires rapid and just systems transformations at unprecedented scales. The seminar will provide an overview of the scientific and political discussions pertaining to climate justice. Through interactive sessions students will learn about the main approaches to generate climate scenarios and critically reflect upon existing narratives that underpin them. We will illustrate both climate risks and climate opportunities and assess the impact of major climate policies, such as the US Inflation Reduction Act. Emphasis will be given also to the potential of demand-side mitigation and the role of cities and digitalisation for accelerating clean technology diffusion, increase innovation, and democratise the access to basic services.

Brutschin, Elina; Research Scholar; IIASA; Seminar Chair

Creutzig, Felix; Professor; MCC; Seminar Chair

Riahi, Keywan; Program Director Energy, Climate, and Environment; IIASA International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis; Seminar Chair

Wagner, Gernot; Climate economist; Columbia Business School; Seminar Chair

Zimm, Caroline; Research Scholar; International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis; Seminar Chair

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Feminist Foreign Policy in Practice

Almost a decade after Sweden declared that it would follow a Feminist Foreign Policy, several other countries have adopted similar approaches. Most recently, Germany introduced Feminist Foreign Policy guidelines that seek to make gender equality and women's rights central objectives of Germany's external relations. But how is Feminist Foreign Policy practiced by different countries and what are some of the contradictions between feminist commitments and traditional foreign policy goals? What might Feminist Foreign Policies look like in concrete cases like the Russian war against Ukraine?

Henry, Marsha; Associate Professor; London School of Economics and Political Science; Seminar Chair

Wibben, Annick; Anna Lindh Professor for Gender, Peace and Security; Swedish Defence University; Seminar Chair

20 August 2023 11:00 - 14:30 | Seminar

Envisioning the Future of Money

This interactive seminar delves into the changing landscape of financial services and monetary systems. We will explore key concepts such as anonymity, technological innovation, accessibility, monetary policy and internationalisation. Following an introduction to money, its characteristics, and the role of central banks, we will research and discuss the strengths, weaknesses and implications of alternative financial systems, cryptocurrencies, blockchain technology, Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) and corporate digital currencies. Seminar attendees will broaden their perspective on the evolving financial landscape and the potential impact of advances in financial technologies.

Haslhofer, Bernhard; Faculty & Research Group Lead; Complexity Science Hub; Seminar Chair

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

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Global Trade, Sanctions and Weaponisation of Trade

This seminar will explore the societal and political aspects of free trade, including voting behaviour, populism, democratisation, and societal polarisation. We will examine how these factors can impact the success of free trade agreements and the wider implications for society and politics. Additionally, we will delve into the societal aspects of sanctions, exploring their effects on, e. g., democratization and human rights. Finally, we will discuss trade as a weapon, considering its implications in current events such as the Russian war in the Ukraine and the case of China. Through discussion and analysis of current events and academic literature, this seminar will provide attendees with a comprehensive understanding of the complexities surrounding international trade and trade sanctions.

Köppl-Turyna, Monika; Director; EcoAustria - Institute for Economic Research; Seminar Chair

Neumeier, Florian; Head of Research Group Taxation and Fiscal Policy; ifo Institute Munich; Seminar Chair

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Water Quality and Ecosystem Functioning for Human Survival

The overall objective of this seminar is to work on future perspectives on the putative 'free' and 'guaranteed' access to water and proper ecosystem functioning. It is examined, how ecosystems will support the provision of sufficient and clean water around the world and how water availability, use and security will change until 2050 and will cope with a predicted world population of 10 billion people. We aim to identify possible strategies for dealing with water use and ecosystem functioning today and in the future - worldwide. We will look at the challenges through a climatological and ecological lens and will also investigate how water influences migratory movements.

Kainz, Martin; Professor; Danube University Krems; Seminar Chair

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European Interests in a Changing World Order: China, the USA, and Like-Minded States

"Right now, there are changes - the likes of which we haven't seen for 100 years - and we are the ones driving these changes together," were the words of Chinese President Xi to Russia's President Putin at their Moscow Meeting in March 2023, with a New World Order outlined in their 2022 joint declaration on "International Relations in a New Era", shortly before Russia invaded Ukraine. The tensions have heated up between those supporting the existing order - under the leadership of the United States - and those who want to revise it, crystallising over Taiwan and elsewhere. The struggle for influence, shaping narratives, and competing on cutting edge, civil-military deployable technology is well underway. In which direction are European countries and the European Union heading in these turbulent times?

Reiterer, Michael; Distinguished Professor; Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS); Seminar Chair

Simón, Luis; Professor; Vrije Universiteit Brussel; Seminar Chair

Stumbaum, May-Britt; Team Leader, Asia Pacific Security, Center for Intelligence and Security Studies; Bundeswehr University Munich; Seminar Chair

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How to Revive Multilateralism?

Multilateralism is under attack and out of fashion, yet it is more needed than ever because of present and emerging challenges that require states to work together. This seminar will look at some of the reasons why multilateralism has been failing, why it is still needed, and discuss how it can be revived. It is argued that cooperation in an interconnected world full of "wicked" and complex threats and challenges is realpolitik and in the self-interest of states. Participants will brainstorm on how to make the current international system more fit for purpose. Furthermore, participants will have an opportunity to identify areas where interests between even non-liked states converge, and what can be done both diplomatically and operationally to deal with common transnational problems. In addition to lectures and interactive discussions, participants will have an opportunity to prepare and present positions in preparation for the UN Future Summit as part of a simulation.

Greminger, Thomas; Director; Geneva Centre for Security Policy; Seminar Chair

Kemp, Walter; Director, Global Strategy; Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime; Seminar Chair

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Responsible AI, Ethics, Law and Society

The deployment of Artificial Intelligence systems in multiple domains of society raises fundamental challenges and concerns, such as accountability, liability, fairness, transparency, privacy and how to protect human rights in the future. The dynamic nature of AI systems requires a new set of skills informed by ethics, law, and policy to be applied throughout the life cycle of such systems: design, development and deployment. Tackling these challenges calls for an interdisciplinary approach: deconstructing these issues by discipline and reconstructing with an integrated mindset, principles and practices between data science, ethics, law, and others, and ongoing collaboration among them.

This seminar aims to do so by bringing students in direct contact with possible effects of AI, and consequently tasking them to reflect and find responses to the AI-induced challenges. The current legal and philosophical debate on AI will serve as benchmark to generate solutions.

The sessions will include lectures, discussions, and group work. No specific background is required, but students are asked to contribute from their specific disciplinary strengths. Students are also asked to accept an intensive series of in-class sessions, and not be afraid of encountering outdoor interactions.

Knees, Peter; Associate Professor; TU Wien; Seminar Chair

Wörgetter, Aloisia; Permanent Representative; Austrian Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe; Seminar Chair

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Radicalisation and Extremism: Where Reality Meets the Digital Space

In this seminar, radicalisation and extremism in the digital space is examined, as well as how real-life events, the environment and everyday social challenges contribute to radicalisation processes, and what extremism looks like in an online setting.

Digital spaces affect our daily lives. We share, we watch, we consume, we talk, we believe and we engage. The internet is great, until it isn't, until a violent crime is committed and media reports and politicians jump to the conclusion that an attacker was part of controversial or extremist communities online. But is it always that easy? We will look at extremist communities online to identify how digital spaces can contribute to radicalisation processes. We will also discuss response strategies on the policy, educational and civil society levels.

Laubenstein, Sina; Senior Manager; Institute for Strategic Dialogue; Seminar Chair

Zentner, Manfred; Researcher; University for Continuing Education Krems (UWK); Seminar Chair

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On Distinctions

We constantly make distinctions. In this seminar, we will discuss the concepts of distinction and difference in general and their role in social, political and scientific discourse in particular.

Are distinctions given or are they created? When, how and why are they introduced in discourse? How are we socialised into distinctions in our education in different societies? We will discuss the distinction between liberal and illiberal democracy, between fact and fiction, science and pseudoscience, truth and error, moral and immoral, sex and gender. These distinctions become relevant when conflicts arise.

Mitterer, Josef; Professor of Philosophy; University of Klagenfurt; Seminar Chair

Neges, Katharina; Senior Scientist; Graz University of Technology, University of Music and Performing Arts Graz; Seminar Chair

20 August 2023 11:00 - 14:30 | Seminar

Giving Voice to Future Generations in the EU and beyond

The care for future generations should be a common cause across the globe, but our institutions lack the tools to systematically design future-proof policies. The European Union - and its 27 Member States - is no exception to the trend of neglecting the long-term. In today's decision-making, policymakers are not incentivised to think and act with the long-term in mind, and the rights of future generations are underrepresented. This is bad news for future generations, whose lives depend on careful, well-planned responses to existential risks, ranging from environmental collapse to new pandemics, to unregulated AI.

This seminar will offer a unique perspective to all those willing to expand their worldview and think about long-term, future-proofing solutions to the many complex issues we face. The goal is to stimulate discussion and generate concrete ideas - through a series of brainstorming, fishbowls and simulations - to integrate the interests of future generations into policymaking processes in both the EU and elsewhere. The end goal is to contribute to the foundations for both a research and advocacy agenda on long-term governance in the European Union and beyond.

Alemanno, Alberto; Jean Monnet Professor of European Union Law; HEC Paris; Seminar Chair
Dirth, Elizabeth; Development Director; ZOE. Institute for future-fit economies; Seminar Chair

20 August 2023 14:30 - 17:30 | Hike

Euregio Walk on the Challenges of Climate Change

Energy transition and climate protection are inextricably linked. It is crucial to understand which scenarios the Euregio Tyrol-South Tyrol-Trentino will face, and how both ecologically and economically successful countermeasures can be taken. The hike with the three provincial Governors of Euregio leads from the Congress Centrum along the Mittlerer Höhenweg to the Zirmalm in Inneralpbach. There the climate simulator of the FH Kufstein can be tested.

//INFO: Hike to Zirmalm. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, there is going to be a shuttle to Zirmalm.

Staudinger, Michael; Former Director of the Central Institute for Meteorology and Geodynamics ZAMG, Vienna; GeoSphere Austria; Speaker

20 August 2023 16:00 - 19:30 | Seminar

Strategic Foresight: How to Use Futures for Decision Making

In a complex world, the first reaction is to try to control what is coming. However, the future is unknowable. Prediction and planning, even though useful, are limiting ways to work with the future in the present, because they aim at 'knowing' a 'future'. The future exists in the plural, and the right verb for futures is not 'know', it's 'use'. Strategic foresight is the key to using them. In this course we will introduce the concepts and build an initial capability to use futures for decision making.

Rizzo, Gabriele; Principal Advisor and Foresight Executive for a G7 Government; Seminar Chair
Strambi, Luca; Psychoterapist; Independent; Seminar Chair

20 August 2023 16:00 - 19:30 | Seminar

Financial Planning: How to Become Financially Literate

This seminar raises the participants' awareness for economic challenges and fosters their competences to make sound financial decisions. Based on a self-assessment, students learn about various financial goals and basic principles of budgeting and financial planning. There will also be explained the foundations of financing and investing with a special emphasis on various investment opportunities. Furthermore, the students learn how to invest money with a strong focus on retirement saving. The approach is based on diversification among several asset classes as well as on lump sum investments or cost averaging. The students will eventually be able to set up a target asset allocation and create portfolios using securities existing on the capital market.

Frühwirth, Manfred; Professor; Vienna University of Economics and Business; Seminar Chair
Fuhrmann, Bettina; University Professor, Head of Institute; Vienna University of Economics and Business; Seminar Chair

20 August 2023 16:00 - 19:30 | Seminar

Mindfulness: A Critical Appreciation in Times of Climate Crisis

Industrialisation has produced specific styles of perception, which can be characterised as an 'economy of attention': a purposeful orientation of human perception towards predetermined areas, while fading out the periphery of what is perceived or the context of action. Mindfulness, on the other hand, opens up perception to the periphery and to internal and external contexts. And this is exactly what is needed to deal with the climate crisis: the ability to include the consequences of action as comprehensively as possible. The seminar aims to exemplify these connections through practical exercises as well as theoretical input.

Baatz, Ursula; Philosopher; Seminar Chair
Scherhauser, Patrick; Senior Lecturer; University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU); Seminar Chair

20 August 2023 16:00 - 19:30 | Seminar

Making Progress in Polarised Times

Social cohesion even in highly developed democracies seems endangered by polarised political and social forces and tendencies. How can political decision-makers, but also members of civil society and politically active citizens contribute to bridging the growing social and ideological divide and strengthening social cohesion; at a time when the pressure on societies is increasing dramatically due to poly-crises and a growing inequality?

This seminar gives in practical examples and exercises an overview of the drivers of polarisation and teaches methods and skills to navigate polarised situations effectively. The seminar is informed by research from leading polarisation experts and designed with best-practice adult learning.

Jeribi, Lobna; Speaker

Khelifa, Omezzine; Executive Director of Apolitical Academy Global; Apolitical Foundation; Seminar Chair

Vega Franco, Gabriela; Co-Founder & Executive Director; RECAMBIO; Seminar Chair

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Re-Imagine Cooperation: Build Your Essential Negotiation Skills

Claiming your place at the negotiation table and actively shaping today's world and our future: The ability to successfully negotiate, to communicate, to cooperate and find solutions for emerging conflicts are essential for cooperating in a peaceful manner and across generations.

Practice applying the Vienna School Negotiation Toolbox such as Harvard's Principled Negotiations for preparing, strategizing and managing difficult situations, the Process Communication Model for navigating relationships and increased self-efficacy as well as Compassionate Accountability for dealing with conflicts without casualties.

Join the learning partnership by featuring Harvard case simulations, exercises and real-life situations, designed to provide hands-on experience and help integrate these tools into your daily lives. Start your negotiator journey now.

Krimmel, Christine; CEO; CX Agentur Strategieagentur für Kund:innenfokus; Seminar Chair

Rauschütz, Sonja; Founder & Managing Partner; Vienna School of Negotiation; Seminar Chair

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Sound Matters. Are You Listening?

Sound occurs when something, anything, vibrates. For there to be sound, there must be vibration. The consequences, however, go beyond sound. They also have political and societal impact when experienced by humans and non-humans. This seminar will explore how sound shapes environments and investigate why listening is as important as looking when trying to understand how places are constructed. We will also investigate the ways soundscapes are changing due to human impacts and why focusing on the sonic world can reveal the uneven power relations which structure society, exploring the soundscapes of Alpbach. We will create our own sound project using sounds recorded during the week to examine the relationship between people, place and the sonic environment.

Dominguez Rangel, Natalia; Sculpture and Sound Art; Artist; Seminar Chair
Whittaker, Geraint Rhys; Seminar Chair

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The Art of Being Spontaneous – Improvisation in Music and Beyond

We all do improvisation - physically, musically, theatrically, and mentally in order to learn what we need. Being part of a group, being in the room, leading, following, deconstructing and creating - all together, all on the spot, is what makes it improvised. As professional musicians from MUK we will share our expertise: deep listening, meaningful reaction and creative collaboration. You don't have musical skills or play an instrument? That's great, because we want to have as many specialists from various fields to jump into the deep end and allow synergies of all kinds to blossom. Please bring an open mind to leave your comfort zone. Will we create an improvisation show together? Let's find out!

Džaferović, Tin; MA, Student; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Seminar Chair
Müller, Elisabeth; student; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Seminar Chair
Rademacher, Wiebke; University professor of Music/Arts Education; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Seminar Chair

20 August 2023 16:00 - 19:30 | Seminar

Playfully Serious, Hands-On: Housing of the Future

In this interactive seminar we will experiment and discuss concepts regarding the housing of the future. In a world that is dominated by crises, climate change and scarcity of resources it is necessary to develop strategies for a built environment that is sustainable and circular, that enables social inclusion and empowers people.

By visiting best practice projects and by experiencing and reflecting together on the built environment in Alpbach, we will develop skills and awareness on how to use available resources, such as existing buildings and materials.

Playful hands-on approaches, different means of architectural expression and 1:1 spatial experiments will help us in our enquiry to opening new perspectives on the housing of the future.

Hagen, Anna; project leader, architect; nonconform zt gmbh; Seminar Chair

Halbauer, Julia; Projektleiterin; nonconform ideenwerkstatt gmbh; Seminar Chair

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Feeling Safe (Is Key)

A sense of safety and security is essential in actor training. Work can be very demanding and challenging as students need to be present and emotionally available, at times using their own experiences for creation. As such it is important that they do not feel exposed. This peer-to-peer seminar with students from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art will share the training aspects that allow them to be vulnerable by creating a safe environment.

Benn, Tamsin; Actor; RADA; Seminar Chair

Elms, Caroline; Actor/Seminar Leader; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art; Seminar Chair

Miller, Reece; Actor; RADA; Seminar Chair

Schiller, Ingrid; Acting tutor; RADA;

Shepphard, Nona; Seminar Chair

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Keep It in the Ground: Diffusing Carbon Bombs

A skill we thought we might never need is currently in high demand: that of diffusing - not literal but so-called - "carbon bombs". If all fossil fuel extraction infrastructure projects ("carbon bombs") that are currently in the pipeline are realised, the 1.5 celsius climate goal is under extreme threat. Carbon emissions must fall by half by 2030 to preserve the chance of a liveable future, the IPCC states, and therefore decisive and effective action is needed. This seminar will enable you to take your first steps towards designing effective climate action campaigns aimed at promoting the non-extraction of further fossil fuels.

Olla, Romain; Campaigner; Task force against Eacop; Seminar Chair

Rivières, Matisse; Climate Campaign Manager; Regroop; Seminar Chair

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Working Together (Spells Success)

In actor training, students are first introduced to the concept of ensemble. Artistic endeavours in the field of acting are very much a group activity. This is why the more proficient students become at collaborating as a group, the better they perform individually. In this peer-to-peer seminar with students from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, you will be introduced to exercises and games, fostering seamless and poetic group work - a stepping stone for our democratic society.

Benn, Tamsin; Actor; RADA; Seminar Chair

Elms, Caroline; Actor/Seminar Leader; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art; Seminar Chair

Miller, Reece; Actor; RADA; Seminar Chair

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Sheppard, Nona; Seminar Chair

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A Deep Dive into the Global Fashion Industry

During five days of crafty interactions and peer-to-peer learning, we will take a deep dive into the global fashion industry. We will discuss the topics of responsibility, transparency, and accountability as a holistic approach towards an innovative fashion future. We will learn about the initiative Fashion Revolution Global, and opportunities to be involved in activities around activism, change making and education in sustainable fashion. We will also meet local makers who will give us insights into their supply chains, as well as passing on some of their treasured craft skills. Bring your unwanted clothes and sneakers to Alpbach and reinvent them with us!

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

Schratzberger, Nadine; Founder & Co-Founder; MONTREET & FASHION REVOLUTION Austria; Seminar Chair

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Creative Writing: How to Be Bold with Your Words

In an expanding culture of AI technology, we can understandably be suspicious about anything supposedly 'created'. This seminar explores the benefits of creative writing as a means to experiment, to develop confidence, to investigate verbal expression, and to find fluidity with words. We will learn how to worry less about the 'right way' of saying something. We will share our language skills and learn how to write more boldly. Most importantly we will realise the value of learning through play, understand the value of creativity in all fields of work and how creative language is essential in expressing ideas.

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

Griffin, Nell; Post Graduate student; Bath Spa University; Seminar Chair

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AOR: Area of Responsibility – Action over Reaction

A military leadership training: Challenge yourself with a practical action-oriented self-awareness outdoor seminar. We will jointly experience the true meaning of responsibility and consequence and so will improve our skills in decision making.

Doblinger, Flora; Cadette; Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Fink, Paul; Officer Cadet; Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Gstrein, Alexander; Senior Training Officer; Theresian Military Academy/ Austrian Armed Forces;

Holzinger, Katharina; Officer cadet; Theresian Military Academy / Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Huber, Günther; Officer Cadet; Theresian Military Academy/Austrian Army; Seminar Chair

Oberaigner, Michael; Officer in the Air Support Wing of the Austrian Air Force; Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Puxkandl, Peter; Officer Cadett; Theresian Military Academy/ Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Tschernitsch, Alexander; Officer Cadet; Theresian Military Academy / Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

20 August 2023 19:30 - 02:30 | Social

FANC Opening Party

Hosted by: Forum Alpbach Network Committee

Getting to know your fellow EFA participants would not be complete without meeting each other on the dancefloor. Join the Forum Alpbach Network Committee (FANC) for a fun night out at the Festhütte in Inneralpbach with cold drinks and hot rhythms.

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How to Revive Multilateralism?

Multilateralism is under attack and out of fashion, yet it is more needed than ever because of present and emerging challenges that require states to work together. This seminar will look at some of the reasons why multilateralism has been failing, why it is still needed, and discuss how it can be revived. It is argued that cooperation in an interconnected world full of "wicked" and complex threats and challenges is realpolitik and in the self-interest of states. Participants will brainstorm on how to make the current international system more fit for purpose. Furthermore, participants will have an opportunity to identify areas where interests between even non-liked states converge, and what can be done both diplomatically and operationally to deal with common transnational problems. In addition to lectures and interactive discussions, participants will have an opportunity to prepare and present positions in preparation for the UN Future Summit as part of a simulation.

Greminger, Thomas; Director; Geneva Centre for Security Policy; Seminar Chair

Kemp, Walter; Director, Global Strategy; Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime; Seminar Chair

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On Distinctions

We constantly make distinctions. In this seminar, we will discuss the concepts of distinction and difference in general and their role in social, political and scientific discourse in particular.

Are distinctions given or are they created? When, how and why are they introduced in discourse? How are we socialised into distinctions in our education in different societies? We will discuss the distinction between liberal and illiberal democracy, between fact and fiction, science and pseudoscience, truth and error, moral and immoral, sex and gender. These distinctions become relevant when conflicts arise.

Mitterer, Josef; Professor of Philosophy; University of Klagenfurt; Seminar Chair

Neges, Katharina; Senior Scientist; Graz University of Technology, University of Music and Performing Arts Graz; Seminar Chair

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Almost a decade after Sweden declared that it would follow a Feminist Foreign Policy, several other countries have adopted similar approaches. Most recently, Germany introduced Feminist Foreign Policy guidelines that seek to make gender equality and women's rights central objectives of Germany's external relations. But how is Feminist Foreign Policy practiced by different countries and what are some of the contradictions between feminist commitments and traditional foreign policy goals? What might Feminist Foreign Policies look like in concrete cases like the Russian war against Ukraine?

Henry, Marsha; Associate Professor; London School of Economics and Political Science; Seminar Chair

Wibben, Annick; Anna Lindh Professor for Gender, Peace and Security; Swedish Defence University; Seminar Chair

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In this seminar, radicalisation and extremism in the digital space is examined, as well as how real-life events, the environment and everyday social challenges contribute to radicalisation processes, and what extremism looks like in an online setting.

Digital spaces affect our daily lives. We share, we watch, we consume, we talk, we believe and we engage. The internet is great, until it isn't, until a violent crime is committed and media reports and politicians jump to the conclusion that an attacker was part of controversial or extremist communities online. But is it always that easy? We will look at extremist communities online to identify how digital spaces can contribute to radicalisation processes. We will also discuss response strategies on the policy, educational and civil society levels.

Laubenstein, Sina; Senior Manager; Institute for Strategic Dialogue; Seminar Chair

Zentner, Manfred; Researcher; University for Continuing Education Krems (UWK); Seminar Chair

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Europe's Struggle for Technological Sovereignty and Prosperity

Technological sovereignty has been a central theme in political debate, not least in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russian war of aggression. Europe has lagged behind major technology powerhouses such as the US and China in creating and sustaining ground-breaking technology companies. In this seminar, we will discuss the main challenges and barriers to innovation European tech companies are facing today. The seminar will also explore the implications of new technologies for the future of European economy, work, inequality, and aspects of ethics of technology. We will discuss on how we can achieve technological sovereignty in Europe, if it is possible, or even desirable as well as how technological sovereignty relates to broader geopolitical and strategic issues around relations with China and the United States, managing complex global supply chains, and conflict dynamics as currently demonstrated in the Ukraine war.

Goldin, Ian; Professor; Oxford University; Seminar Chair

Lankes, Hans Peter; Visiting Professor in Practice; The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE);

Soare, Simona; Research fellow for Defence and Military Analysis; International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS); Seminar Chair

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Giving Voice to Future Generations in the EU and beyond

The care for future generations should be a common cause across the globe, but our institutions lack the tools to systematically design future-proof policies. The European Union - and its 27 Member States - is no exception to the trend of neglecting the long-term. In today's decision-making, policymakers are not incentivised to think and act with the long-term in mind, and the rights of future generations are underrepresented. This is bad news for future generations, whose lives depend on careful, well-planned responses to existential risks, ranging from environmental collapse to new pandemics, to unregulated AI.

This seminar will offer a unique perspective to all those willing to expand their worldview and think about long-term, future-proofing solutions to the many complex issues we face. The goal is to stimulate discussion and generate concrete ideas - through a series of brainstorming, fishbowls and simulations - to integrate the interests of future generations into policymaking processes in both the EU and elsewhere. The end goal is to contribute to the foundations for both a research and advocacy agenda on long-term governance in the European Union and beyond.

Alemanno, Alberto; Jean Monnet Professor of European Union Law; HEC Paris; Seminar Chair

Dirth, Elizabeth; Development Director; ZOE. Institute for future-fit economies; Seminar Chair

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Geopolitical Repercussions of the Russian War on the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine was a watershed moment for European security and showed that many Western powers were sleepwalking by ignoring the Russian threat and the warning calls from Central Eastern Europe, the Baltics and most of all the EU's Eastern neighbours. The war prompted the European Union to rethink to what extent the Union is prepared to serve as a security provider and geopolitical actor in the region. The seminar discusses the geopolitical implications of the war for the EU's Eastern neighbourhood and Central Asia, reflecting on the Union's performance to date and considering how it should adapt its strategy to the changed geopolitical circumstances to ensure its own and the region's security

Klaar, Toivo; Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia; European Union; Seminar Chair

Sus, Monika; Visiting Professor; Center for International Security, Hertie School; Seminar Chair

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Just Climate Transition or the Energy Race Towards Net Zero Emissions

Addressing climate change requires rapid and just systemic transformations at an unprecedented scale. The seminar will provide an overview of the scientific and political discussions pertaining to climate justice. Through interactive sessions students will learn about the main approaches to generate climate scenarios and critically reflect upon existing narratives that underpin them. We will illustrate both climate risks and climate opportunities and assess the impact of major climate policies, such as the US Inflation Reduction Act. Emphasis will be given also to the potential of the demand-side mitigation and the role of cities and digitalisation in accelerating clean technology diffusion, increasing innovation, and democratising the access to basic services.

Brutschin, Elina; Research Scholar; IIASA; Seminar Chair

Creutzig, Felix; Professor; MCC; Seminar Chair

Riahi, Keywan; Program Director Energy, Climate, and Environment; IIASA International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis; Seminar Chair

Wagner, Gernot; Climate economist; Columbia Business School; Seminar Chair

Zimm, Caroline; Research Scholar; International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis; Seminar Chair

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Responsible AI, Ethics, Law and Society

The deployment of Artificial Intelligence systems in multiple domains of society raises fundamental challenges and concerns, such as accountability, liability, fairness, transparency, privacy and how to protect human rights in the future. The dynamic nature of AI systems requires a new set of skills informed by ethics, law, and policy to be applied throughout the life cycle of such systems: design, development and deployment. Tackling these challenges calls for an interdisciplinary approach: deconstructing these issues by discipline and reconstructing with an integrated mindset, principles and practices between data science, ethics, law, and others, and ongoing collaboration among them.

This course aims to do so by bringing students in direct contact with possible effects of AI, and consequently tasking them to reflect and find responses to the AI-induced challenges. The current legal and philosophical debate on AI will serve as benchmark to generate solutions.

The sessions will include lectures, discussions, and group work. No specific background is required, but students are asked to contribute from their specific disciplinary strengths. Students are also asked to accept an intensive series of in-class sessions, and not be afraid of encountering outdoor interactions.

Knees, Peter; Associate Professor; TU Wien; Seminar Chair

Wörgetter, Aloisia; Permanent Representative; Austrian Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe; Seminar Chair

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Envisioning a Net-Zero Europe: Imagining a Bold, Independent and Sustainable Europe

This seminar is built on the belief that we can't just think about the status quo and how to change faulty systems. We also need positive visions of justice, democracy and ecology that guide us through times of crisis. What if we started a new? Starting from a (literally) blank slate, we'll work in interdisciplinary groups across three large sectors: living spaces; mobility and identity; developing a vision for a net-zero continent. From rethinking public space to new rail infrastructure and a more co-operative European identity, we'll produce a map of Europe that looks very different from today, but might serve as a guiding light for an EU in 2050.

Jablonski, David; Designer, Activist, Communicator; Klimadashboard and Self-Employed; Seminar Chair

Mischitz, Verena; Science journalist and presenter; Freelance journalist; Seminar Chair

21 August 2023 13:45 - 14:45

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!

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21 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

Financial Planning: How to Become Financially Literate

This seminar raises the participants' awareness for economic challenges and fosters their competences to make sound financial decisions. Based on a self-assessment, students learn about various financial goals and basic principles of budgeting and financial planning. There will also be explained the foundations of financing and investing with a special emphasis on various investment opportunities. Furthermore, the students learn how to invest money with a strong focus on retirement saving. The approach is based on diversification among several asset classes as well as on lump sum investments or cost averaging. The students will eventually be able to set up a target asset allocation and create portfolios using securities existing on the capital market.

Frühwirth, Manfred; Professor; Vienna University of Economics and Business; Seminar Chair
Fuhrmann, Bettina; University Professor, Head of Institute; Vienna University of Economics and Business; Seminar Chair

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AOR: Area of Responsibility – Action over Reaction

A military leadership training: Challenge yourself with a practical action-oriented self-awareness outdoor seminar. We will jointly experience the true meaning of responsibility and consequence and so will improve our skills in decision making.

Doblinger, Flora; Cadette; Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Fink, Paul; Officer Cadet; Austrian Armed Forces;

Gstrein, Alexander; Senior Training Officer; Theresian Military Academy/ Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Holzinger, Katharina; Officer cadet; Theresian Military Academy / Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Huber, Günther; Officer Cadet; Theresian Military Academy/Austrian Army; Seminar Chair

Oberaigner, Michael; Officer in the Air Support Wing of the Austrian Air Force; Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Puxkandl, Peter; Officer Cadett; Theresian Military Academy/ Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

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Playfully Serious, Hands-On: Housing of the Future

In this interactive seminar we will experiment and discuss concepts regarding the housing of the future. In a world that is dominated by crises, climate change and scarcity of resources it is necessary to develop strategies for a built environment that is sustainable and circular, that enables social inclusion and empowers people.

By visiting best practice projects and by experiencing and reflecting together on the built environment in Alpbach, we will develop skills and awareness on how to use available resources, such as existing buildings and materials.

Playful hands-on approaches, different means of architectural expression and 1:1 spatial experiments will help us in our enquiry to opening new perspectives on the housing of the future.

Hagen, Anna; project leader, architect; nonconform zt gmbh; Seminar Chair

Halbauer, Julia; Projektleiterin; nonconform ideenwerkstatt gmbh; Seminar Chair

21 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

Strategic Foresight: How to Use Futures for Decision Making

In a complex world, the first reaction is to try to control what is coming. However, the future is unknowable. Prediction and planning, even though useful, are limiting ways to work with the future in the present, because they aim at 'knowing' a 'future'. The future exists in the plural, and the right verb for futures is not 'know', it's 'use'. Strategic foresight is the key to using them. In this course we will introduce the concepts and build an initial capability to use futures for decision making.

Rizzo, Gabriele; Principal Advisor and Foresight Executive for a G7 Government; Seminar Chair
Strambi, Luca; Psychoterapist; Independent; Seminar Chair

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Making Progress in Polarised Times

Social cohesion even in highly developed democracies seems endangered by polarised political and social forces and tendencies. How can political decision-makers, but also members of civil society and politically active citizens contribute to bridging the growing social and ideological divide and strengthening social cohesion; at a time when the pressure on societies is increasing dramatically due to poly-crises and a growing inequality?

This seminar gives in practical examples and exercises an overview of the drivers of polarisation and teaches methods and skills to navigate polarised situations effectively. The seminar is informed by research from leading polarisation experts and designed with best-practice adult learning.

Jeribi, Lobna; Speaker
Khelifa, Omezzine; Executive Director of Apolitical Academy Global; Apolitical Foundation; Seminar Chair
Vega Franco, Gabriela; Co-Founder & Executive Director; RECAMBIO; Seminar Chair

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Re-Imagine Cooperation: Build Your Essential Negotiation Skills

Claiming your place at the negotiation table and actively shaping today's world and our future: The ability to successfully negotiate, to communicate, to cooperate and find solutions for emerging conflicts are essential for cooperating in a peaceful manner and across generations.

Practice applying the Vienna School Negotiation Toolbox such as Harvard's Principled Negotiations for preparing, strategizing and managing difficult situations, the Process Communication Model for navigating relationships and increased self-efficacy as well as Compassionate Accountability for dealing with conflicts without casualties.

Join the learning partnership by featuring Harvard case simulations, exercises and real-life situations, designed to provide hands-on experience and help integrate these tools into your daily lives. Start your negotiator journey now.

Krimmel, Christine; CEO; CX Agentur Strategieagentur für Kund:innenfokus; Seminar Chair

Rauschütz, Sonja; Founder & Managing Partner; Vienna School of Negotiation; Seminar Chair

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Sound Matters. Are You Listening?

Sound occurs when something, anything, vibrates. For there to be sound, there must be vibration. The consequences, however, go beyond sound. They also have political and societal impact when experienced by humans and non-humans. This seminar will explore how sound shapes environments and investigate why listening is as important as looking when trying to understand how places are constructed. We will also investigate the ways soundscapes are changing due to human impacts and why focusing on the sonic world can reveal the uneven power relations which structure society, exploring the soundscapes of Alpbach. We will create our own sound project using sounds recorded during the week to examine the relationship between people, place and the sonic environment.

Dominguez Rangel, Natalia; Sculpture and Sound Art; Artist; Seminar Chair

Whittaker, Geraint Rhys; Seminar Chair

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The Art of Being Spontaneous – Improvisation in Music and Beyond

We all do improvisation - physically, musically, theatrically, and mentally in order to learn what we need. Being part of a group, being in the room, leading, following, deconstructing and creating - all together, all on the spot, is what makes it improvised. As professional musicians from MUK we will share our expertise: deep listening, meaningful reaction and creative collaboration. You don't have musical skills or play an instrument? That's great, because we want to have as many specialists from various fields to jump into the deep end and allow synergies of all kinds to blossom. Please bring an open mind to leave your comfort zone. Will we create an improvisation show together? Let's find out!

Džaferović, Tin; MA, Student; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Seminar Chair

Müller, Elisabeth; student; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Seminar Chair

Rademacher, Wiebke; University professor of Music/Arts Education; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Seminar Chair

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Mindfulness: A Critical Appreciation in Times of Climate Crisis

Industrialisation has produced specific styles of perception, which can be characterised as an 'economy of attention': a purposeful orientation of human perception towards predetermined areas, while fading out the periphery of what is perceived or the context of action. Mindfulness, on the other hand, opens up perception to the periphery and to internal and external contexts. And this is exactly what is needed to deal with the climate crisis: the ability to include the consequences of action as comprehensively as possible. The seminar aims to exemplify these connections through practical exercises as well as theoretical input.

Batz, Ursula; Philosopher; Seminar Chair

Scherhauser, Patrick; Senior Lecturer; University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU); Seminar Chair

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Keep It in the Ground: Diffusing Carbon Bombs

A skill we thought we might never need is currently in high demand: that of diffusing - not literal but so-called - "carbon bombs". If all fossil fuel extraction infrastructure projects ("carbon bombs") that are currently in the pipeline are realised, the 1.5 celsius climate goal is under extreme threat. Carbon emissions must fall by half by 2030 to preserve the chance of a liveable future, the IPCC states, and therefore decisive and effective action is needed. This seminar will enable you to take your first steps towards designing effective climate action campaigns aimed at promoting the non-extraction of further fossil fuels.

Olla, Romain; Campaigner; Task force against Eacop;
Rivières, Matisse; Climate Campaign Manager; Regroop; Seminar Chair

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Feeling Safe (Is Key)

A sense of safety and security is essential in actor training. Work can be very demanding and challenging as students need to be present and emotionally available, at times using their own experiences for creation. As such it is important that they do not feel exposed. This peer-to-peer seminar with students from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art will share the training aspects that allow them to be vulnerable by creating a safe environment.

Benn, Tamsin; Actor; RADA; Seminar Chair
Elms, Caroline; Actor/Seminar Leader; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art; Seminar Chair
Miller, Reece; Actor; RADA; Seminar Chair
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Creative Writing: How to Be Bold with Your Words

In an expanding culture of AI technology, we can understandably be suspicious about anything supposedly 'created'. This seminar explores the benefits of creative writing as a means to experiment, to develop confidence, to investigate verbal expression, and to find fluidity with words. We will learn how to worry less about the 'right way' of saying something. We will share our language skills and learn how to write more boldly. Most importantly we will realise the value of learning through play, understand the value of creativity in all fields of work and how creative language is essential in expressing ideas.

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

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Working Together (Spells Success)

In actor training, students are first introduced to the concept of ensemble. Artistic endeavours in the field of acting are very much a group activity. This is why the more proficient students become at collaborating as a group, the better they perform individually. In this peer-to-peer seminar with students from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, you will be introduced to exercises and games, fostering seamless and poetic group work - a stepping stone for our democratic society.

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A Deep Dive into the Global Fashion Industry

During five days of crafty interactions and peer-to-peer learning, we will take a deep dive into the global fashion industry. We will discuss the topics of responsibility, transparency, and accountability as a holistic approach towards an innovative fashion future. We will learn about the initiative Fashion Revolution Global, and opportunities to be involved in activities around activism, change making and education in sustainable fashion. We will also meet local makers who will give us insights into their supply chains, as well as passing on some of their treasured craft skills. Bring your unwanted clothes and sneakers to Alpbach and reinvent them with us!

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

Schratzberger, Nadine; Founder & Co-Founder; MONTREET & FASHION REVOLUTION Austria; Seminar Chair

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Greninger, Thomas; Director; Geneva Centre for Security Policy; Seminar Chair

Kemp, Walter; Director, Global Strategy; Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime; Seminar Chair

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On Distinctions

We constantly make distinctions. In this seminar, we will discuss the concepts of distinction and difference in general and their role in social, political and scientific discourse in particular.

Are distinctions given or are they created? When, how and why are they introduced in discourse? How are we socialised into distinctions in our education in different societies? We will discuss the distinction between liberal and illiberal democracy, between fact and fiction, science and pseudoscience, truth and error, moral and immoral, sex and gender. These distinctions become relevant when conflicts arise.

Mitterer, Josef; Professor of Philosophy; University of Klagenfurt; Seminar Chair

Neges, Katharina; Senior Scientist; Graz University of Technology, University of Music and Performing Arts Graz; Seminar Chair

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Geopolitical Repercussions of the Russian War on the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood

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Klaar, Toivo; Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia; European Union; Seminar Chair

Sus, Monika; Visiting Professor; Center for International Security, Hertie School; Seminar Chair

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Giving Voice to Future Generations in the EU and beyond

The care for future generations should be a common cause across the globe, but our institutions lack the tools to systematically design future-proof policies. The European Union - and its 27 Member States - is no exception to the trend of neglecting the long-term. In today's decision-making, policymakers are not incentivised to think and act with the long-term in mind, and the rights of future generations are underrepresented. This is bad news for future generations, whose lives depend on careful, well-planned responses to existential risks, ranging from environmental collapse to new pandemics, to unregulated AI.

This seminar will offer a unique perspective to all those willing to expand their worldview and think about long-term, future-proofing solutions to the many complex issues we face. The goal is to stimulate discussion and generate concrete ideas - through a series of brainstorming, fishbowls and simulations - to integrate the interests of future generations into policymaking processes in both the EU and elsewhere. The end goal is to contribute to the foundations for both a research and advocacy agenda on long-term governance in the European Union and beyond.

Alemanno, Alberto; Jean Monnet Professor of European Union Law; HEC Paris; Seminar Chair
Dirth, Elizabeth; Development Director; ZOE. Institute for future-fit economies; Seminar Chair

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Just Climate Transition or the Energy Race Towards Net Zero Emissions

Addressing climate change requires rapid and just systemic transformations at an unprecedented scale. The seminar will provide an overview of the scientific and political discussions pertaining to climate justice. Through interactive sessions students will learn about the main approaches to generate climate scenarios and critically reflect upon existing narratives that underpin them. We will illustrate both climate risks and climate opportunities and assess the impact of major climate policies, such as the US Inflation Reduction Act. Emphasis will be given also to the potential of the demand-side mitigation and the role of cities and digitalisation in accelerating clean technology diffusion, increasing innovation, and democratising the access to basic services.

Brutschin, Elina; Research Scholar; IIASA; Seminar Chair
Creutzig, Felix; Professor; MCC; Seminar Chair
Riahi, Keywan; Program Director Energy, Climate, and Environment; IIASA International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis; Seminar Chair
Wagner, Gernot; Climate economist; Columbia Business School; Seminar Chair
Zimm, Caroline; Research Scholar; International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis; Seminar Chair

22 August 2023 13:45 - 14:45

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!

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22 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

AOR: Area of Responsibility – Action over Reaction

A military leadership training: Challenge yourself with a practical action-oriented self-awareness outdoor seminar. We will jointly experience the true meaning of responsibility and consequence and so will improve our skills in decision making.

Doblinger, Flora; Cadette; Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Fink, Paul; Officer Cadet; Austrian Armed Forces;

Gstrein, Alexander; Senior Training Officer; Theresian Military Academy/ Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Holzinger, Katharina; Officer cadet; Theresian Military Academy / Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

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Oberaigner, Michael; Officer in the Air Support Wing of the Austrian Air Force; Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

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Playfully Serious, Hands-On: Housing of the Future

In this interactive seminar we will experiment and discuss concepts regarding the housing of the future. In a world that is dominated by crises, climate change and scarcity of resources it is necessary to develop strategies for a built environment that is sustainable and circular, that enables social inclusion and empowers people.

By visiting best practice projects and by experiencing and reflecting together on the built environment in Alpbach, we will develop skills and awareness on how to use available resources, such as existing buildings and materials.

Playful hands-on approaches, different means of architectural expression and 1:1 spatial experiments will help us in our enquiry to opening new perspectives on the housing of the future.

Hagen, Anna; project leader, architect; nonconform zt gmbh; Seminar Chair

Halbauer, Julia; Projektleiterin; nonconform ideenwerkstatt gmbh; Seminar Chair

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Working Together (Spells Success)

In actor training, students are first introduced to the concept of ensemble. Artistic endeavours in the field of acting are very much a group activity. This is why the more proficient students become at collaborating as a group, the better they perform individually. In this peer-to-peer seminar with students from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, you will be introduced to exercises and games, fostering seamless and poetic group work - a stepping stone for our democratic society.

Schiller, Ingrid; Acting tutor; RADA; Seminar Chair

Shepphard, Nona; Seminar Chair

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Re-Imagine Cooperation: Build Your Essential Negotiation Skills

Claiming your place at the negotiation table and actively shaping today's world and our future: The ability to successfully negotiate, to communicate, to cooperate and find solutions for emerging conflicts are essential for cooperating in a peaceful manner and across generations.

Practice applying the Vienna School Negotiation Toolbox such as Harvard's Principled Negotiations for preparing, strategizing and managing difficult situations, the Process Communication Model for navigating relationships and increased self-efficacy as well as Compassionate Accountability for dealing with conflicts without casualties.

Join the learning partnership by featuring Harvard case simulations, exercises and real-life situations, designed to provide hands-on experience and help integrate these tools into your daily lives. Start your negotiator journey now.

Krimmel, Christine; CEO; CX Agentur Strategieagentur für Kund:innenfokus; Seminar Chair

Rauschütz, Sonja; Founder & Managing Partner; Vienna School of Negotiation; Seminar Chair

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Financial Planning: How to Become Financially Literate

This seminar raises the participants' awareness for economic challenges and fosters their competences to make sound financial decisions. Based on a self-assessment, students learn about various financial goals and basic principles of budgeting and financial planning. There will also be explained the foundations of financing and investing with a special emphasis on various investment opportunities. Furthermore, the students learn how to invest money with a strong focus on retirement saving. The approach is based on diversification among several asset classes as well as on lump sum investments or cost averaging. The students will eventually be able to set up a target asset allocation and create portfolios using securities existing on the capital market.

Frühwirth, Manfred; Professor; Vienna University of Economics and Business; Seminar Chair

Fuhrmann, Bettina; University Professor, Head of Institute; Vienna University of Economics and Business; Seminar Chair

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The Art of Being Spontaneous – Improvisation in Music and Beyond

We all do improvisation - physically, musically, theatrically, and mentally in order to learn what we need. Being part of a group, being in the room, leading, following, deconstructing and creating - all together, all on the spot, is what makes it improvised. As professional musicians from MUK we will share our expertise: deep listening, meaningful reaction and creative collaboration. You don't have musical skills or play an instrument? That's great, because we want to have as many specialists from various fields to jump into the deep end and allow synergies of all kinds to blossom. Please bring an open mind to leave your comfort zone. Will we create an improvisation show together? Let's find out!

Džaferović, Tin; MA, Student; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Seminar Chair

Müller, Elisabeth; student; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Seminar Chair

Rademacher, Wiebke; University professor of Music/Arts Education; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Seminar Chair

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Creative Writing: How to Be Bold with Your Words

In an expanding culture of AI technology, we can understandably be suspicious about anything supposedly 'created'. This seminar explores the benefits of creative writing as a means to experiment, to develop confidence, to investigate verbal expression, and to find fluidity with words. We will learn how to worry less about the 'right way' of saying something. We will share our language skills and learn how to write more boldly. Most importantly we will realise the value of learning through play, understand the value of creativity in all fields of work and how creative language is essential in expressing ideas.

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

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Mindfulness: A Critical Appreciation in Times of Climate Crisis

Industrialisation has produced specific styles of perception, which can be characterised as an 'economy of attention': a purposeful orientation of human perception towards predetermined areas, while fading out the periphery of what is perceived or the context of action. Mindfulness, on the other hand, opens up perception to the periphery and to internal and external contexts. And this is exactly what is needed to deal with the climate crisis: the ability to include the consequences of action as comprehensively as possible. The seminar aims to exemplify these connections through practical exercises as well as theoretical input.

Batz, Ursula; Philosopher; Seminar Chair

Scherhauser, Patrick; Senior Lecturer; University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU); Seminar Chair

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Making Progress in Polarised Times

Social cohesion even in highly developed democracies seems endangered by polarised political and social forces and tendencies. How can political decision-makers, but also members of civil society and politically active citizens contribute to bridging the growing social and ideological divide and strengthening social cohesion; at a time when the pressure on societies is increasing dramatically due to poly-crises and a growing inequality?

This seminar gives in practical examples and exercises an overview of the drivers of polarisation and teaches methods and skills to navigate polarised situations effectively. The seminar is informed by research from leading polarisation experts and designed with best-practice adult learning.

Jeribi, Lobna; Speaker

Khelifa, Omezzine; Executive Director of Apolitical Academy Global; Apolitical Foundation; Seminar Chair

Vega Franco, Gabriela; Co-Founder & Executive Director; RECAMBIO; Seminar Chair

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Keep It in the Ground: Diffusing Carbon Bombs

A skill we thought we might never need is currently in high demand: that of diffusing - not literal but so-called - "carbon bombs". If all fossil fuel extraction infrastructure projects ("carbon bombs") that are currently in the pipeline are realised, the 1.5 celsius climate goal is under extreme threat. Carbon emissions must fall by half by 2030 to preserve the chance of a liveable future, the IPCC states, and therefore decisive and effective action is needed. This seminar will enable you to take your first steps towards designing effective climate action campaigns aimed at promoting the non-extraction of further fossil fuels.

Olla, Romain; Campaigner; Task force against Eacop;
Rivières, Matisse; Climate Campaign Manager; Regroop; Seminar Chair

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Strategic Foresight: How to Use Futures for Decision Making

In a complex world, the first reaction is to try to control what is coming. However, the future is unknowable. Prediction and planning, even though useful, are limiting ways to work with the future in the present, because they aim at 'knowing' a 'future'. The future exists in the plural, and the right verb for futures is not 'know', it's 'use'. Strategic foresight is the key to using them. In this course we will introduce the concepts and build an initial capability to use futures for decision making.

Rizzo, Gabriele; Principal Advisor and Foresight Executive for a G7 Government; Seminar Chair
Strambi, Luca; Psychoterapist; Independent; Seminar Chair

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A Deep Dive into the Global Fashion Industry

During five days of crafty interactions and peer-to-peer learning, we will take a deep dive into the global fashion industry. We will discuss the topics of responsibility, transparency, and accountability as a holistic approach towards an innovative fashion future.? We will learn about the initiative Fashion Revolution Global, and opportunities to be involved in activities around activism, change making and education in sustainable fashion. We will also meet local makers who will give us insights into their supply chains, as well as passing on some of their treasured craft skills. Bring your unwanted clothes and sneakers to Alpbach and reinvent them with us!

Rachimova, Sabinna; Founder, Lecturer, Consultant; Fashion Revolution Austria, SABINNA;
Seminar Chair
Schratzberger, Nadine; Founder & Co-Founder; MONTREET & FASHION REVOLUTION
Austria; Seminar Chair

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Sound Matters. Are You Listening?

Sound occurs when something, anything, vibrates. For there to be sound, there must be vibration. The consequences, however, go beyond sound. They also have political and societal impact when experienced by humans and non-humans. This seminar will explore how sound shapes environments and investigate why listening is as important as looking when trying to understand how places are constructed. We will also investigate the ways soundscapes are changing due to human impacts and why focusing on the sonic world can reveal the uneven power relations which structure society, exploring the soundscapes of Alpbach. We will create our own sound project using sounds recorded during the week to examine the relationship between people, place and the sonic environment.

Dominguez Rangel, Natalia; Sculpture and Sound Art; Artist; Seminar Chair
Whittaker, Geraint Rhys; Seminar Chair

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Feeling Safe (Is Key)

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Entrepreneuring the Sustainable Future

Join us for five days of exploring how entrepreneurial spirit can contribute to tackling grand challenges of climate change.

Through an immersive learning experience, participants will gain a deep understanding of how innovative business models can generate societal and environmental benefits and simultaneously be economically self-sustaining. As the seminar relies on collaboration, it will benefit from participants from a wide variety of disciplines and experiences coming together. Participants will identify problems, design solutions and develop them into entrepreneurial opportunities to shape a better tomorrow.

Berger, Elisabeth; Professorin für Entrepreneurship; Johannes Kepler Universität; Seminar Chair

Tietsche, Steffen; Senior Scientist; European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts; Seminar Chair

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The Many-Faceted Dimension of Energy Transitions

The transformation of energy systems towards climate-compatible solutions promises innovation, technological progress and socio-economic development. Decarbonisation is a major step towards regaining strategic energy sovereignty and safeguarding national and regional energy security. This seminar will set out to investigate different aspects of the energy transition and how this might differ depending on the developmental stage and the specific context. We will shed light on how the energy transition is deeply intertwined with societal transformations that require careful and deliberate behavioural shifts to manage demand, shift patterns of consumption and production, and evolve new models of sustainable lifestyles. We will also look at how energy systems can be a major driver for more inclusive and equitable societies and better human and planetary health.

Pachauri, Shonali; Research Group Leader and Principal Research Scholar; International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA); Seminar Chair

Rao, Narasimha; Associate Professor of Energy Systems; Yale School of the Environment; Seminar Chair

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Haslhofer, Bernhard; Faculty & Research Group Lead; Complexity Science Hub; Seminar Chair

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European Interests in a Changing World Order: China, the USA, and Like-Minded States

"Right now, there are changes - the likes of which we haven't seen for 100 years - and we are the ones driving these changes together," were the words of Chinese President Xi to Russia's President Putin at their Moscow Meeting in March 2023, with a New World Order outlined in their 2022 joint declaration on "International Relations in a New Era", shortly before Russia invaded Ukraine. The tensions have heated up between those supporting the existing order - under the leadership of the United States - and those who want to revise it, crystallising over Taiwan and elsewhere. The struggle for influence, shaping narratives, and competing on cutting edge, civil-military deployable technology is well underway. In which direction are European countries and the European Union heading in these turbulent times?

Reiterer, Michael; Distinguished Professor; Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS); Seminar Chair

Simón, Luis; Professor; Vrije Universiteit Brussel; Seminar Chair

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The overall objective of this seminar is to work on future perspectives on the putative 'free' and 'guaranteed' access to water and proper ecosystem functioning. It is examined, how ecosystems will support the provision of sufficient and clean water around the world and how water availability, use and security will change until 2050 and will cope with a predicted world population of 10 billion people. We aim to identify possible strategies for dealing with water use and ecosystem functioning today and in the future - worldwide. We will look at the challenges through a climatological and ecological lens and will also investigate how water influences migratory movements.

Kainz, Martin; Professor; Danube University Krems; Seminar Chair

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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!

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AOR: Area of Responsibility – Action over Reaction

A military leadership training: Challenge yourself with a practical action-oriented self-awareness outdoor seminar. We will jointly experience the true meaning of responsibility and consequence and so will improve our skills in decision making.

Doblinger, Flora; Cadette; Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Fink, Paul; Officer Cadet; Austrian Armed Forces;

Gstrein, Alexander; Senior Training Officer; Theresian Military Academy/ Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Holzinger, Katharina; Officer cadet; Theresian Military Academy / Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Huber, Günther; Officer Cadet; Theresian Military Academy/Austrian Army; Seminar Chair

Oberaigner, Michael; Officer in the Air Support Wing of the Austrian Air Force; Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

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In this interactive seminar we will experiment and discuss concepts regarding the housing of the future. In a world that is dominated by crises, climate change and scarcity of resources it is necessary to develop strategies for a built environment that is sustainable and circular, that enables social inclusion and empowers people.

By visiting best practice projects and by experiencing and reflecting together on the built environment in Alpbach, we will develop skills and awareness on how to use available resources, such as existing buildings and materials.

Playful hands-on approaches, different means of architectural expression and 1:1 spatial experiments will help us in our enquiry to opening new perspectives on the housing of the future.

Hagen, Anna; project leader, architect; nonconform zt gmbh; Seminar Chair

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Working Together (Spells Success)

In actor training, students are first introduced to the concept of ensemble. Artistic endeavours in the field of acting are very much a group activity. This is why the more proficient students become at collaborating as a group, the better they perform individually. In this peer-to-peer seminar with students from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, you will be introduced to exercises and games, fostering seamless and poetic group work - a stepping stone for our democratic society.

Schiller, Ingrid; Acting tutor; RADA; Seminar Chair

Shepphard, Nona; Seminar Chair

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Re-Imagine Cooperation: Build Your Essential Negotiation Skills

Claiming your place at the negotiation table and actively shaping today's world and our future: The ability to successfully negotiate, to communicate, to cooperate and find solutions for emerging conflicts are essential for cooperating in a peaceful manner and across generations.

Practice applying the Vienna School Negotiation Toolbox such as Harvard's Principled Negotiations for preparing, strategizing and managing difficult situations, the Process Communication Model for navigating relationships and increased self-efficacy as well as Compassionate Accountability for dealing with conflicts without casualties.

Join the learning partnership by featuring Harvard case simulations, exercises and real-life situations, designed to provide hands-on experience and help integrate these tools into your daily lives. Start your negotiator journey now.

Krimmel, Christine; CEO; CX Agentur Strategieagentur für Kund:innenfokus; Seminar Chair

Rauschütz, Sonja; Founder & Managing Partner; Vienna School of Negotiation; Seminar Chair

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Financial Planning: How to Become Financially Literate

This seminar raises the participants' awareness for economic challenges and fosters their competences to make sound financial decisions. Based on a self-assessment, students learn about various financial goals and basic principles of budgeting and financial planning. There will also be explained the foundations of financing and investing with a special emphasis on various investment opportunities. Furthermore, the students learn how to invest money with a strong focus on retirement saving. The approach is based on diversification among several asset classes as well as on lump sum investments or cost averaging. The students will eventually be able to set up a target asset allocation and create portfolios using securities existing on the capital market.

Frühwirth, Manfred; Professor; Vienna University of Economics and Business; Seminar Chair

Fuhrmann, Bettina; University Professor, Head of Institute; Vienna University of Economics and Business; Seminar Chair

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Creative Writing: How to Be Bold with Your Words

In an expanding culture of AI technology, we can understandably be suspicious about anything supposedly 'created'. This seminar explores the benefits of creative writing as a means to experiment, to develop confidence, to investigate verbal expression, and to find fluidity with words. We will learn how to worry less about the 'right way' of saying something. We will share our language skills and learn how to write more boldly. Most importantly we will realise the value of learning through play, understand the value of creativity in all fields of work and how creative language is essential in expressing ideas.

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

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The Art of Being Spontaneous – Improvisation in Music and Beyond

We all do improvisation - physically, musically, theatrically, and mentally in order to learn what we need. Being part of a group, being in the room, leading, following, deconstructing and creating - all together, all on the spot, is what makes it improvised. As professional musicians from MUK we will share our expertise: deep listening, meaningful reaction and creative collaboration. You don't have musical skills or play an instrument? That's great, because we want to have as many specialists from various fields to jump into the deep end and allow synergies of all kinds to blossom. Please bring an open mind to leave your comfort zone. Will we create an improvisation show together? Let's find out!

Džaferović, Tin; MA, Student; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Seminar Chair

Müller, Elisabeth; student; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Seminar Chair

Rademacher, Wiebke; University professor of Music/Arts Education; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Seminar Chair

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Mindfulness: A Critical Appreciation in Times of Climate Crisis

Industrialisation has produced specific styles of perception, which can be characterised as an 'economy of attention': a purposeful orientation of human perception towards predetermined areas, while fading out the periphery of what is perceived or the context of action. Mindfulness, on the other hand, opens up perception to the periphery and to internal and external contexts. And this is exactly what is needed to deal with the climate crisis: the ability to include the consequences of action as comprehensively as possible. The seminar aims to exemplify these connections through practical exercises as well as theoretical input.

Batz, Ursula; Philosopher; Seminar Chair

Scherhauser, Patrick; Senior Lecturer; University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU); Seminar Chair

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Making Progress in Polarised Times

Social cohesion even in highly developed democracies seems endangered by polarised political and social forces and tendencies. How can political decision-makers, but also members of civil society and politically active citizens contribute to bridging the growing social and ideological divide and strengthening social cohesion; at a time when the pressure on societies is increasing dramatically due to poly-crises and a growing inequality?

This seminar gives in practical examples and exercises an overview of the drivers of polarisation and teaches methods and skills to navigate polarised situations effectively. The seminar is informed by research from leading polarisation experts and designed with best-practice adult learning.

Jeribi, Lobna; Speaker

Khelifa, Omezzine; Executive Director of Apolitical Academy Global; Apolitical Foundation; Seminar Chair

Vega Franco, Gabriela; Co-Founder & Executive Director; RECAMBIO; Seminar Chair

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Keep It in the Ground: Diffusing Carbon Bombs

A skill we thought we might never need is currently in high demand: that of diffusing - not literal but so-called - "carbon bombs". If all fossil fuel extraction infrastructure projects ("carbon bombs") that are currently in the pipeline are realised, the 1.5 celsius climate goal is under extreme threat. Carbon emissions must fall by half by 2030 to preserve the chance of a liveable future, the IPCC states, and therefore decisive and effective action is needed. This seminar will enable you to take your first steps towards designing effective climate action campaigns aimed at promoting the non-extraction of further fossil fuels.

Olla, Romain; Campaigner; Task force against Eacop;
Rivières, Matisse; Climate Campaign Manager; Regroop; Seminar Chair

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Strategic Foresight: How to Use Futures for Decision Making

In a complex world, the first reaction is to try to control what is coming. However, the future is unknowable. Prediction and planning, even though useful, are limiting ways to work with the future in the present, because they aim at 'knowing' a 'future'. The future exists in the plural, and the right verb for futures is not 'know', it's 'use'. Strategic foresight is the key to using them. In this course we will introduce the concepts and build an initial capability to use futures for decision making.

Rizzo, Gabriele; Principal Advisor and Foresight Executive for a G7 Government; Seminar Chair
Strambi, Luca; Psychoterapist; Independent; Seminar Chair

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A Deep Dive into the Global Fashion Industry

During five days of crafty interactions and peer-to-peer learning, we will take a deep dive into the global fashion industry. We will discuss the topics of responsibility, transparency, and accountability as a holistic approach towards an innovative fashion future.? We will learn about the initiative Fashion Revolution Global, and opportunities to be involved in activities around activism, change making and education in sustainable fashion. We will also meet local makers who will give us insights into their supply chains, as well as passing on some of their treasured craft skills. Bring your unwanted clothes and sneakers to Alpbach and reinvent them with us!

Rachimova, Sabinna; Founder, Lecturer, Consultant; Fashion Revolution Austria, SABINNA;
Seminar Chair
Schratzberger, Nadine; Founder & Co-Founder; MONTREET & FASHION REVOLUTION
Austria; Seminar Chair

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Sound Matters. Are You Listening?

Sound occurs when something, anything, vibrates. For there to be sound, there must be vibration. The consequences, however, go beyond sound. They also have political and societal impact when experienced by humans and non-humans. This seminar will explore how sound shapes environments and investigate why listening is as important as looking when trying to understand how places are constructed. We will also investigate the ways soundscapes are changing due to human impacts and why focusing on the sonic world can reveal the uneven power relations which structure society, exploring the soundscapes of Alpbach. We will create our own sound project using sounds recorded during the week to examine the relationship between people, place and the sonic environment.

Dominguez Rangel, Natalia; Sculpture and Sound Art; Artist; Seminar Chair
Whittaker, Geraint Rhys; Seminar Chair

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Feeling Safe (Is Key)

A sense of safety and security is essential in actor training. Work can be very demanding and challenging as students need to be present and emotionally available, at times using their own experiences for creation. As such it is important that they do not feel exposed. This peer-to-peer seminar with students from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art will share the training aspects that allow them to be vulnerable by creating a safe environment.

Benn, Tamsin; Actor; RADA; Seminar Chair
Elms, Caroline; Actor/Seminar Leader; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art; Seminar Chair
Miller, Reece; Actor; RADA; Seminar Chair
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Entrepreneuring the Sustainable Future

Join us for five days of exploring how entrepreneurial spirit can contribute to tackling grand challenges of climate change.

Through an immersive learning experience, participants will gain a deep understanding of how innovative business models can generate societal and environmental benefits and simultaneously be economically self-sustaining. As the seminar relies on collaboration, it will benefit from participants from a wide variety of disciplines and experiences coming together. Participants will identify problems, design solutions and develop them into entrepreneurial opportunities to shape a better tomorrow.

Berger, Elisabeth; Professorin für Entrepreneurship; Johannes Kepler Universität; Seminar Chair

Tietsche, Steffen; Senior Scientist; European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts; Seminar Chair

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The Many-Faceted Dimension of Energy Transitions

The transformation of energy systems towards climate-compatible solutions promises innovation, technological progress and socio-economic development. Decarbonisation is a major step towards regaining strategic energy sovereignty and safeguarding national and regional energy security. This seminar will set out to investigate different aspects of the energy transition and how this might differ depending on the developmental stage and the specific context. We will shed light on how the energy transition is deeply intertwined with societal transformations that require careful and deliberate behavioural shifts to manage demand, shift patterns of consumption and production, and evolve new models of sustainable lifestyles. We will also look at how energy systems can be a major driver for more inclusive and equitable societies and better human and planetary health.

Pachauri, Shonali; Research Group Leader and Principal Research Scholar; International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA); Seminar Chair

Rao, Narasimha; Associate Professor of Energy Systems; Yale School of the Environment; Seminar Chair

Schaffartzik, Anke; Master's Programs Director; Department of Environmental Sciences and Policy, Central European University; Seminar Chair

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Envisioning the Future of Money

This interactive seminar delves into the changing landscape of financial services and monetary systems. We will explore key concepts such as anonymity, technological innovation, accessibility, monetary policy and internationalisation. Following an introduction to money, its characteristics, and the role of central banks, we will research and discuss the strengths, weaknesses and implications of alternative financial systems, cryptocurrencies, blockchain technology, Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs) and corporate digital currencies. Seminar attendees will broaden their perspective on the evolving financial landscape and the potential impact of advances in financial technologies.

Haslhofer, Bernhard; Faculty & Research Group Lead; Complexity Science Hub; Seminar Chair

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

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European Interests in a Changing World Order: China, the USA, and Like-Minded States

"Right now, there are changes - the likes of which we haven't seen for 100 years - and we are the ones driving these changes together," were the words of Chinese President Xi to Russia's President Putin at their Moscow Meeting in March 2023, with a New World Order outlined in their 2022 joint declaration on "International Relations in a New Era", shortly before Russia invaded Ukraine. The tensions have heated up between those supporting the existing order - under the leadership of the United States - and those who want to revise it, crystallising over Taiwan and elsewhere. The struggle for influence, shaping narratives, and competing on cutting edge, civil-military deployable technology is well underway. In which direction are European countries and the European Union heading in these turbulent times?

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Global Trade, Sanctions and Weaponisation of Trade

This seminar will explore the societal and political aspects of free trade, including voting behaviour, populism, democratisation, and societal polarisation. We will examine how these factors can impact the success of free trade agreements and the wider implications for society and politics. Additionally, we will delve into the societal aspects of sanctions, exploring their effects on, e. g., democratization and human rights. Finally, we will discuss trade as a weapon, considering its implications in current events such as the Russian war in the Ukraine and the case of China. Through discussion and analysis of current events and academic literature, this seminar will provide attendees with a comprehensive understanding of the complexities surrounding international trade and trade sanctions.

Köppl-Turyna, Monika; Director; EcoAustria - Institute for Economic Research; Seminar Chair
Neumeier, Florian; Head of Research Group Taxation and Fiscal Policy; ifo Institute Munich;
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Envisioning a Net-Zero Europe: Imagining a Bold, Independent and Sustainable Europe

This seminar is built on the belief that we can't just think about the status quo and how to change faulty systems. We also need positive visions of justice, democracy and ecology that guide us through times of crisis. What if we started a new? Starting from a (literally) blank slate, we'll work in interdisciplinary groups across three large sectors: living spaces; mobility and identity; developing a vision for a net-zero continent. From rethinking public space to new rail infrastructure and a more co-operative European identity, we'll produce a map of Europe that looks very different from today, but might serve as a guiding light for an EU in 2050.

Jablonski, David; Designer, Activist, Communicator; Klimadashboard and Self-Employed;
Seminar Chair
Mischitz, Verena; Science journalist and presenter; Freelance journalist; Seminar Chair

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Feminist Foreign Policy in Practice

Almost a decade after Sweden declared that it would follow a Feminist Foreign Policy, several other countries have adopted similar approaches. Most recently, Germany introduced Feminist Foreign Policy guidelines that seek to make gender equality and women's rights central objectives of Germany's external relations. But how is Feminist Foreign Policy practiced by different countries and what are some of the contradictions between feminist commitments and traditional foreign policy goals? What might Feminist Foreign Policies look like in concrete cases like the Russian war against Ukraine?

Henry, Marsha; Associate Professor; London School of Economics and Political Science; Seminar Chair

Wibben, Annick; Anna Lindh Professor for Gender, Peace and Security; Swedish Defence University; Seminar Chair

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Europe's Struggle for Technological Sovereignty and Prosperity

Technological sovereignty has been a central theme in political debate, not least in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russian war of aggression. Europe has lagged behind major technology powerhouses such as the US and China in creating and sustaining ground-breaking technology companies. In this seminar, we will discuss the main challenges and barriers to innovation European tech companies are facing today. The seminar will also explore the implications of new technologies for the future of European economy, work, inequality, and aspects of ethics of technology. We will discuss on how we can achieve technological sovereignty in Europe, if it is possible, or even desirable as well as how technological sovereignty relates to broader geopolitical and strategic issues around relations with China and the United States, managing complex global supply chains, and conflict dynamics as currently demonstrated in the Ukraine war.

Goldin, Ian; Professor; Oxford University; Seminar Chair

Lankes, Hans Peter; Visiting Professor in Practice; The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE);

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Responsible AI, Ethics, Law and Society

The deployment of Artificial Intelligence systems in multiple domains of society raises fundamental challenges and concerns, such as accountability, liability, fairness, transparency, privacy and how to protect human rights in the future. The dynamic nature of AI systems requires a new set of skills informed by ethics, law, and policy to be applied throughout the life cycle of such systems: design, development and deployment. Tackling these challenges calls for an interdisciplinary approach: deconstructing these issues by discipline and reconstructing with an integrated mindset, principles and practices between data science, ethics, law, and others, and ongoing collaboration among them.

This course aims to do so by bringing students in direct contact with possible effects of AI, and consequently tasking them to reflect and find responses to the AI-induced challenges. The current legal and philosophical debate on AI will serve as benchmark to generate solutions.

The sessions will include lectures, discussions, and group work. No specific background is required, but students are asked to contribute from their specific disciplinary strengths. Students are also asked to accept an intensive series of in-class sessions, and not be afraid of encountering outdoor interactions.

Knees, Peter; Associate Professor; TU Wien; Seminar Chair

Wörgetter, Aloisia; Permanent Representative; Austrian Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe; Seminar Chair

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Radicalisation and Extremism: Where Reality Meets the Digital Space

In this seminar, radicalisation and extremism in the digital space is examined, as well as how real-life events, the environment and everyday social challenges contribute to radicalisation processes, and what extremism looks like in an online setting.

Digital spaces affect our daily lives. We share, we watch, we consume, we talk, we believe and we engage. The internet is great, until it isn't, until a violent crime is committed and media reports and politicians jump to the conclusion that an attacker was part of controversial or extremist communities online. But is it always that easy? We will look at extremist communities online to identify how digital spaces can contribute to radicalisation processes. We will also discuss response strategies on the policy, educational and civil society levels.

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Zimm, Caroline; Research Scholar; International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis; Seminar Chair

24 August 2023 09:00 - 12:30 | Seminar

Water Quality and Ecosystem Functioning for Human Survival

The overall objective of this seminar is to work on future perspectives on the putative 'free' and 'guaranteed' access to water and proper ecosystem functioning. It is examined, how ecosystems will support the provision of sufficient and clean water around the world and how water availability, use and security will change until 2050 and will cope with a predicted world population of 10 billion people. We aim to identify possible strategies for dealing with water use and ecosystem functioning today and in the future - worldwide. We will look at the challenges through a climatological and ecological lens and will also investigate how water influences migratory movements.

Kainz, Martin; Professor; Danube University Krems; Seminar Chair

24 August 2023 13:45 - 14:45

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.

24 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

Playfully Serious, Hands-On: Housing of the Future

In this interactive seminar we will experiment and discuss concepts regarding the housing of the future. In a world that is dominated by crises, climate change and scarcity of resources it is necessary to develop strategies for a built environment that is sustainable and circular, that enables social inclusion and empowers people.

By visiting best practice projects and by experiencing and reflecting together on the built environment in Alpbach, we will develop skills and awareness on how to use available resources, such as existing buildings and materials.

Playful hands-on approaches, different means of architectural expression and 1:1 spatial experiments will help us in our enquiry to opening new perspectives on the housing of the future.

Hagen, Anna; project leader, architect; nonconform zt gmbh; Seminar Chair

Halbauer, Julia; Projektleiterin; nonconform ideenwerkstatt gmbh; Seminar Chair

Halbauer, Julia; Projektleiterin; nonconform ideenwerkstatt gmbh; Seminar Chair

24 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

Working Together (Spells Success)

In actor training, students are first introduced to the concept of ensemble. Artistic endeavours in the field of acting are very much a group activity. This is why the more proficient students become at collaborating as a group, the better they perform individually. In this peer-to-peer seminar with students from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, you will be introduced to exercises and games, fostering seamless and poetic group work - a stepping stone for our democratic society.

Schiller, Ingrid; Acting tutor; RADA; Seminar Chair

Sheppard, Nona; Seminar Chair

24 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

Re-Imagine Cooperation: Build Your Essential Negotiation Skills

Claiming your place at the negotiation table and actively shaping today's world and our future: The ability to successfully negotiate, to communicate, to cooperate and find solutions for emerging conflicts are essential for cooperating in a peaceful manner and across generations.

Practice applying the Vienna School Negotiation Toolbox such as Harvard's Principled Negotiations for preparing, strategizing and managing difficult situations, the Process Communication Model for navigating relationships and increased self-efficacy as well as Compassionate Accountability for dealing with conflicts without casualties.

Join the learning partnership by featuring Harvard case simulations, exercises and real-life situations, designed to provide hands-on experience and help integrate these tools into your daily lives. Start your negotiator journey now.

Krimmel, Christine; CEO; CX Agentur Strategieagentur für Kund:innenfokus; Seminar Chair

Rauschütz, Sonja; Founder & Managing Partner; Vienna School of Negotiation; Seminar Chair

24 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

Financial Planning: How to Become Financially Literate

This seminar raises the participants' awareness for economic challenges and fosters their competences to make sound financial decisions. Based on a self-assessment, students learn about various financial goals and basic principles of budgeting and financial planning. There will also be explained the foundations of financing and investing with a special emphasis on various investment opportunities. Furthermore, the students learn how to invest money with a strong focus on retirement saving. The approach is based on diversification among several asset classes as well as on lump sum investments or cost averaging. The students will eventually be able to set up a target asset allocation and create portfolios using securities existing on the capital market.

Frühwirth, Manfred; Professor; Vienna University of Economics and Business; Seminar Chair

Fuhrmann, Bettina; University Professor, Head of Institute; Vienna University of Economics and Business; Seminar Chair

24 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

The Art of Being Spontaneous – Improvisation in Music and Beyond

We all do improvisation - physically, musically, theatrically, and mentally in order to learn what we need. Being part of a group, being in the room, leading, following, deconstructing and creating - all together, all on the spot, is what makes it improvised. As professional musicians from MUK we will share our expertise: deep listening, meaningful reaction and creative collaboration. You don't have musical skills or play an instrument? That's great, because we want to have as many specialists from various fields to jump into the deep end and allow synergies of all kinds to blossom. Please bring an open mind to leave your comfort zone. Will we create an improvisation show together? Let's find out!

Džaferović, Tin; MA, Student; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Seminar Chair

Müller, Elisabeth; student; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Seminar Chair

Rademacher, Wiebke; University professor of Music/Arts Education; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Seminar Chair

24 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

Creative Writing: How to Be Bold with Your Words

In an expanding culture of AI technology, we can understandably be suspicious about anything supposedly 'created'. This seminar explores the benefits of creative writing as a means to experiment, to develop confidence, to investigate verbal expression, and to find fluidity with words. We will learn how to worry less about the 'right way' of saying something. We will share our language skills and learn how to write more boldly. Most importantly we will realise the value of learning through play, understand the value of creativity in all fields of work and how creative language is essential in expressing ideas.

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

24 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

Mindfulness: A Critical Appreciation in Times of Climate Crisis

Industrialisation has produced specific styles of perception, which can be characterised as an 'economy of attention': a purposeful orientation of human perception towards predetermined areas, while fading out the periphery of what is perceived or the context of action. Mindfulness, on the other hand, opens up perception to the periphery and to internal and external contexts. And this is exactly what is needed to deal with the climate crisis: the ability to include the consequences of action as comprehensively as possible. The seminar aims to exemplify these connections through practical exercises as well as theoretical input.

Batz, Ursula; Philosopher; Seminar Chair

Scherhauser, Patrick; Senior Lecturer; University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna (BOKU); Seminar Chair

24 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

Making Progress in Polarised Times

Social cohesion even in highly developed democracies seems endangered by polarised political and social forces and tendencies. How can political decision-makers, but also members of civil society and politically active citizens contribute to bridging the growing social and ideological divide and strengthening social cohesion; at a time when the pressure on societies is increasing dramatically due to poly-crises and a growing inequality?

This seminar gives in practical examples and exercises an overview of the drivers of polarisation and teaches methods and skills to navigate polarised situations effectively. The seminar is informed by research from leading polarisation experts and designed with best-practice adult learning.

Jeribi, Lobna; Speaker

Khelifa, Omezzine; Executive Director of Apolitical Academy Global; Apolitical Foundation; Seminar Chair

Vega Franco, Gabriela; Co-Founder & Executive Director; RECAMBIO; Seminar Chair

24 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

AOR: Area of Responsibility – Action over Reaction

A military leadership training: Challenge yourself with a practical action-oriented self-awareness outdoor seminar. We will jointly experience the true meaning of responsibility and consequence and so will improve our skills in decision making.

Doblinger, Flora; Cadette; Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Fink, Paul; Officer Cadet; Austrian Armed Forces;

Gstrein, Alexander; Senior Training Officer; Theresian Military Academy/ Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Holzinger, Katharina; Officer cadet; Theresian Military Academy / Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Huber, Günther; Officer Cadet; Theresian Military Academy/Austrian Army; Seminar Chair

Oberaigner, Michael; Officer in the Air Support Wing of the Austrian Air Force; Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Puxkandl, Peter; Officer Cadett; Theresian Military Academy/ Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

Tschernitsch, Alexander; Officer Cadet; Theresian Military Academy / Austrian Armed Forces; Seminar Chair

24 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

Keep It in the Ground: Diffusing Carbon Bombs

A skill we thought we might never need is currently in high demand: that of diffusing - not literal but so-called - "carbon bombs". If all fossil fuel extraction infrastructure projects ("carbon bombs") that are currently in the pipeline are realised, the 1.5 celsius climate goal is under extreme threat. Carbon emissions must fall by half by 2030 to preserve the chance of a liveable future, the IPCC states, and therefore decisive and effective action is needed. This seminar will enable you to take your first steps towards designing effective climate action campaigns aimed at promoting the non-extraction of further fossil fuels.

Olla, Romain; Campaigner; Task force against Eacop;

Rivières, Matisse; Climate Campaign Manager; Regroop; Seminar Chair

24 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

Strategic Foresight: How to Use Futures for Decision Making

In a complex world, the first reaction is to try to control what is coming. However, the future is unknowable. Prediction and planning, even though useful, are limiting ways to work with the future in the present, because they aim at 'knowing' a 'future'. The future exists in the plural, and the right verb for futures is not 'know', it's 'use'. Strategic foresight is the key to using them. In this course we will introduce the concepts and build an initial capability to use futures for decision making.

Rizzo, Gabriele; Principal Advisor and Foresight Executive for a G7 Government; Seminar Chair
Strambi, Luca; Psychoterapist; Independent; Seminar Chair

24 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

A Deep Dive into the Global Fashion Industry

During five days of crafty interactions and peer-to-peer learning, we will take a deep dive into the global fashion industry. We will discuss the topics of responsibility, transparency, and accountability as a holistic approach towards an innovative fashion future. We will learn about the initiative Fashion Revolution Global, and opportunities to be involved in activities around activism, change making and education in sustainable fashion. We will also meet local makers who will give us insights into their supply chains, as well as passing on some of their treasured craft skills. Bring your unwanted clothes and sneakers to Alpbach and reinvent them with us!

Rachimova, Sabinna; Founder, Lecturer, Consultant; Fashion Revolution Austria, SABINNA; Seminar Chair
Schratzberger, Nadine; Founder & Co-Founder; MONTREET & FASHION REVOLUTION Austria; Seminar Chair

24 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

Sound Matters. Are You Listening?

Sound occurs when something, anything, vibrates. For there to be sound, there must be vibration. The consequences, however, go beyond sound. They also have political and societal impact when experienced by humans and non-humans. This seminar will explore how sound shapes environments and investigate why listening is as important as looking when trying to understand how places are constructed. We will also investigate the ways soundscapes are changing due to human impacts and why focusing on the sonic world can reveal the uneven power relations which structure society, exploring the soundscapes of Alpbach. We will create our own sound project using sounds recorded during the week to examine the relationship between people, place and the sonic environment.

Dominguez Rangel, Natalia; Sculpture and Sound Art; Artist; Seminar Chair
Whittaker, Geraint Rhys; Seminar Chair

24 August 2023 15:00 - 18:30 | Seminar

Feeling Safe (Is Key)

A sense of safety and security is essential in actor training. Work can be very demanding and challenging as students need to be present and emotionally available, at times using their own experiences for creation. As such it is important that they do not feel exposed. This peer-to-peer seminar with students from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art will share the training aspects that allow them to be vulnerable by creating a safe environment.

Benn, Tamsin; Actor; RADA; Seminar Chair

Elms, Caroline; Actor/Seminar Leader; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art; Seminar Chair

Miller, Reece; Actor; RADA; Seminar Chair

Schiller, Ingrid; Acting tutor; RADA; Seminar Chair

Sheppard, Nona; Seminar Chair

24 August 2023 18:30 - 19:00 | Happening

Alpbach Seminars: Open House

Join participants of various seminars as they present projects, presentations and performances that they have developed over the past five days in an open house format.

24 August 2023 19:00 - 19:30 | Happening

Burning Up. RADA performs at EFA23

Phaeton has been a naughty boy and accidentally scorched the universe. Chiarra and Greta are taking a stand, whilst climate deniers refuse to toe the line. In a time when the Secretary-General of the UN has announced we've already reached global boiling, the students of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art ask: where do we go from here? Come and join us.

Ambrose, Jack; Seminar Leader; RADA; Artist

Benn, Tamsin; Actor; RADA; Artist

Boardman, Millie; Artist

Elms, Caroline; Actor/Seminar Leader; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art; Artist

Jallow, Alfie; Actor; RADA; Artist

Miller, Reece; Actor; RADA; Artist

Schiller, Ingrid; Acting tutor; RADA; Artist

24 August 2023 19:45 - 20:30 | Happening

Alpbach Seminars: Performances

Join participants of various seminars for performances that they have developed over the past five days.

24 August 2023 20:00 - 22:30 | Social

Welcome to the EFA Lab Days

Celebrate the start of the EFA Lab Days. Meet old friends and new people in a relaxed atmosphere. Get into conversation with each other over a drink. The musical accompaniment will be provided by the participants and hosts of the Labs themselves. We can't wait to meet you!

Oueslati, Amin; DJ | Seminar Assistant; Hertie School of Governance Berlin; Artist

24 August 2023 20:00 - 23:00 | Happening

Film screening and talk: The Fox

Hosted by: Club Alpbach Salzburg, Club Alpbach Burgenland & Forum Alpbach Network Board

?The Fox? delves into the captivating tale of the director's grandfather, a motorcycle courier during World War II. While en route to the French border, he encounters a fox cub. The young man develops a deep connection to the animal, which prompts him to confront and grapple with his past. The film explores themes such as love, family, belonging, and war. Director Adrian Goiginger will join us for a discussion following the screening.

//INFO: German with English subtitles

Goiginger, Adrian; Speaker

25 August 2023 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual

Morning Sports: Functional Fitness

Supported by: Federal Ministry for Defence

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Reither, Lukas; Teaching Officer Army Sports Centre; Federal Ministry of Defence; Contributor

25 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Creative Writing: Experiment and Investigate

Explore the benefits of creative writing as a means to experiment, to develop confidence and to investigate verbal expression. This workshop will focus on the value of creativity in all fields of work and on learning through play. Creative language is essential in expressing ideas - let's be bold with our words!

Griffin, Nell; Post Graduate student; Bath Spa University; Speaker

25 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Breaking Silos – Bold Multistakeholder Collaboration for Systemic Change

How can key stakeholders from all sectors of society, from philanthropy to civil society and business, best work together to drive longterm change? How can we move from fighting causes individually to collaborating and co-creating? How can we be bolder and take risks together? This hike gathers multiple EFA communities to join their forces for a strong and democratic Europe.

//INFO: Hike to Gasthof Rossmoos. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of rain, there is going to be a shuttle to Gasthof Rossmoo

Wetzler, Ilana; Transformational Guide & Facilitator; Moderator

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Workshop 2 led by Gabriele Rizzo: offers insights from Harvard and Stanford frameworks to shape visions effectively.

Workshop 3: puts frameworks into practice, fostering collaboration and team formation.

Active participation is highly encouraged throughout all workshops, as they are designed to be interactive and engaging. The desired outcome is for each team to gain clarity on the experiment or idea they wish to pursue in the upcoming year. It's not about having perfect ideas, but about learning and experimenting, embracing the spirit of innovation and growth. Participation in the Alpbach IDEAS programme is open to everyone, including scholarship holders and participants of the LAB days. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to engage in transformative learning, shape your ideas, and contribute to positive change in the world. Join us at the IDEAS Camps and let's embark on an inspiring journey of exploration, experimentation, and collaboration.

//INFO: Limited capacity of 100 people

Bartoletti, Marina; Founder; EVENTORY Lab; Speaker

Rizzo, Gabriele; Principal Advisor and Foresight Executive for a G7 Government; Speaker

25 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Lab

Labs: Three-Day Working Sessions

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25 August 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike

Sufficiency and Democracy: New Processes for Inclusive Societal Transformation

Supported by: Robert Bosch Stiftung and Stiftung Mercator Schweiz

Amidst the prevalence of greenwashing and lukewarm sustainability strategies, sufficiency concepts could serve as a powerful means to reignite the ambition required for a profound societal transformation towards sustainability. However, public debates on sufficiency often remain limited in scope, primarily focusing on reducing excessive individual consumption of resources and energy. Yet, sufficiency is fundamentally an integral component for an inclusive societal transformation. Embracing the aim of a good life for all, how can we effectively translate the principles of sufficiency into a new social understanding within democratic societies? On this we will reflect during a walk, discussing the development of new understandings and their implications for participation processes, governance structures, and existing institutions.

Session Objective: Creating a community of action ? Connect with like-minded individuals, build interest groups and promote long-term action by planning next steps and follow-ups with other participants.

//INFO: Hike to Gasthof Rossmoos. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, there is going to be a shuttle to Gasthof Rossmoos.

Akenji, Lewis; Director; Hot or Cool Institute; Speaker

De Wever Van der Heyden, Anuna; Trade and investment policy officer; Climate Action Network Europe; Speaker

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

Saheb, Yamina; Senior Researcher and IPCC AR6 Lead Author; Sciences Po (Paris) -Office Français des Conjonctures Economiques; Speaker

von Mitschke-Collande, Joséphine; Programme Lead Sufficiency; Foundation Mercator Switzerland; Chair

Wäspi, Flurina; Programme Lead Democracy; Mercator Switzerland Foundation; Chair

25 August 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike

From Start-up to Scale-up in Europe: Afraid of Growing Up?

To keep up with the pace of technological and environmental change and stay in the game, Europe has to rely on fast growing start-ups. Financing and scaling up new solutions require a mix of financial instruments. How can Europe create a broad entrepreneurial ecosystem? How can capital be deployed so that our economies are supported by European technologies, ideas, solutions and products?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

//INFO: Circular hiking trail Alpbacher Heimatweg.

Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session will take place in the first floor (EG3) in the elementary school of Alpbach.

Buchmayr, Daniela; Founder and CEO; Sarcura GmbH; Speaker

Diehl, Barbara; Chief Partnership Officer; Federal Agency for Disruptive Innovation (SPRIND); Speaker

Lang, Markus; Partner; Speedinvest; Speaker

Mei-Pochtler, Antonella; Board Member & Senior Advisor; European Forum Alpbach & Boston Consulting Group; Speaker

Wanko, Markus; Managing Partner; xista; Moderator

25 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

What's Next for Ukraine?

All-out war has been raging in Ukraine for around a year and a half now. What are potential scenarios for the further development of the war in the coming months? Even if the war is not over yet, we must also think about the time after and discuss economic and non-economic aspects of Ukraine's reconstruction.

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

Dumoulin, Marie; Director of the Wider Europe programme; European Council on Foreign Relations; Speaker

Hoffmann, Isabell; Senior Expert | eupinions | Program Europe's Future; Bertelsmann Stiftung; Contributor

Lange, Nico; Senior Fellow; Munich Security Conference; Speaker

Natalukha, Dmytro; Chairman of the Economic Affairs Committee; Parliament of Ukraine; Speaker

Wornig, Denise; Head of European and International Cooperation; Carinthia University of Applied Sciences; Moderator

Yermolenko, Volodymyr; Chief editor; Ukraine World; Speaker

25 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Cities as Democratic Innovators for Climate

Cities are unique hubs of innovation that have the power to drive systemic change. At the same time, they are also at high risk of structural failure if current crises are not solved soon. Which instruments of democratic participation can cities adopt to become frontrunners in climate action? How can citizens become drivers of transformation, co-designing the future of resilient cities?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

De Cunto, Anja Katalin; Head of Food; Eurocities; Speaker

Drouin, Jennifer; International Spokesperson Amsterdam Doughnut; Centre for Economic Transformation; Speaker

Johar, Indy; Founder; Dark Matter Labs; Speaker

Paulick-Thiel, Caroline; Director / Co-Founder; Politics for Tomorrow; Chair

Veliaj, Erion; Mayor; Municipality of Tirana; Speaker

25 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Invisible University for Ukraine: Preserving history, culture, education

Hosted by: Initiative Group Alpbach Wien & Kyiv Initiative Group Alpbach

How does Ukraine preserve its culture, urban heritage and education in the face of Russian shelling of cities, museums and schools? Since the full-scale invasion of its territory, the global interest in Ukraine has exploded, however, most know little about the role and condition of culture and education in the war. Founders and participants of various thriving initiatives share their experiences in upholding Ukrainian identity, its past, present, and future.

Akryshora, Lidiia; Freelance journalist, communicator and cultural manager; Speaker
Sereda, Ostap; professor for modern history; Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv and at the Central European University in Vienna.; Speaker
Shevchenko, Anastasiia; Historian, investigative journalist and student; Speaker
Trencsenyi, Balazs; Professor; Central European University; Speaker
Yashchuk, Yevhen; Speaker

25 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Securing Female Voices in Politics

Supported by: Landecker Foundation

Being active in politics can be life-threatening for women. The tremendous amount of violence, hate and harassment female politicians face both on- and offline is dangerous and has a deterring effect. Anti-feminism, anti-gender, anti-diversity and sexism are part of the standard toolbox of extremist movements. Securing female voices in politics is important if we want to ensure representative decision-making and inclusive societies.

Altman, Lena; Co-CEO; Alfred Landecker Foundation; Moderator
Costache, Andra; Vice President; National Liberal Party (PNL) Galati county office; Speaker
Phillips, Hannah; Researcher; University of Oxford; Speaker
Riedel, Ann Cathrin; Chair / Managing Director; LOAD e.V. / NExT e.V.; Speaker
von Hodenberg, Anna-Lena; CEO; HateAid gGmbH; Speaker

25 August 2023 16:00 - 16:30 | Chat

Fractured Futures: Guided Tour

In a guided tour around Alpbach, EFA23 arts and culture guest curator Yana Barinova will introduce selected artworks of FRACTURED FUTURES and discuss different approaches to politically engaged art. Participating artists will address the struggle of European societies to welcome their newcomers, as well as the wider aspirations for a peaceful coexistence of humans and nature.

//INFO: In case of heavy rain, the tour will start in the Otto Molden Foyer.

Barinova, Yana; EFA23 Arts and Culture Guest Curator; Contributor

25 August 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Stage

How Will AI Shape Humanity and Vice Versa?

Artificial intelligence both augments and disrupts human capacities and activities. Due to the speed and process of the AI revolution, humanity might struggle to adapt. Changes due to AI might be perceived as new freedoms or dangerous dependencies. As this coexistence of humanity and AI becomes the new normal, how will our lives change? What will it mean to be human in the age of AI?

Session objective: Building understanding ? Build your understanding by learning about personal insights and experiences as well as developments in science, society, politics or world affairs.

Gentinetta, Katja; Philosopher, author, TV moderator; Chair
Joseph, Regina; Founder; Sibylink; Speaker
Villani, Cédric; Mathematician, Professor; Lyon 1 University & IHES; Speaker
Zenner, Kai; Head of Office & digital policy adviser; European Parliament; Speaker

25 August 2023 18:30 - 19:30 | Stage

Pitch: Europe – Who is the Future?

Supported by: ERSTE Foundation

In this time of polycrisis, Europe must ask 'Who are we?' and 'Who do we want to be?'. Knowledge and information alone are not enough to improve our actions; we need new practices of collaboration between generations, disciplines, experts and European citizens. Emerging from the 'Youth as Key for Democratic Renewal' Lab initiated and funded by ERSTE Foundation, we will hear divergent visions of who will lead tomorrow, assessing how to engage the "Next Generation" in political activity and processes.

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

Alemanno, Alberto; Jean Monnet Professor of European Union Law; HEC Paris; Speaker
Dragicevic, Ivana; editor-at-large; N1 Television; Speaker
Maria, Rodriguez Alcazar; President; European Youth Forum; Speaker
Slavkova, Louisa; Co-founder & Managing partner; The CIVICS Innovation Hub; Moderator

25 August 2023 18:30 - 19:00 | Ritual

Into the Silence

A union of Peace: Spiritual impulses from different religious and philosophical traditions invite participants to reflect and contemplate. Inspirational impulse givers are going to tell their stories, invite you on a journey of thought and initiate moments of real stillness.

Weetjens, Bart; Co-Founder; Innerpreneurs.org; Speaker

25 August 2023 20:00 - 21:30 | Happening

Rojin Sharafi Performance

Rojin Sharafi's music crosses borders of genre, borrowing elements from different eras and genres such as noise, folk, ambient, metal and contemporary music. Her musical signature style includes fusion texture, narrative layers and formalistic approaches. Join us for a unique performance!

Barinova , Yana; EFA23 Arts and Culture Guest Curator; Facilitator
Sharafi, Rojin; Artist

25 August 2023 20:30 - 21:00 | Ritual

Open-Air Concert of the Alpbach Brass Band

Every Friday during the summertime, the brass band of Alpbach gives an open-air concert at the village square. All residents or visitors to Alpbach are welcome!

26 August 2023 04:00 - 08:00 | Hike

Sunrise Hike: Gratlspitz

Rise and shine: Get up early and enjoy the first rays of sunshine on the top of Alpbach. Experience this special atmosphere and start your day energized!

//INFO: Bring good hiking shoes and water. Participation is at your own risk!

Rabanser, Theresia; Mountain Guide; Speaker

26 August 2023 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual

Morning Sports: Yoga

Supported by: Federal Ministry for Defence

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Reither, Lukas; Teaching Officer Army Sports Centre; Federal Ministry of Defence; Contributor

26 August 2023 08:00 - 08:30 | Ritual

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Markl, Dominik; Professor of Old Testament / Hebrew Bible Studies; University of Innsbruck;
Contributor

26 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Lab

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26 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

The Essential Leadership Skill of Presence

Co-creating solutions to address urgent challenges requires leaders to be fully present. This hands-on workshop explores practices from the Zen tradition that impact leaders' personal resilience and wellbeing and enables them to harmonise the inner and outer world.

//INFO: There is capacity for about 40 persons to participate in this workshop.

Weetjens, Bart; Co-Founder; Innerpreneurs.org; Moderator

26 August 2023 11:00 - 13:00 | Happening

International Day: Bazar

Hosted by: Forum Alpbach Network Committee

No place captures the idea of a global village quite like Alpbach during EFA. With the International Bazar we will further distil this rich tapestry of cultures into a thick spirit, for all to come and sample. Join us as the countries represented at Alpbach show off the very best of their homelands at individual booths. Whether through food, music, or art, we invite you to a journey around the globe without the need to catch a plane.

INFO: Please feel warmly invited to attend the International Day in your traditional clothing.

26 August 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Work

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Bartoletti, Marina; Founder; EVENTORY Lab; Speaker

Rizzo, Gabriele; Principal Advisor and Foresight Executive for a G7 Government; Speaker

26 August 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike

Climate Activism: Driving Climate Policy

Over the past years, youth-led climate movements have been particularly powerful and effective in putting the climate crisis on the political agenda. How can the current climate protests shape policy, as activists increasingly demand structural, systemic change? How can politicians and administrators better incorporate the interests of young and future generations into policy?

Session objective: Creating a community of action ? Connect with like-minded individuals, build interest groups and promote long-term action by planning next steps and follow-ups with other participants.

INFO: Circular hiking trail Alpbacher Heimatweg. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place in the classroom EG1 of the Volksschule Alpbach.

Alemanno, Alberto; Jean Monnet Professor of European Union Law; HEC Paris; Speaker

De Wever Van der Heyden, Anuna; Trade and investment policy officer; Climate Action Network Europe; Speaker

Deutsch, Tina; Co-Founder & Managing Partner; Klaiton; Moderator

Hammer, Lukas; Member of the Parliament and Speaker for Energy and Climate Action of the Austrian Green Party; Austrian Parliament; Speaker

26 August 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike

New Ways of Enforcing the Rule of Law in Europe

Enforcing the rule of law is crucial for maintaining a democratic and stable civil society in Europe. Unfortunately, the EU faces challenges in applying its own rule of law mechanism. Are there better or new approaches and tools to uphold the rule of law in Europe?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

//INFO: Circular hiking trail B?glerwiese Hausberg.

Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place in the Otto Molden Foyer of the CCA.

Buldioski, Goran; Acting Executive Director, Open Society – Europe and Central Asia; Open Society Foundations; Speaker

Donath, Anna; Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

Nicolaidis, Kalypso; Chair in Global Affairs; EUJ School of Transnational Governance; Chair

Przybylski, Wojciech; Editor-in-chief; Visegrad Insight - Res Publica Foundation; Speaker

26 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Geopolitics vs Norms: EU Enlargement as a Clash of Urgencies

Supported by: European Council on Foreign Relations and ERSTE Foundation

The candidate status for Ukraine and Moldova, and the open European perspective for Georgia, have sparked questions around the duration and viability of the process and the need for a visionary yet realistic approach. How to approach enlargement geopolitically and strategically while at the same time secure the democracy consolidation and respect for rule of law in the candidate countries?

Armakolas, Ioannis; Head, South-East Europe Programme; Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP); Speaker

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

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

Tcherneva, Vessela; Deputy Director, Head of ECFR Sofia; European Council on Foreign Relations; Moderator

26 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

High Polluters in Europe: Can they Finance their Transition?

High-emitting companies, such as those in the energy sector, are major contributors to climate change and will therefore play a critical role in achieving the transition to net-zero. While low-carbon technology investments in the energy sector have increased steadily in recent years, we are far from where we need to be. How can emitters, investors, investment banks and policy makers move the dial on financing the transition? How can capital markets help accelerate this process?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

Campanale, Mark; Founder and Executive Director; Carbon Tracker Initiative; Speaker

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

Foster, Katherine; Executive Director; Green Digital Finance Alliance; Moderator

Sobczak, Anna; EU Fellow/Policy Coordinator (DG ENER); Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies/European Commission; Speaker

26 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Why Sports can never be Non-Political: 33 Sports Events that Changed the World

Hosted by: Club Alpbach Salzburg

Is it reasonable to claim that sports should remain separate from politics? When entering a football stadium, a tennis court, or visiting the Olympic Games, no one simply disregards their political and moral beliefs. This reading discusses the importance of not only cheering for LeBron on the basketball court ? but also actively listening to his insights on systematic racism; or why it is problematic when autocratic leaders use sporting events to distract from their human rights abuses.

Sommavilla, Fabian; Speaker

26 August 2023 16:30 - 17:00 | Chat

Book signing: Joseph Stiglitz

Join Joseph Stiglitz for a book signing at our EFA bookshop.

26 August 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Stage

Why Women Should Run the World

Women have historically been underrepresented in leadership roles and have faced various forms of discrimination and barriers to accessing high-ranking positions. Studies have shown that women bring collaborative leadership styles and a focus on social issues that can lead to more equitable and inclusive policies. How do they overcome the obstacles they face? How can women set their own agenda and shape their respective fields?

Session objective: Building understanding ? Build your understanding by learning about personal insights and experiences as well as developments in science, society, politics or world affairs.

Barinova , Yana; EFA23 Arts and Culture Guest Curator; Speaker

Degrott, Jana; Politician & Co- Founder; We Belong Europe; Speaker

Dixson-Declève, Sandrine; Co-President & Co-Author; The Club of Rome & Earth4All; Speaker

Gentinetta, Katja; Philosopher, author, TV moderator; Chair

Ruusalepp, Kaidi; Founder and CEO; Funderbeam; Speaker

Wallström, Margot; Member of the International Advisory Board of the EFA; Olof Palme International Center; Speaker

26 August 2023 18:00 - 18:30 | Chat

Book signing: Gabriele Rizzo

Join Gabriele Rizzo for a book signing of "HR Futures 2030: A Design for Future-Ready Human Resources" at our EFA bookshop.

26 August 2023 18:30 - 19:30 | Stage

Pitch: Empowering the Youth Through Sustainable Financial Education

Supported by: Liechtenstein Group

Young people's level of economic knowledge and financial management skills is strongly influenced by their social environment. This leads to unequal opportunities as they enter adulthood. In this year's competition, MEGA Education Foundation invites you to vote for the best ideas tackling financial and economic equity in our society. Join us at this crowd voting event to elect the winners who will receive seed funding to turn their ideas into reality!

Session objective: Making progress visible ? Be surprised by current progress, witness the establishment of new good practices and find hidden treasures of transformation.

Strolz, Matthias; Impact Entrepreneur, Author, Artist, Capacity Builder; Strolz e.u.; Speaker

26 August 2023 18:30 - 19:30 | Hike

Fractured Futures: Art Hike

Join us for a hike with artist Natalia Domínguez Rangel and EFA23 guest curator Yana Barinova to discuss their approach to politically engaged art. Domínguez Rangel's installation in the CCA bathrooms sheds light on the impact of ocean noise pollution on marine life.

//INFO: Because of the rain, we will walk to Schulh?usl.

Barinova , Yana; EFA23 Arts and Culture Guest Curator; Speaker

Barinova, Lina; Project Assistance; viennacontemporary; Artist

Dominguez Rangel, Natalia; Sculpture and Sound Art; Artist; Artist

26 August 2023 20:00 - 22:30 | Social

Democracy Social

Supported by: Demokratie Hub

There is reason to celebrate: With the new Democracy Hub, a strategic alliance of democratic forces is being formed in Germany, Austria and Switzerland - for three democracies with more than 100 million citizens. In Alpbach, the organisers of the Hub invite you to get to know each other and exchange ideas: an evening with a lot of spirit of optimism.

26 August 2023 20:00 - 21:30 | Stage

International Evening: Stage

Hosted by: Forum Alpbach Network Committee

The International Stage is a vibrant event showcasing the cultural diversity of the participants from 100 different nationalities. With interactive elements and engaging activities, it creates an immersive experience celebrating global unity and fostering cross-cultural connections.

INFO: Please feel warmly invited to attend the International Day in your traditional clothing.

27 August 2023 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual

Morning Sports: Functional Fitness

Supported by: Federal Ministry for Defence

Start the day with an energy boost! Trainers of the Austrian Armed Forces will alternately make you sweat at military functional fitness or calm down at yoga sessions on the forecourt of the CCA. Both are an ideal way to recover from stress and prevent burnout and illness.

Reither, Lukas; Teaching Officer Army Sports Centre; Federal Ministry of Defence; Contributor

27 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Lab

Labs: Three-Day Working Sessions

Labs are three-day working sessions in curated groups of 30 to 40 invited participants. A Lab's goal is to develop ideas for a specific issue and new approaches to a precise question. The topics are chosen by EFA, sometimes in collaboration with a partner.

27 August 2023 09:00 - 13:00 | Happening

FAN Soccer Tournament

Hosted by: Forum Alpbach Network Committee

Start the day with an energy boost! One of the long traditions of the Forum Alpbach Network Committee (FANC) is the organisation of a soccer tournament, in addition to other sporting opportunities. What better way to start the day? So, prepare your teams and sportswear, gather a team of four, and come to play!

What to bring? Goodwill and sportswear.

Info: Register as a team via fanc@alpbach.network

27 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

IDEAS Camp

Join us for the Alpbach IDEAS programme, a newly designed initiative aimed at bridging the gap between discourse and practice, providing a space for designing experiments and continuous learning.

Aspiring changemakers, innovators, and problem solvers are invited to participate in a series of three dynamic workshops called IDEAS Camps. Attendance at all three workshops is mandatory for individuals interested in joining the Alpbach IDEAS programme in 2023/2024.

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Rizzo, Gabriele; Principal Advisor and Foresight Executive for a G7 Government; Speaker

27 August 2023 10:30 - 12:00 | Work

Ingredients for the Transition

The transition is a movement whose communities strive for a low-carbon, socially just future with resilient communities, more active participation in society, and caring culture focused on supporting each other. In order to transition, it needs social and environmental change. Find out what the ingredients for this collective process of systems change.

//INFO: There is capacity for 42 persons to participate in this workshop.

Hopkins, Rob; Co-Founder; Transition Network; Speaker

27 August 2023 13:30 - 14:30 | Chat

Closing: Lab Days

At this closing 'fishbowl', everybody is invited to share memories and stories and to reflect on three days of encounters, debates, common experiences and Alpbach moments. We also want to think ahead and talk about the topics that will shape the 'Bold Europe' and should therefore be subject of EFA24.

Wetzler, Ilana; Transformational Guide & Facilitator; Moderator

27 August 2023 14:30 - 16:00 | Happening

Alpbach Pride

Hosted by: Initiative Group Alpbach Wien

Alpbach Pride is celebrating its third edition! As prejudices and discriminating policies against LGBTIQIA* communities are on the rise in Europe but also beyond, it is necessary to continue this newly established tradition. Join the parade and raise your voice against social exclusion. Feel free to come in your best pride outfit and get the glitter shining for a joint celebration of diversity.

Boschek, Florian; Speaker

Thierry, Feri; Secretary General & Managing Director; European Forum Alpbach; Speaker

27 August 2023 15:45 - 16:15 | Celebrate

Moving On. RADA performs at EFA23

110 million people are forcibly displaced worldwide, the largest number in history. Who will choose who should stay and who should go? In this story, you do. Help the students of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art solve the unsolvable.

Ambrose, Jack; Seminar Leader; RADA; Artist

Benn, Tamsin; Actor; RADA; Artist

Boardman, Millie; Artist

Elms, Caroline; Actor/Seminar Leader; Royal Academy of Dramatic Art; Artist

Jallow, Alfie; Actor; RADA; Artist

Miller, Reece; Actor; RADA; Artist

O'Connell, Rachel; Artist

Schiller, Ingrid; Acting tutor; RADA; Artist

27 August 2023 16:30 - 18:30 | Stage

Opening: Europe in the World Days

With the multiple crises our continent is still facing, Europe needs to become bolder in shaping the world. It must accelerate its green transition, regain its technological competitiveness, take its security into its own hands and defend its democratic values. A Bold Europe is not an option, it is a necessity.

First Part: Europe's role in the World and a Bold Europe - European Neighbourhood and Geopolitics

Speakers:

- Alexander Schallenberg
- Vjosa Osmani-Sadriu
- Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya
- Oleksandra Matviichuk

Second Part: Europe's role in the World and a Bold Europe - Democracy and Climate

Speakers:

- Reinhard Bütikofer
- Kirsten Dunlop
- Oby Ezekwesili

Bütikofer, Reinhard; Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

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

Ezekwesili, Oby; President/ Founder / CEO; Human Capital Africa (HCA) / School of Politics, Policy and Governance (SPPG); Speaker

Hopkins, Rob; Co-Founder; Transition Network; Speaker

Lynch, Suzanne; Chief Brussels Correspondent; POLITICO Europe; Chair

Matviichuk, Oleksandra; Head of the Organisation; Centre for Civil Liberties (2022 Nobel Peace Prize awardee); Speaker

Schallenberg, Alexander; Federal Minister; Austrian Ministry for European and International Affairs; Speaker

Treichl, Andreas; President; European Forum Alpbach; Speaker

Tsikhanouskaya, Sviatlana; Opposition Leader of Belarus / Head of the United Transition Cabinet; Republic of Belarus; Speaker

Vjosa, Osmani-Sadriu; President; Republic of Kosovo; Speaker

27 August 2023 18:30 - 21:00 | Happening

EFA Future Food Market

Hosted by: PopChop

Following the opening of the Europe in the World Days, we will show you what the future will bring onto your plate! A selection of food start-ups, regional producers, creative winemakers and contemporary urban farmers invite you to taste and tell their stories. In short: there will be fizz, snacks and live music!

Come along, taste your way through and see what forward-thinking markets have to offer.

Gschösser, Martin; Genussbotschafter; Eggenhof; Contributor
Hechenberger, Katharina; Manager; Oberhaslachhof; Contributor
Herzog, Moritz; Contributor
Kostenzer, Andrea; Contributor
Liberda, Alexandra; Founder; Augora Fermente; Contributor
Lukas, Dagmar; Founder/Managing Partner; Adalicious GmbH; Contributor
Radinger, Peter; Contributor
Raihman, Simone; Inhaberin/Geschäftsführerin; Karma Food; Contributor
Schartner, Johannes; Fermenter; SEMF.ferments; Contributor
Siedler, Anouk; Founder; rami tea; Contributor
Sigl, Joseph; Privatbrauer; Trumer Privatbrauerei; Contributor
Weissenhofer, Alexander; Sales Foodservice Austria; Planted; Contributor

27 August 2023 20:00 - 21:00 | Happening

Concert: Stargazing Melodies

A musical performance makes the village square ring and vibrate! The universal language of music combines modernity and tradition in a sensual way. Cosmic voices ring through Alpbach and surreal melodies invite you to gaze at the stars in the evening sky.

Schloegl, Wolfgang; Musician; I-WOLF; Artist

27 August 2023 21:30 - 01:00 | Happening

Dance and Learn – How Techno Rave Fans Rebuild Ukraine Together

The event aims to tell the story of Toloka, restoration activities led by youth in the war-affected rural areas of Chernihiv. Toloka is traditionally linked to a group of people who help to do what is beyond the power of one. KIGA and 'Repair Together' will present a short documentary about this unique experience culminating in a Techno Party. This night of bravery and freedom will break the stereotypes around rave culture and build solidarity with young activists in Ukraine.

//INFO: This is a party with a preferable black dress code. Shuttles back to B?glerhof will be available at 00:40 and 01:00 at P?glbahn Talstation. From there, buses then continue to Reith and Brixlegg.

Drost, Olena; KIGA founder and a board member; Kyiv Initiative Group Alpbach; Contributor
Kosiakova, Dariia; DJ and Co-Founder of Repair Together; Artist
Sheremeta, Iryna; KIGA member and 'Toloka' participant; Kyiv Initiative Group Alpbach; Contributor

28 August 2023 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual

Morning Sports: Yoga

Supported by: Federal Ministry for Defence

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Reither, Lukas; Teaching Officer Army Sports Centre; Federal Ministry of Defence; Contributor

28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Is the Use of AI Disrupting Democracy?

While AI has the potential to enhance democratic processes, its use can also endanger democracy in several ways. Much depends on how the technology is developed, implemented, and regulated. Is Europe in a unique position to shape this complicated relationship? Can the EU take a leading role by implementing the AI Act?

Session objective: Building understanding ? Build your understanding by learning about personal insights and experiences as well as developments in science, society, politics or world affairs.

//INFO: Circular hiking trail Alpbacher Heimatweg.

Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place in the classroom EG3 of the Volksschule Alpbach.

Hoffmann, Isabell; Senior Expert | eupinions | Program Europe's Future; Bertelsmann Stiftung; Contributor

Narval, Philippe; Director; SQUARE/ University of St. Gallen; Chair

Nowotny, Helga; Former President; European Research Council; Speaker

Simic, Ana; Managing Director; DAIN Studios Austria; Speaker

Villani, Cédric; Mathematician, Professor; Lyon 1 University & IHES; Speaker

28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly? Bitcoin, Crypto and the Future of Money

New financial technologies have revolutionised the world of finance. Despite significant growth, we now witness the frailties of these developments, such as the recent unprecedented market turmoil in the crypto industry. What steps need to be taken by both the industry and policymakers to rebuild trust and harness the potential of blockchain technology? How can we shape the future of money and financial services?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

//INFO: Circular hiking trail B?glerwiese Hausberg. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session will take place in the first floor (EG1) in the elementary school of Alpbach.

Booth, Jeff; Entrepreneur and Author; Ego Death Capital; Speaker

Jilch, Niko; Financial Journalist, Speaker and Moderator; Moderator

Joseph, Regina; Founder; Sibylink; Speaker

Kaminska, Izabella; Founder and Senior Finance Editor; The Blind Spot, POLITICO Europe; Speaker

Poletto, Maurizio; Member of the Managing Board & Chief Platform Officer; Erste Group Bank AG; Speaker

28 August 2023 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat

How Can the EU Become a Geopolitical Actor in Its Eastern Neighbourhood?

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine is having huge geopolitical implications for the EU's eastern neighbourhood, forcing the EU to take on greater responsibilities, including as a security provider. What could a new Eastern Partnership policy look like that takes account of the changed geopolitical circumstances and what should be the EU's policy vis-à-vis the neighbours of its neighbours, particularly Central Asia?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

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

Lagodinsky, Sergey; Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

Mayr-Harting, Thomas; Chair of the International Advisory Board; European Forum Alpbach; Moderator

Mezentseva, Maria; Member of Parliament; Parliament of Ukraine; Speaker

Schwarzer, Daniela; Member of the Executive Board; Bertelsmann Foundation; Speaker

Tsikhankouskaya, Sviatlana; Opposition Leader of Belarus / Head of the United Transition Cabinet; Republic of Belarus; Speaker

28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

From What If to What Is

Come and join a deep dive into the ideas of the 'From What If to What Is'-concept, exploring in a hands-on, participative way the power of radical imagination. How can we make sure that our actions embody the future we dream of? And rumour has it, there might even be an actual, working time machine. Don't miss it!

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

Hopkins, Rob; Co-Founder; Transition Network; Speaker

28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Smash Patriarchy – Reduce Emissions? Gender, Diversity and Climate Crisis

Supported by: Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology

The fight against the climate crisis is young, diverse and mostly female. Yet, this fight is facing fierce resistance through patriarchal structures in economic and political establishments. How can we empower people of all genders, ethnicities, ages, sexual orientations, social classes and backgrounds to stand up against these structures? Do we need a matriarchy? How do we bring about change to reduce emissions?

Gewessler, Leonore; Federal Minister for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology; Republic of Austria; Speaker

Jäger, Andreas; Presenter, Speaker, Journalist; Andreas Jäger; Moderator

Krömer, Michaela; Attorney at Law; Krömer Law Firm; Speaker

Mendelsohn, Anna; Artist; Independent; Artist

Raggl, Laura; Managing Partner; ROI Ventures; Speaker

Wiese, Katharina; Senior Policy Officer for Economic Transition and Gender Equality; European Environmental Bureau; Speaker

28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Bold People for a Bold Europe: How to Attract and Retain Talent

Hosted by: AIT supported by Forschung Austria

The EFA23 annual theme "Bold Europe" suggests that Europe must contribute to shaping the world with more courage. A bold Europe requires bold people. How do we attract, develop and then retain these talented people?

Gattringer, Christof; President; Austrian Science Fund FWF; Speaker

Kofler, Irmela; Area Manager; K1-MET GmbH; Speaker

Kolawole, Kiyesola; Scholarshipholder; Speaker

Kückemanns, Antje; Head of Department HR Development; Fraunhofer; Speaker

Muradi, Bahara; Scholarshipholder; Speaker

Reich, Siegfried; Director; Salzburg Research Forschungsgesellschaft m.b.H.; Moderator

Scherer, Andrea; Scholarshipholder; Speaker

28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Teaching Democracy with New Technologies

Supported by: Innovation Foundation for Education

The digital skills young people acquire during their educational careers will play a fundamental role in whether and how they will be able to assess and use new technologies for participation in democratic processes. Discuss the required digital and democratic competences and how they might best be integrated in education.

Hofmann, Jeanette; Professor; WZB, HIIG, FU; Speaker

Mayerhofer, Elisabeth; CEO & Founder; WHAT'S NEXT INSTITUTE; Moderator

Tanskanen, Ella; Planning officer, Youth engagement and participation; City of Helsinki; Speaker

Tursky, Florian; State Secretary; Federal Ministry of Finance; Speaker

Zeppelzauer, Matthias; Research Group Leader; St. Pölten University of Applied Sciences; Speaker

28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Democracy Needs a Digital Protective Shield

Supported by: JOANNEUM RESEARCH

Europe's democratic values and the Western way of life are under massive threat from authoritarian powers. The highly digitised infrastructure must be protected against cyber-attacks just as the influence of internet trolls on democratic systems and elections must be prevented. There will be an analysis of the technological aspects of this topic. DI Robert Lamprecht, Director Cybersecurity & Crisis Management at KPMG Austria, will present the current KPMG and KS? study "Cyber-Security in Austria".

Eichlseder, Maria; Assistant Professor; Graz University of Technology; Speaker

Ernst, Hannes; Managing Director & Partner; TopConcept Management Beratung GmbH; Moderator

Hesztera, Gerald; Head of Department Strategy, Security Policy and Coordination; Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior; Speaker

Lampila, Suvi; SSH Fellow; SSH Communications Security Corp; Speaker

Wurm, Daniel; Advisor; Austrian Ministry of Defence; Speaker

28 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Mission: Climate Neutral and Smart Cities – Austria, EU and beyond

Supported by: Climate and Energy Fund

Cities are our world's economic, cultural and social engines - and as such, they cause around 75 % of the global CO2 emissions.

Therefore, it is important that cities across Europe engage in mutually beneficial learning on how climate neutrality can be implemented effectively, efficiently, and in a socially just way. Experts will incorporate best practise examples.

//INFO: Hike to Gasthof Rossmoos. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, there is going to be a shuttle to Gasthof Rossmoos.

Czaja, Wojciech; Architectural journalist; Moderator

Gregoric, Tina; Architect, Professor and Founder; TU Wien / dekleva gregoric architects; Speaker

Smole, Erwin; CEO; Stadtwerke Klagenfurt; Speaker

Treczyk, Pauline; Co-Founder / Communications Consultant; CliMates Austria / World Meteorological Organization; Speaker

Wheaton, Philippa; Planet & Climate; Ashoka; Speaker

28 August 2023 13:00 - 13:30 | Chat

Fractured Futures: Guided Tour

In a guided tour around Alpbach, EFA23 arts and culture guest curator Yana Barinova will introduce selected artworks of FRACTURED FUTURES and discuss different approaches to politically engaged art. Participating artists will address the struggle of European societies to welcome their newcomers, as well as the wider aspirations for a peaceful coexistence of humans and nature.

//INFO: In case of heavy rain, the tour will start in the Otto Molden Foyer.

Barinova, Yana; EFA23 Arts and Culture Guest Curator; Speaker

Barinova, Lina; Project Assistance; viennacontemporary; Facilitator

Sengl, Deborah; Artist; Artist

28 August 2023 14:00 - 15:00 | Chat

From Momentum to Climate Action

The momentum to make climate action happen is as big as never before. Knowledge and awareness about the palpable climate crisis are strong, solutions exist aplenty, yet satisfying policy actions are lacking and frustration and anger are growing. What are the positive social tipping points societies need? What are prime examples of action that pave the way towards more impact?

Session objective: Creating a community of action ? Connect with like-minded individuals, build interest groups and promote long-term action by planning next steps and follow-ups with other participants.

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Dixson-Declève, Sandrine; Co-President & Co-Author; The Club of Rome & Earth4All; Speaker
Gewessler, Leonore; Federal Minister for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology; Republic of Austria; Speaker
Ottacher, Gebhard; Managing director; Climate Lab; Moderator
Wheaton, Philippa; Planet & Climate; Ashoka; Speaker

28 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Unity Through Green Mobility: Railways and Sustainability

Supported by: TU Austria

Interactively explore the possibilities for advancing green mobility in Europe: Aimed at strengthening internal European collaborations and thus reducing Europe's dependencies on external influences, stakeholders from industry, politics, research and society will share experiences and best practises to develop and discuss ideas for a greener future.

Matijevic, Jaqueline; Head of Mobility and Transport Technologies; Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation & Technology; Speaker
Pospischil, Ferdinand; Head of Institute of Railway Infrastructure Design; Graz University of Technology; Moderator
Reisinger, Harald; CIO/CFO; RailNetEurope; Speaker
Skerbinz, Claudia; Chief Digitalization Officer; Siemens Mobility; Speaker
Till, Alexander; Head of the Representative Office - Port of Hamburg; Port of Hamburg; Speaker

28 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Normalising Monetary Policy and Implications for Financial Stability

In times of high inflation, it is necessary to raise interest rates but also to shrink balance sheets of central banks to return to the goal of 2 % inflation in the medium term. This shift away from unconventional monetary policy is a must. But what will be the impact on financial stability after years of lower to negative nominal interest rates?

Session objective: Challenging assumptions ? Have your beliefs and assumptions questioned, broaden your perspective and critically reflect on old and new questions and challenges.

Bezhoska, Anita; Governor; Nationalbank of the Republic of North Macedonia; Speaker
Holzmann, Robert; Governor; Oesterreichische Nationalbank; Chair
Krogstrup, Signe; Governor; Danmarks Nationalbank; Speaker
Mateo, Virginia; Supervision Analyst, Scholarship Holder; European Central Bank, European Forum Alpbach; Speaker
Nagel, Joachim; President; Deutsche Bundesbank; Speaker
Sabol, Maja; Board Member; Club Alpbach Croatia; Speaker

28 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Accountability for War Crimes – Ending the Age of Impunity

Those who commit atrocities must be held accountable for their actions. However, many perpetrators have historically enjoyed impunity. This is also a current concern regarding Russian war crimes in Ukraine. There is pressure on the international community to achieve tangible results on accountability. But how can it deliver? What are the most effective ways? And what role can Europe play in ending the age of impunity?

Session objective: Building understanding ? Build your understanding by learning about personal insights and experiences as well as developments in science, society, politics or world affairs.

Matviichuk, Oleksandra; Head of the Organisation; Centre for Civil Liberties (2022 Nobel Peace Prize awardee); Speaker
Nowak, Manfred; Secretary General; Global Campus of Human Rights; Speaker
Stagno Ugarte, Bruno; Deputy Executive Director - Chief Advocacy Officer; Human Rights Watch; Chair
Weinke, Annette; Professor; Friedrich Schiller University Jena; Speaker

28 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Player or Playground? Europe and the Tech War between the U.S. and China

The struggle for technological supremacy between the United States and China is in full swing. After the U.S. restricted sales of advanced semiconductors to China in October last year, the Netherlands recently issued similar export controls. What are the implications of this tech war for Europe? What should Europe do to increase its strategic sovereignty in the tech sector and avoid becoming a battleground?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

Aris, Annet; Board Member and Senior Affiliate Professor of Strategy; Boards: ASML NV, Randstad NV, Jungheinrich AG, Professorship: INSEAD; Speaker
Bradford, Anu; Henry L. Moses Professor of Law and International Organization; Columbia Law School; Speaker
Bütikofer, Reinhard; Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker
Clüver Ashbrook, Cathryn; Executive Vice President/Senior Advisor; Bertelsmann Stiftung; Moderator
Zhang, Helen; Director | Co-Founder; Schmidt Futures | Intrigue Media; Speaker

28 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

How Can We Improve Democratic Leadership?

Supported by: Google Austria

To keep our democracy resilient, we need leaders who reflect the diversity of society. We will discuss current challenges and how to promote women's leadership in a high-level panel discussion, followed by a short #IAmRemarkable workshop. #IAmRemarkable is an initiative for the empowerment of underrepresented groups in the workplace and beyond.

Antlanger-Winter, Christine; Country Director; Google Switzerland; Speaker
Dobretzberger, Judith; Strategic Partnerships & IamRemarkable Facilitator; Google Austria; Speaker
Gharaei, Mahdis; Co-Founder & CEO; the female factor; Moderator
Maydell, Eva; Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker
Raab, Susanne; Federal Minister for Women, Family, Integration and Media; Federal Chancellery; Speaker

28 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

From Climate Anxiety to Climate Action

Hosted by: AIT supported by Environment Agency Austria and Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology

The psychological effects of the climate crisis are becoming increasingly apparent in society: Feelings of being overwhelmed, guilt, sadness or even despair are summarised as Climate Anxiety. In order to be able to act again, we need to regain control of the situation. How can stories be told to create hope, scope for action and motivation to act? In short: How can Climate Anxiety become climate action?

Bister, Milena; Postdoc researcher; University of Vienna; Speaker

Ehold, Verena; Managing Director; Umweltbundesamt- Environment Agency Austria; Moderator

Horn, Eva; Professor of Modern German Literature and Cultural History; University of Vienna; Speaker

Kamensky, Jan; Artist; Visual Utopias; Speaker

Spyra, Henriette; Director General Innovation & Technology; Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation & Technology; Speaker

28 August 2023 14:00 - 15:00 | Chat

Towards a more Resilient Value Chain of the Blue Economy and Marine Environment Preservation

Hosted by: Club Alpbach Croatia

Oceans are the lifeblood of our planet and their health is in continual decline. Adverse impacts of human activity threaten the livelihood of three billion people relying on marine ecosystems. This event explores how EU's Mission Starfish 2030 framework and Digital Twin of the Ocean open data system leverage policy and science in efforts to green the blue economy by making ocean knowledge readily available to all its citizens, entrepreneurs, scientists, and policy-makers.

Pahlić, Riki; Consultant; Hauska & Partner; Moderator

Pons, Geneviève; Director General; Europe Jacques Delors; Speaker

Silovic, Tina; Mercator Ocean; Speaker

Špadina, Mario; CEO; SeaCras Ltd.; Chair

28 August 2023 15:15 - 15:45 | Chat

Book signing: Sandrine Dixson-Declève

Join Sandrine Dixson-Declève for a book signing of "Earth for All. A Survival Guide for Humanity" at our bookshop.

28 August 2023 15:30 - 16:30 | Chat

Bitcoin goes Mainstream?

Hosted by: Club Alpbach Liechtenstein

Uncover smart strategies for governments to adopt Bitcoin, ensuring investor protection and fostering innovation. Jump into the trajectory of Bitcoin's rise to the mainstream as we explore Liechtenstein's forward looking regulations and its global approach.

In this insightful discussion, the focus will be on addressing current questions and debating the path towards a secure and encouraging future with cryptocurrencies.

Jilch, Niko; Financial Journalist, Speaker and Moderator; Moderator

Kaminska, Izabella; Founder and Senior Finance Editor; The Blind Spot, POLITICO Europe; Speaker

Risch, Daniel; Prime Minister; Liechtenstein; Speaker

Tursky, Florian; State Secretary; Federal Ministry of Finance; Speaker

28 August 2023 15:30 - 16:30 | Chat

Economic Growth and Green Transition: Compatible Objectives?

Hosted by: Club Alpbach Trentino & Club Alpbach Senza Confini

The uncontrolled economic growth of the past fifty years is seen as a major cause of the current climate crisis. Urgent action is needed to address climate risks and rethink economic development within the global framework. Alessio Terzi, author of 'Growth for Good: Reshaping Capitalism to save Humanity from Human Catastrophe', argues that an alternative approach is possible. By drawing on various disciplines, Terzi proposes a reevaluation of capitalism to tackle the challenges of climate change. He will present a program to involve capitalism in the fight against climate catastrophe, emphasizing the importance of policies and citizen involvement.

Terzi, Alessio; Speaker

28 August 2023 15:45 - 16:45 | Happening

Fractured Futures: Arts Opening

Join arts and culture guest curator Yana Barinova for performances, conversation and drinks to celebrate FRACTURED FUTURES with selected artists. FRACTURED FUTURES brings together a variety of international artistic positions on mobility and movement. Artists will address the struggle of European societies to welcome their newcomers, as well as the wider aspirations for a peaceful coexistence of humans and nature.

Barinova, Yana; EFA23 Arts and Culture Guest Curator; Speaker

Barinova, Lina; Project Assistance; viennacontemporary; Facilitator

Džaferović, Tin; MA, Student; Music and Arts University of the City of Vienna (MUK); Artist

Reider, Florian; Art scholarship holder; Music and arts private university Vienna; Artist

Sengl, Deborah; Artist; Artist

28 August 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Stage

Grow – Green – Digital: Which Role for Capital Markets?

A sustainable and resilient economy is the foundation of Europe's future prosperity. To achieve this, Europe needs to provide sufficiently diverse sources of finance for the ecological and digital transition, and for financing the structural shifts in our economies, including those caused by recent geopolitical events. What is the role of larger and more liquid capital markets? How can they help secure Europe's future prosperity? How can these sources of finance be increased and efficiently used?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

Bleier, Ingo; Member of the Management Board; Erste Group Bank AG; Speaker
Köppl-Turyna, Monika; Director; EcoAustria - Institute for Economic Research; Moderator
Krogstrup, Signe; Governor; Danmarks Nationalbank; Speaker
Leithner, Stephan; Member of the Executive Board; Deutsche Börse AG; Speaker
Rüdiger, Michael; Chairman Germany, Austria, Switzerland & Eastern Europe; BlackRock; Speaker
Ruusalepp, Kaidi; Founder and CEO; Funderbeam; Speaker

28 August 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Chat

United but Alone: How to Rethink the West's Relations With the "Global South"?

While Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has united the West, many countries in the so-called 'Global South' have refused to take sides. What are the reasons behind this apparent indifference and how can the West rethink its approach to win hearts and minds in the Global South?

Session objective: Challenging assumptions ? Have your beliefs and assumptions questioned, broaden your perspective and critically reflect on old and new questions and challenges.

Eissa, Hager; Policy Advisor; United Nations; Speaker
Espinosa Garces, Maria Fernanda; Executive Director/former President of the United Nations General Assembly; GWL Voices for Change and Inclusion; Speaker
Ezekwesili, Oby; President/ Founder / CEO; Human Capital Africa (HCA) / School of Politics, Policy and Governance (SPPG); Speaker
González Laya, Arancha; Dean Paris School of International Affairs; Sciences Po; Speaker
Lynch, Suzanne; Chief Brussels Correspondent; POLITICO Europe; Moderator

28 August 2023 18:30 - 19:30 | Stage

Pitch: Falling Walls in Science and Society

Falling Walls promotes visionary ideas and connects creative minds. In this year's competition, outstanding young scientists and entrepreneurs have exactly three minutes to convince the Alpbach audience of their innovative ideas, research, and business projects. Join the crowd voting and choose the winners who will receive a ticket to the renowned Falling Walls Conference in Berlin in November!

Session objective: Making progress visible ? Be surprised by current progress, witness the establishment of new good practices and find hidden treasures of transformation.

Blaschke, Fabio; University Project Assistant; Graz University of Technology; Speaker
Jilch, Niko; Financial Journalist, Speaker and Moderator; Moderator
Kruselburger, Julia; CEO; Independo; Speaker
Moosbeckhofer, Philipp; CEO; Galenos Medical; Speaker
Richter, Michael; Deputy Area Manager Hydrogen Infrastructure Technologies; HyCentA Research GmbH; Speaker
Sieben, Johanna; Director; Falling Walls Foundation; Speaker

28 August 2023 18:30 - 19:00 | Ritual

Into the Silence

A union of Peace: Spiritual impulses from different religious and philosophical traditions invite participants to reflect and contemplate. Inspirational impulse givers are going to tell their stories, invite you on a journey of thought and initiate moments of real stillness.

Mitterer, Josef; Professor of Philosophy; University of Klagenfurt; Speaker

28 August 2023 20:00 - 22:30 | Social

Patent Cocktail: Women's Patents

Supported by: Austrian Patent Office

An evening event for those who are enthusiastic about new things. Topic: "Women's patents".

Austria has the biggest gender gap in Europe when it comes to patents: male rate 92 %, female rate 8 %.

Causes are portrayed and examples shown of what we are all missing out on when the ideas of 51 % of the population are ignored.

Binder, Michael; Director of the Strategy Department; Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG); Moderator
Gewessler, Leonore; Federal Minister for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology; Republic of Austria; Speaker
Hirsch, Annabelle; Author; Speaker
Scheichl, Andrea; Vice-President; Austrian Patent Office; Speaker

28 August 2023 20:15 - 22:00 | Stage

The 17th Annual Speakers Night at the European Forum Alpbach

Hosted by: Club Alpbach Steiermark

Club Alpbach Styria organises this popular public speaking contest as 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 general topic with a larger audience, all while receiving valuable feedback from a distinguished panel.

Bradford, Anu; Henry L. Moses Professor of Law and International Organization; Columbia Law School; Chair

Hopkins, Rob; Co-Founder; Transition Network; Chair

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

Randeria, Shalini; President and Rector; Central European University; Chair

Williamson, Howard; Board Member & Professor of European Youth Policy; the University of South Wales; Chair

29 August 2023 04:00 - 08:00 | Hike

Sunrise Hike: Gratlspitz

Rise and shine: Get up early and enjoy the first rays of sunshine on the top of Alpbach. Experience this special atmosphere and start your day energized!

//INFO: The hike to Gratlspitz is demanding and not to be underestimated. Shoes with a good sole (hiking boots or sturdy sports shoes) are a must and it is recommended to bring water. The hike is accompanied by an experienced mountain guide. Due to different walking speeds, the condition of the paths and the number of people, the group will be spread out. Participation is at your own responsibility.

Rabanser, Theresia; Mountain Guide; Speaker

29 August 2023 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual

Morning Sports: Functional Fitness

Supported by: Federal Ministry for Defence

Start the day with an energy boost! Trainers of the Austrian Armed Forces will alternately make you sweat at military functional fitness or calm down at yoga sessions on the forecourt of the CCA. Both are an ideal way to recover from stress and prevent burnout and illness.

Reither, Lukas; Teaching Officer Army Sports Centre; Federal Ministry of Defence; Contributor

29 August 2023 08:00 - 08:30 | Ritual

Into the Silence

A union of Peace: Spiritual impulses from different religious and philosophical traditions invite participants to reflect and contemplate. Inspirational impulse givers are going to tell their stories, invite you on a journey of thought and initiate moments of real stillness.

Giner-Reichl, Irene; Board Member & Former Austrian Diplomat; European Forum Alpbach & Republic of Austria; Speaker

29 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

IN THE LOOP: Become a Facilitator for the Future of Circular Economy!

Supported by: Mondi Group

The circular economy has the potential to revolutionise both industry and economy. This is based on effective collaboration along the value chain. An interactive discussion provides insights on the important levers for the circular economy; from the perspective of industry, politics, science and representatives of the next generation. Join the loop, be part of a re-thinking economy!

Karas, Othmar; First Vice-President of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

Meckenstock, Cordula; Chief People, Culture & ESG Officer (as of 1 October 2023); BayWa AG; Speaker

Mittermayr, Ralf; CEO; Saubermacher Dienstleistungs AG; Speaker

Moser, Katharina; Moderator & IDG Summit Director; Inner Development Goals; Moderator

Ott, Thomas; CEO Flexible Packaging; Mondi AG; Speaker

Pepek, Bettina; Founder, Managing Partner; Kommunikationsraum GmbH; Moderator

29 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Decarbonisation Technologies for a Climate-Neutral Future: How to get it done

Supported by: RHI Magnesita

Both Europe (by 2050) and Austria (by 2040) have the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and becoming climate neutral. To achieve this, the major industrial emitters must do their homework. We want to find answers to the following questions: How can European industry, with its investments in research and technologies, achieve the Net Zero goal? How do the rising prices for CO2 certificates affect the ability to invest in research and development? How can the mammoth task of decarbonization succeed?

//INFO: Hike to Gasthof Rossmoos. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, there is going to be a shuttle to Gasthof Rossmoos.

Borgas, Stefan; CEO; RHI Magnesita; Speaker

Gewessler, Leonore; Federal Minister for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology; Republic of Austria; Speaker

Ghoneim, Rana; Chief, Energy systems and industrial decarbonization division; United Nations industrial development organization (UNIDO); Speaker

Hamblin Wang, Sophia; Chief Operating Officer; MCI Carbon; Speaker

Steeger, Janine; Host; Janine Steeger; Moderator

29 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

North-South Climate Justice: Bringing Two Poles Closer Together

At several UN Climate Change Conferences (COP) the Global North and Global South relied on two opposite arguments regarding financial climate justice measures. While there is acceptance of historic responsibility, there is no agreement on necessary and urgent actions. Prior to the COP28 in November 2023, questions arise again. How do these two opposite poles define global climate justice and what can be done for them to come together.

Session objective: Building understanding ? Build your understanding by learning about personal insights and experiences as well as developments in science, society, politics or world affairs.

//INFO: Circular hiking trail Alpbacher Heimatweg. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place in the classroom EG3 of the Volksschule Alpbach.

Espinosa Garcés, Maria Fernanda; Executive Director/former President of the United Nations General Assembly; GWL Voices for Change and Inclusion; Speaker

Giner-Reichl, Irene; Board Member & Former Austrian Diplomat; European Forum Alpbach & Republic of Austria; Moderator

Maro, Janet; Co-Founder and CEO Programme; Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT); Speaker

Wilson, Matthew; Ambassador and Permanent Representative; Barbados Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. UN, WTO;

Zettelmeyer, Jeromin; Director; Bruegel; Speaker

29 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

War and Peace in the Digital Age

The advent of new technologies has always affected the nature of conflict and competition between states. In today's world of rapidly evolving digital technologies and geopolitical competition it is more important than ever to examine this relationship. Similarly, what are the possibilities for using digital technologies to resolve conflicts and build peace?

Session objective: Building understanding ? Build your understanding by learning about personal insights and experiences as well as developments in science, society, politics or world affairs.

//INFO: Circular hiking trail B?glerwiese Hausberg. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session will take place in the first floor (EG1) of the elementary school of Alpbach.

Docherty, Leo; Minister for Europe; Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office; Speaker
Meier, Claudia; Europe Lead; Build Up; Speaker
Renda, Andrea; Senior Research Fellow and Head of GRID; Centre for European Policy Studies; Speaker
Zinkanell, Michael Gabriel; Director; Austria Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES); Moderator

29 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Co-Creating the Future of Food Systems

Supported by: Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management and Austrian Development Agency

Entrepreneurship and innovation can contribute to solving global food security challenges. Discuss with relevant actors of food security including the World Food Programme and discuss what potential future scenarios of food systems look like and how cross-sector collaboration can shape them and jointly create concrete actions and commitments that can be implemented today

Beaineh, Wassim; Manager International Cooperation MENA; University Wageningen; Speaker
Govera, Chido; Founder and Director; The Future of Hope Foundation; Speaker
Klamert, Ute Maria; Assistant Executive Director Partnerships and Advocacy; World Food Programme; Speaker
Kowatsch, Bernhard; Head of WFP Innovation Accelerator; United Nations (UN) World Food Programme (WFP); Moderator
Stift, Friedrich; Managing Director; Austrian Development Agency; Speaker
Totschnig, Norbert; Federal Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management; Republic of Austria; Speaker
Vousvouras, Christian A.; Public Affairs; Nestlé; Speaker

29 August 2023 09:00 - 11:00 | Chat

Deep-Tech Innovation – Shaping Europe’s Future

Hosted by: AIT supported by VFFI Verein zur Förderung der Forschung

Deep-tech innovations such as AI, space travel, quantum technology, advanced materials, novel energy and biotech will decisively shape our future. In the global race for technological leadership, Europe must consistently focus on the development of key technologies, accelerate deep-tech innovations and bring them to market faster. To this end, strong multi-stakeholder ecosystems are crucial to combine the forces of top science and research, companies and venture capital.

Axmann, Robert; Head; DLR Quantum Computing Initiative; Speaker

Buchmayr, Daniela; Founder and CEO; Sarcura GmbH; Speaker

Hermann-Schön, Isabella; Managing Partner; Round2 Capital Partners; Speaker

Klem Andersen, Thomas; Alliance Manager; DeepTech Alliance; Speaker

Kopetz, Georg; CEO & Co-Founder; TTTech Computertechnik; Speaker

Wanko, Markus; Managing Partner; xista; Moderator

29 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Fact or Fake? - How to Spot Misinformation

Power enforces its own truth. This European-wide threat is evidenced by growing polarisation, manipulation, and distortion of public information and discourse. We take an innovative approach to media literacy in order to strengthen the reasoning process, teaching you to identify and counter disinformation.

Session objective: Making progress visible ? Be surprised by current progress, witness the establishment of new good practices and find hidden treasures of transformation.

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

Mazurkiewicz, Maia; Co-founder & Head of StratCom; Alliance4Europe; Chair

Schiffrin, Anya; Director, Technology, Media and Communications Specialization; Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs; Speaker

Uba, Zuzanna; Admin and Financial Assistant; Alliance4Europe; Chair

29 August 2023 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat

Rebuilding Ukraine

Supported by: Raiffeisen Bank International

Almost two years since the start of the war, Ukraine has outstripped all expectations in its ability to defend itself against Russia. Although ongoing, a comprehensive analysis of how Ukraine's future could look like after the war and what tools policymakers, financial institutions & economic leaders can use to reach this goal will be the center of the debate.

Derevyanko, Anna; Executive Director; European Business Association; Speaker

Edtstadler, Karoline; Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution; Republic of Austria; Speaker

Kytsmey, Taras; Board member & Co-founder; SoftServe; Speaker

Pisarska, Katarzyna; Vice President | Founder & Director; European Forum Alpbach |
European Academy of Diplomacy; Moderator

Strobl, Johann; CEO; Raiffeisen Bank International; Speaker

29 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

The World Behind Money

Many decisions seem to have a common denominator: money. Everyone has a connection to it and an understanding of its importance, but few are aware of what actually lies behind money. Beyond mere definitions of interest rates and numbers, we delve into topics such as: Why aren't humans naturally good at managing money? What are the behavioural and psychological barriers? How can we foster our competences to make sound financial decisions and improve our overall financial wellbeing?

Session objective: Challenging assumptions? Have your beliefs and assumptions questioned, broaden your perspective and critically reflect on old and new questions and challenges.

Graf, Theresa; Management Team Member; Three Coins; Speaker

Gugenberger, Lena; Management Team Member; Three Coins; Speaker

Maric, Goran; CEO; Three Coins; Speaker

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

Vlahovic, Julia; Management Team Member; Three Coins; Speaker

29 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Breaking Boundaries: The Future of Public Service through Intrapreneurship

Supported by: Wonderwerk Consulting

The public sector must be innovative in order to keep pace with the changing needs of citizens. Learn about public intrapreneurship, an approach that enables employees in the public sector to drive innovation and create value for the public good from within. Learn from experts who have implemented this approach already and discover practical strategies to overcome challenges and seize opportunities.

//INFO: There will be two shuttle busses from CCA Vorplatz to Zirmalm: at 8:35 & 8:45. Please arrive as early as possible - thank you!

Gady, Isabella; Chief Experience Officer; Wonderwerk; Moderator

Meloni, Dario; Head of Advisory; staatslabor; Speaker

Obernhumer, Kathrin; Community, Culture & Innovation; Tabakfabrik Linz Entwicklungs- und Betriebsgesellschaft mbH; Speaker

Seric, Adnan; Head of Innovation Lab; UNIDO; Speaker

29 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

A Bold Vision for Innovative Healthcare and its Industry in Europe

Supported by: Roche Austria

Challenging times require great ambition to ensure better and sustainable healthcare for Europe's citizens. The EU Pharmaceutical Strategy aims to secure access to good quality healthcare, equity, and solidarity. The issue is whether the EU is bold and visionary enough to support a sustainable future for its life science industry and if life sciences in Europe are still part of the race for technology and innovation.

Erkens-Reck, Susanne; General Manager; Roche Austria GmbH; Speaker

Fritz, Michaela; Vice President & Vice Rector Research and Innovation; European Forum Alpbach & Medical University Vienna; Moderator

Kühnel, Mariana; Deputy Secretary General; Austrian Federal Economic Chamber Wirtschaftskammer Österreich; Speaker

Penninger, Josef Martin; Professorship for Personalised Medicine; Medizinische Universität Wien; Speaker

Rauch, Johannes; Federal Minister of Social Affairs, Health, Care, and Consumer Protection; Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care, and Consumer Protection; Speaker

Varntoumian, Eleonora; Communications and Policy Officer; European Brain Council (EBC); Speaker

29 August 2023 09:30 - 11:00 | Chat

Reform of the UN Security Council: Nothing, Nowhere, Never at all?

The United Nations Security Council is the world's primary organ for international peace and security. It was created in 1945 reflecting the balance of power after World War II. However, the composition of the UNSC with its five permanent and ten elected members no longer reflects today's realities and the permanent members' right to veto is increasingly criticised. The two co-chairs of the UN's Intergovernmental Negotiations on Security Council reform discuss possible ways forward with other UN Ambassadors and students from our 'How to Revive Multilateralism?' seminar.

AlBanai, Tareq; Permanent Representative; Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations; Chair

Marschik, Alexander; Permanent Representative; Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations; Chair

29 August 2023 11:00 - 12:00 | Chat

Geopolitical Awakening of Central and Eastern Europe

Hosted by: Club Alpbach Poland

The shifting gravity of geopolitical agency towards the eastern flank of the European Union means that Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) are becoming more relevant in terms of EU policy making and its strategic outlook. This development forces us to rethink our preconceived notions about CEE and how to channel the increasing importance of the region into greater political impact.

Farfal, Jan; Moderator

Hornstein-Tomić, Caroline Elisabeth; Member of the Board; Senior Researcher; European Forum Alpbach; Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar; Speaker

Jażdżewski, Leszek; Editor-in-chief; Liberté!; Speaker

Krastev, Ivan; Permanent fellow; IWM; Speaker

Pisarska, Katarzyna; Vice President | Founder & Director; European Forum Alpbach | European Academy of Diplomacy; Speaker

29 August 2023 12:00 - 12:00 | Ritual

24 Hours Reading Marathon

Hosted by: Forum Alpbach Network Committee

Escape the noise of the Alpbach crowds and join us for a literary meditation that will transport you to a different world. Welcome to our yearly 24-hour Reading Marathon. This year, we celebrate a world-famous yet unequivocally European female writer: Olga Tokarczuk. Our selection, 'The Books of Jacob', is an epic of myth and history, celebrating cultural diversity and crying out for tolerance.

We'll kick off our marathon with a short introduction to the author, the work and their political significance for today's Europe.

29 August 2023 12:15 - 13:30 | Work

Alpbach IDEAS: Infopoint

Welcome to the IDEAS info point, a dedicated space during lunchtime, where participants of the Alpbach IDEAS programme can gather information, and engage in enriching conversations. This daily session provides an opportunity to learn more about the programme, the process of Alpbach IDEAS, and exchange ideas with experts on specific topics.

Whether you have questions about the application process, the workshop series, or the evaluation criteria, our knowledgeable staff is available to provide you with comprehensive information and guidance. We encourage you to bring your curiosity and eagerness to learn, as this is the perfect occasion to clarify any doubts and gain a deeper understanding of the Alpbach IDEAS programme.

Additionally, the IDEAS info point serves as a space for participants to connect with experts who specialise in various fields. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to engage in discussions, seek advice, and explore potential collaborations. By tapping into the expertise of these individuals, you can refine your ideas, gain new insights, and broaden your horizons.

So, during lunchtime, make your way to the Schulhaeusl and immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of the IDEAS info point. Open your mind to new perspectives, share your thoughts, and embrace the collaborative spirit that defines the Alpbach IDEAS community. We look forward to supporting you on your path to realising your ideas and making a positive impact in the world.

29 August 2023 12:30 - 13:00 | Stage

TU Austria Innovation Marathon - the Results

Supported by: TU Austria

24 hours of product development: four tasks, 28 scholarship holders and 24 hours of time. That is the recipe with which the "TU Austria Innovation Marathon" finds solutions to real tasks set by companies. In this informative, inspiring and simultaneously entertaining plenary session, the teams present the solutions they have developed in 24 hours in Alpbach.

Fallst, Mario; Research- & Technology-House; Graz University of Technology; Moderator

29 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

The Diplomatic Triangle of the EU Green Deal: Trade, Environment and Development

Supported by: Europe Jacques Delors

The EU's green agenda has drawn criticism from trading partners. Concerns arise over the disproportionate negative impact on least developed countries. Explore the importance of rethinking and better integrating the development dimension into the EU's 'green trade' agenda and of formulating a diplomatic strategy to ensure a successful green transformation of the EU's industrial and agricultural sectors.

Session objective: Making progress visible ? Be surprised by current progress, witness the establishment of new good practices and find hidden treasures of transformation.

Grabbe, Heather; Europe's Future Fellow; Institute for Human Sciences Vienna (IWM); Speaker
Lamy, Pascal; Vice-President; Paris Peace Forum; Speaker
Pons, Geneviève; Director General; Europe Jacques Delors; Chair
Wilson, Matthew; Ambassador and Permanent Representative; Barbados Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade. UN, WTO; Speaker

29 August 2023 14:00 - 15:00 | Chat

Women's * Forum - Discussing the Gender Data Gap

Hosted by: Initiative Group Alpbach Wien

To achieve equality for women* it is key to understand their facts of life. However, in economy, science, public and private life, most 'evidence-based' decisions are predicated on data about male experience. The biased underrepresentation of women* in all kinds of databases leads to prejudices, risks and discrimination.

Experts from different fields discuss the implications of the Gender Data Gap in their area. Participants are invited to exchange ideas in a safe(r) space

Info: participation is open to FLINTA* persons only.

Akhtar, Mubashara; Speaker
Baumgärtel, Vanessa Lyn; Speaker
Rendl, Sophie; Co-founder; Frauendomäne; Speaker
Schiffrin, Anya; Director, Technology, Media and Communications Specialization; Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs; Speaker
Schlee, Clara; Board member IG Vienna; IG Wien; Chair

29 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Innovation Unleashed: Disruptions Paving the Way for Europe's Accelerated Progress

Supported by: Globsec

The invasion by Russia has triggered a chain of events that may potentially reshape the geopolitical landscape. In response to heightened security concerns, countries have been compelled to prioritise defence and energy efficiency, leading to increased investments in research and development. How can this momentum generated by disruptive impulses be harnessed to unlock further innovation potential in the Danube region? By examining the current state of affairs, identifying emerging technological trends, and discussing collaborative strategies, the speakers will deliberate on the transformative possibilities and opportunities that lie ahead for the region.

Mayerhofer, Elisabeth; CEO & Founder; WHAT'S NEXT INSTITUTE; Speaker

Molterer, Wilhelm; Chairman of the Board of Directors; GLOBSEC; Speaker

Ráczová, Orsolya; Head of Centre for Global Europe and Economy Stream Director; GLOBSEC; Moderator

Raggl, Laura; Managing Partner; ROI Ventures; Speaker

Wurm, Daniel; Advisor; Austrian Ministry of Defence; Speaker

29 August 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike

Using the EU's Market Power to Set Global Norms and Standards

As one of the largest economies in the world, the EU has the ability to use its market power to set global norms and standards. This can take various forms: from environmental standards, through human rights and anti-corruption provisions to tech regulation. By setting high standards, the EU can help create a more sustainable and equitable global economy. Has the EU been successful in this so far? What more can it do without compromising its competitiveness?

Session objective: Making progress visible ? Be surprised by current progress, witness the establishment of new good practices and find hidden treasures of transformation.

//INFO: Circular hiking trail Alpbacher Heimatweg. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place in the classroom EG1 of the Volksschule Alpbach.

Blockmans, Steven; Director of Research; CEPS; Speaker

Bradford, Anu; Henry L. Moses Professor of Law and International Organization; Columbia Law School; Speaker

Cseh, Katalin; Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

Mrkusova, Klaudiva; Policy Officer | Vice-chairwoman; European Commission | Forum Alpbach Network Board; Chair

29 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Emotions vs. Facts – Can “Factfulness” Help Change the World?

Supported by: Erste Group

It feels like the world is going from one crisis to another. The subjective feeling of a downward spiral and the idea of "factfulness", as a way to open up minds for fact-based reasoning, are addressed and explained. Which role does factual knowledge play when it comes to maintaining democratic structures? What is businesses' and the economy's contribution? Can autocratic tendencies be prevented by factfulness?

Cernko, Willibald; Chief Executive Officer; Erste Group Bank AG; Speaker

Kotynek, Martin; editor-in-chief; DER STANDARD; Moderator

Rosling, Anna; Co-Founder; Gapminder Foundation; Speaker

29 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Rebuilding an Effective European Security Architecture

The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine has dealt the final blow to the post-Cold War European security order. Although the war is still raging, it is important to look ahead and discuss what a future European security architecture should look like after the war and whether it should include Russia. How could security guarantees for Ukraine and other countries look like? What is the role of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, NATO and key players such as the EU, Turkey and the UK?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

Ashton, Catherine; Former High Representative of the EU and Vice President of the European Commission; Speaker

Koenig, Nicole; Head of Policy; Munich Security Conference; Speaker

Lehne, Stefan; Senior Fellow; Carnegie Europe; Speaker

Logar, Anže; Member of Parliament; National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia; Speaker

Pisarska, Katarzyna; Vice President | Founder & Director; European Forum Alpbach | European Academy of Diplomacy; Moderator

29 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

A Resilient and Sovereign Europe: How to Thrive in a Fragmented World

The ongoing shift towards a more fragmented world order, driven by the pandemic and Russia's war against Ukraine, calls for urgent action. Europe needs to reduce its dependencies and strengthen its strategic sovereignty, while remaining open to the world. How can Europe respond to these challenges and regain its competitiveness? How can Europe become bolder in shaping the global order?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

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

Giammarioli, Nicola; Secretary General; European Stability Mechanism; Speaker

Herlitschka, Sabine; Chief Executive Officer; Infineon Technologies Austria AG; Speaker

Maydell, Eva; Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

Pillath, Carsten; Former State Secretary/former Director General; German Finance Ministry/General Secretariat of the Council of the EU; Speaker

Zettelmeyer, Jeromin; Director; Bruegel; Speaker

29 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Building Trust in Science and Democracy – The Role of Science Communication

Hosted by: AIT supported by Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research and Austrian Science Fund Supported by: Forschung Austria

Disinterest and increasing scepticism towards science and democracy lead us to the question of what we can do to restore trust in these crucial factors. The results of a recent study relating to the causes of science and democracy scepticism conducted by the Institute for Advanced Studies will be discussed along with the role of science communication.

Blume, Markus; Bavarian Minister of State for Science and Art; Speaker

Gattringer, Christof; President; Austrian Science Fund FWF; Moderator

Kerschbaum-Gruber, Sylvia; Research Scientist; Medical University of Vienna; Speaker

Nowotny, Helga; Former President; European Research Council; Speaker

Polaschek, Martin; Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research; Republic of Austria; Speaker

Starkbaum, Johannes; Senior Researcher; Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS); Speaker

29 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Work

Privilege and its influence on society and democracy

Hosted by: Club Alpbach Vorarlberg & Club Alpbach Upper Austria

Privilege is defined as a 'special right, advantage, or immunity granted or available only to a particular person or group'. There is a need to raise awareness of existing privileges, their implications and their consequences. In this session, participants will be guided through concrete steps aimed at bolstering one's understanding of other members of society and enabling mutual dialogue.

INFO: First come, first serve! (max. 40 participants)

Flatz, Vera; Chair

Hofer, Maria; Chair

Kuschert, Janet; Chair

29 August 2023 15:45 - 16:30 | Chat

And Then What?: Inside Stories From Twenty-First-Century Diplomacy

So much of modern-day diplomacy still takes place behind closed doors, away from cameras and prying eyes. So, what does this vital role really look like in today's world? and what does it take to do it well? Catherine Ashton, the EU's first High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security from 2009 to 2014, will share insights and anecdotes from her new book 'And Then What?: Inside Stories From Twenty-First-Century Diplomacy'.

Ashton, Catherine; Former High Representative of the EU and Vice President of the European Commission; Speaker

Gonzalez, Cristina; Executive producer, Audio; POLITICO; Moderator

29 August 2023 15:45 - 16:45 | Hike

Fractured Futures: Art Hike

Join us for a hike with artist Deborah Sengl and EFA23 guest curator Yana Barinova to discuss their approach to politically engaged art. Sengl's installation of a refugee tent highlights the difficulties faced by people who are forced to flee their homes.

//INFO: Hike to Schafalm.

Bring hiking shoes and water.

In case of heavy rain, the session will take place in the Schulh?usl.

Sengl, Deborah; Artist; Speaker

29 August 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Stage

Democracy vs. Autocracy – How can Democracy Succeed?

There is not only a global competition between liberal democracies and autocratic regimes as systems of governance, which is intensified by the War in Ukraine. But in all our societies, authoritarian forces are increasingly gaining ground. Europe is no exception in facing both internal and external threats to liberal democracy. How can we strengthen liberal democracies in Europe? How best can the challenges of authoritarian rule be met? What role could Europe play in ensuring the success of democracies worldwide?

Session objective: Challenging assumptions ? Have your beliefs and assumptions questioned, broaden your perspective and critically reflect on old and new questions and challenges.

Edtstadler, Karoline; Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution; Republic of Austria; Speaker
Guriey, Sergei; Provost; Sciences Po; Speaker
Krastev, Ivan; Permanent fellow; IWM; Speaker
Randeria, Shalini; President and Rector; Central European University; Chair
Soros, Alexander G.; Chair; Open Society Foundations; Speaker

29 August 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Chat

Will Tech Bail Us Out?

The global community may only have six years left to set actions that will limit global warming to 1.5 degrees. New technologies for carbon dioxide removal are expected to take about ten more years to become operational at a significant scale. This is a race against time. When will future tech breakthroughs be able to support an effective transformation towards net-zero? How do we align our actions and thinking today in view of these future tools?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

Freund, Heike; COO; Marvel Fusion; Speaker
Hamblin Wang, Sophia; Chief Operating Officer; MCI Carbon; Speaker
Oroschakoff, Kalina; Journalist; Neue Zürcher Zeitung; Moderator
Riahi, Keywan; Program Director Energy, Climate, and Environment; IIASA International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis; Speaker
Wagner, Gernot; Climate economist; Columbia Business School; Speaker

29 August 2023 18:30 - 19:30 | Stage

Pitch: The New Energy High Potentials

The world is buzzing with innovations in the energy sector - which ones do you believe tick the most boxes and are already underway to kick off the next large-scale trend? Is it green hydrogen, is it deep geothermal energy or is it small modular reactors (SMRs)?

Session objective: Making progress visible ? Be surprised by current progress, witness the establishment of new good practices and find hidden treasures of transformation.

Mooslechner, Helene; Project Developer Geothermal Energy; Wien Energie; Speaker

Reuchlin, Philip; Head of Climate; Pioneers.io; Moderator

Schmitt, Anne-Sophie; Coordination and External Relations Lead; NUWARD; Speaker

Topalgoekceli, Timur; Co-founder; Abundance Gate; Speaker

29 August 2023 18:30 - 20:00 | Chat

Technology and Geostrategy: Bold Europe

?As the current crises prove, innovations are more important than ever to address our major challenges, from decarbonisation to digitalisation and demographic change. At the same time, technology has become a geostrategic instrument: Those who lead the way in future technologies leave their mark on the world. Europe is wedged between the major power blocs USA and China, who are forcefully pushing development. The central question is how Europe can leverage its strengths and consolidate its position in the world.

Androsch, Hannes; Industrialist, Androsch International Management Consulting; Speaker

Fischler, Franz; Former President; European Forum Alpbach; Speaker

Föderl-Schmid, Alexandra; Deputy Editor-in-Chief; Süddeutsche Zeitung; Moderator

29 August 2023 20:00 - 22:30 | Social

Time to Get2gether for a Bold Europe

Supported by: Erste Group

When Tyrol welcomes Europe in the mountains, it is time to celebrate! The terrace of the Alphof turns into a dance floor until the sun disappears behind the mountain peaks. Join us for a cool drink and a toast to a bold Europe!

30 August 2023 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual

Morning Sports: Yoga

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Reither, Lukas; Teaching Officer Army Sports Centre; Federal Ministry of Defence; Contributor

30 August 2023 08:30 - 11:30 | Hike

Come on, Who Asked You?

Hosted by: Presse

Companies want ? not without reason - entrepreneurial people: employees who ?dig in?, come up with ideas, and give their heart and soul. But companies do not want this to be confused with a democratic constitution. In the spirit of the ?resilience of democracy? we will discuss the question of having a say, being heard and taking personal responsibility. We will also ask ourselves the question whether psychological security is more than a buzzword and what (future) skilling has to do with democracy.

Köttritsch, Michael; Head of Department Management and Career, "Die Presse"; Die Presse; Moderator

Lothert, Ralf-Wolfgang; Director Corporate Affairs & Communication, Mitglied der Geschäftsleitung JTI Austria; Speaker

Suchocki, Oliver; Partner EY People Advisory Services; Speaker

Unterrainer, Christine; Institute for Psychology, University of Innsbruck; Speaker

30 August 2023 09:00 - 09:50 | Chat

Is Lack of Economic Opportunity Eroding Democracy?

Increasing social and economic inequality, marginalisation, and disillusionment of citizens, can lead to a loss of trust in institutions and political processes, while exacerbating social and political tensions. So, is lack of economic opportunity eroding democracy? And how can we change course to build equitable and liberal democratic societies given the many interests involved?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

//INFO: This is a "Democracy in Question?" Podcast Recording with Live Audience. Please arrive 15 minutes before the start of the Session.

Randeria, Shalini; President and Rector; Central European University; Chair

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

30 August 2023 10:00 - 11:00 | Chat

Closing: Europe in the World Days

At this closing 'fishbowl', everybody is invited to share memories and stories and to reflect on three days of encounters, debates, common experiences and Alpbach moments. We also want to think ahead and talk about the topics that will shape the 'Bold Europe' and should therefore be subject of EFA24.

Wetzler, Ilana; Transformational Guide & Facilitator; Moderator

30 August 2023 11:15 - 12:45 | Happening

Alpbach Talks

Supported by: Erste Group

Alpbach Talks! We bring people together for controversial one-on-one discussions. Answer five questions, find your counterpart with different opinions and attitudes, and get involved in a discussion that they have not experienced in this form before. Who knows, you might find "unlikely allies"? In any case, you will leave the discussion with new perspectives.

Please arrive on time as the "matching" of the participants will be done only once

Dörfler, Stefan; Chief Financial Officer; Erste Group Bank AG; Speaker

Zimmermann, Ulrike; Project Manager; ZEIT ONLINE; Contributor

30 August 2023 12:15 - 13:30 | Work

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30 August 2023 14:00 - 16:00 | Happening

FANC Volleybal Tournament

Hosted by: Forum Alpbach Network Committee

Start the day with an energy boost! One of the long traditions of the Forum Alpbach Network Committee (FANC) is the organisation of a volleyball tournament, in addition to other sporting opportunities, such as football and hiking, this year we are also setting up a volleyball tournament. What better way to start the day? So, prepare your teams and sportswear, gather a team of four, and come to play!

Info: What to bring? Goodwill and sportswear.

30 August 2023 14:00 - 16:00 | Happening

Charity Soccer Match

Supported by: Samsung Electronics Austria

Following the motto "GOOD GAME. GOOD PURPOSE.", the seventh friendly match with a prominent squad from business, politics and Austrian football legends is going to take place. Proceeds benefit the scholarship programme of the Forum Alpbach again this year.

//INFO: Participation is only possible after prior registration at charitysoccer@samsung.at

30 August 2023 15:00 - 16:00 | Chat

Unheard Voices: Women's Rights, Displacement & the European Failure

Hosted by: Forum Alpbach Network Board CA Tyrol, CA South Tyrol, CA Vorarlberg, CA Salzburg, CA Senza Confini

Bereft of their voices, young women in a refugee camp used photographs to tell their stories of displacement and forgottenness at the borders of Europe. Their stories ask the questions to be tackled in this session. What is it like to exist on the fringes of humanity? Are women's rights mere words on paper? Have we lost touch? And where has Europe gone wrong?

INFO: This session is connected to the EFA Arts & Culture Programme.

Mandani, Shadi; Research Assistant and MA student in Gender Studies, EFA23 scholarship holder; Central European University; Speaker

Zeller, Jennifer; Chair; Forum Alpbach Network Board; Chair

30 August 2023 16:30 - 18:30 | Stage

Opening: Austria in Europe Days

With the multiple crises our continent is still facing, Europe needs to become bolder in shaping the world. It must accelerate its green transition, regain its technological competitiveness, take its security into its own hands and defend its democratic values. A Bold Europe is not an option, it is a necessity.

First Part: What can Central European States contribute to a Bold Europe?

Speakers:

- Alexander Van der Bellen
- Natasa Pirc Musar

Second Part: How to strengthen Europe's Economic and Financial Sovereignty

Speakers:

- Paschal Donohoe
- Othmar Karas
- Maria Demertzis
- Ralph Hamers

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

Donohoe, Paschal; Minister of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, and, President of the Eurogroup; Government of Ireland; Speaker

Hamers, Ralph; Senior Advisor; UBS Group AG; Speaker

Karas, Othmar; First Vice-President of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

Milborn, Corinna; Author | Journalist | Moderator; ProSieben.Sat1.PULS4; Moderator

Pirc Musar, Nataša; President; Republic of Slovenia; Speaker

Treichl, Andreas; President; European Forum Alpbach; Speaker

Van der Bellen, Alexander; Federal President; Republic of Austria; Speaker

30 August 2023 18:30 - 22:30 | Social

Cheers to EFA23 by A1

Supported by: A1

Kick-off and Kick-back!

Enjoy regional cuisine, cool drinks and up-to-date music, mingle with the crowd, enjoy a sundowner on the terrace, have a chat and ease into EFA23 with us.

Dabelka, Masha; DJ/Teacher/CEO; Masha Dabelka / Turntablista; Contributor

31 August 2023 04:00 - 09:00 | Hike

Sunrise Hike: Changing perspectives – It is never too early for new perspectives!

Supported by: Erste Group

Just as the name suggests, the hike is entirely devoted to getting up early, catching the first rays of the sun and starting the day with a unique perspective. While ascending the Gratlspitz, we dedicate ourselves to issues relevant in today's world and to all participants. This special morning will be topped off by a common breakfast on in an Alpine lodge, where engaging talks may be continued in a pleasant atmosphere.

Additional information: Please wear appropriate shoes. In case of heavy rain, fog or thunderstorms, the hike will unfortunately be cancelled.
Due to the limited number of participants, we would kindly ask for your binding registration via alpbach0984@erstegroup.com

Dörfler, Stefan; Chief Financial Officer; Erste Group Bank AG; Speaker
Rabanser, Theresia; Mountain Guide; Speaker

31 August 2023 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual

Morning Sports: Functional Fitness

Supported by: Federal Ministry for Defence

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Reither, Lukas; Teaching Officer Army Sports Centre; Federal Ministry of Defence; Contributor

31 August 2023 08:00 - 08:30 | Ritual

Into the Silence

A union of Peace: Spiritual impulses from different religious and philosophical traditions invite participants to reflect and contemplate. Inspirational impulse givers are going to tell their stories, invite you on a journey of thought and initiate moments of real stillness.

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Let's create a bold sustainable future for Europe!

In this hands-on foresight workshop you will explore possible futures by using the Scenario Exploration System (SES). The SES is a foresight gaming system developed to facilitate the application of futures thinking to policy-making. This idea generation tool has been used in mono- and multicultural environments around the globe. Limited spots available ? first come, first serve.

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

Bock, Anne-Katrin; Head of JRC Competence Centre on Foresight; European Commission/Joint Research Centre; Speaker

Bontoux, Laurent; Senior Foresight for Policy Expert; European Commission/Joint Research Centre; Speaker

Wornig, Denise; Head of European and International Cooperation; Carinthia University of Applied Sciences; Speaker

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Citizens' Assemblies Simulation

Promoting informed and deliberative dialogue on complex social and political issues, citizens' assemblies can be a valuable tool. They allow participants to explore different perspectives and develop solutions that reflect the needs and values of the broader community. Instead of the usual year-long series of facilitated discussions, we will use an interactive simulation to let participants experience citizens' assemblies.

Session objective: Challenging assumptions ? Have your beliefs and assumptions questioned, broaden your perspective and critically reflect on old and new questions and challenges.

Di Iulio, Nadia; Europe Coordinator and Civic Engagement Hub Coordinator; ALDA - European Association for Local Democracy; Chair

Ditta, Anna; Senior Project Development Officer & Trainer; ALDA - European Association for Local Democracy; Chair

Praprotnik, Katrin; political scientist; University of Graz; Speaker

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Europe's Economic Lessons Learned from Russia's War against Ukraine

Russia's war against Ukraine has severely disrupted historic economic and financial ties with Europe. Europe's large exposure to Russia has led to huge adjustment costs and the need to reshape its economies for a longer-term disengagement from Russia. How can Europe assume a position of strength while dealing with these adjustments? How, in turn, can Europe foster interlinkages with Ukraine for mutual benefit and integrate its large economy into its markets?

Session objective: Building understanding ? Build your understanding by learning about personal insights and experiences as well as developments in business, society, politics or world affairs.

//INFO: Circular hiking trail Alpbacher Heimatweg.

Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session will take place in the first floor (EG3) in the elementary school of Alpbach.

Akhvlediani, Tinatin; Head of Financial Markets and Institutions Unit; Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS); Speaker

Herkes, Anne Ruth; State Secretary (ret.), Ambassador (ret.), Corporate Non-Executive Director; Quintet Private Bank (Europe) S.A.; Brookfield Business Partners L.P.; Speaker

Hushcha, Marylia; Researcher; International Institute for Peace; Moderator

Kirkegaard, Jacob; Senior Fellow; Peterson Institute & German Marshall Fund; Speaker

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Within Planetary Boundaries – The New Business as Usual

Limited resources on our planet are a fact, but so is intensive resource use, particularly in the Global North. Which types of business entities can radically shift our focus away from resource-intensive economic growth? What are their organising modes, their challenges and their unique benefits?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

//INFO: Circular hiking trail B?glerwiese Hausberg. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session will take place in the first floor (EG1) of the Volksschule of Alpbach.

Wetzler, Ilana; Transformational Guide & Facilitator; Moderator

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Technological Innovation - Enabler of the Energy Transition

Supported by: VERBUND

Technological innovation is crucial in accelerating the energy transition. It can help improve the efficiency, reliability and sustainability of energy production, transmission and use. Discuss different perspectives on key technologies for the green transition.

//INFO: Hike to Gasthof Rossmoos. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, there is going to be a shuttle to Gasthof Rossmoos.

Hauser, Hermann; Founding Partner; Amadeus Capital Partners; Speaker

Souder, Julia; CEO; Long Duration Energy Storage Council; Speaker

Strugl, Michael; CEO; VERBUND AG; Speaker

Zöchbauer, Franz; Director Corporate Innovation & New Business; VERBUND AG; Moderator

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Measuring Inclusion

Supported by: myAbility Social Enterprise

Uncovering the social endeavours of organisations is challenging. In the light of current European legislation and a global thrive of making impact visible and tangible, experts will engage in an interactive exchange to equip you with everything you need to know and do in order to meet the ESG criteria. This century is about impact analysis ? in a world longing to prove what ?changing the world? looks like in numbers.

Casey, Caroline; Founder The Valuable 500; Speaker

Demblin, Gregor; Founder; myAbility; Speaker

Kocher, Martin; Austrian Federal Minister for Labour and Economy; Austrian Federal Ministry for Labour and Economy; Speaker

Lehner, Erich; Managing Partner Markets; EY Österreich; Speaker

Raffel, Fides Johanna; Head of Training & Solutions; myAbility Social Enterprise GmbH; Moderator

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Comprehensive Defence in Europe – Lessons Learned from the War in Ukraine

Supported by: Federal Ministry of Defence

The war in Ukraine makes it necessary to defend our European community of values. Hence, the EU has to realize a collective security architecture to achieve those goals; and the defence capabilities as well as the Europeans' willingness to resist have to be strengthened. The Comprehensive National Defence according to the Austrian constitution serves as a principle for this topic.

Mladenova, Petja; Domestic Politics Journalist; Kronen Zeitung; Speaker

Stadler, Christian M.; Professor; University of Vienna; Speaker

Striedinger, Rudolf; Chief of Defence Staff; Republic of Austria; Speaker

Wakolbinger, Tina; Professor; WU (Vienna University of Economics and Business); Speaker

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Packaging with a Purpose: Understanding the Power of Circular Packaging

Supported by: Constantia Flexibles

Packaging is vital to our lives today as it protects our everyday most valuable essentials: from food to hygienic products or pharmaceuticals. To balance functionality and environmental performance, it is key to consider the life cycle of packaging. Join a holistic and lively discussion on novel solutions and the role of policymakers and the full packaging value chain in setting the necessary drivers to shape the future of the circular economy.

Aufdemkamp, Guido; Executive Director; Flexible Packaging Europe (FPE); Speaker

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

Neumüller-Klapper, Marianne; Operations & Sustainability Director; Nespresso Österreich GmbH & Co OHG; Speaker

Skoda, Elisabeth; Editor; Packaging Europe; Moderator

31 August 2023 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat

Weak Financial Literacy: Is Europe's Youth Facing Financial Uncertainty?

Supported by: Vienna Insurance Group

Knowledge about financial provision and personal risks from income security is low, especially among the younger population. In addition, there is a noticeable West-East gap in Europe. In many CEE countries, the protection of material assets is still prioritised. There's a possible threat of old-age poverty and existence without strengthening financial literacy: Look at the framework needed and explore the opportunities and risks.

Lahner, Gerhard; Member of Management Board/Chief Operations Officer; Vienna Insurance Group; Speaker

Norden, Katharina; Serial social entrepreneur and Coach; Uncertain Futures Institute; Speaker

Pressl, Damita; Journalist & Presenter; NZZ; Moderator

Treichl, Andreas; President; European Forum Alpbach; Speaker

31 August 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

More Green, Less Grey – Realising Innovative Urban Neighbourhoods to Prevent Overheated Cities

Supported by: SIGNA

Green facades are seen as a tool to strengthen the resilience of cities against the backdrop of climate change. However, the devil is in the details. Fire protection, the right choice of planting, and pressure of use of public space are examples of many factors that must be ensured to achieve optimum effect. Another highly effective form of not only protecting urban space from overheating, but also pushing biodiversity, is green roofs. During the Hike, national and international showcase projects will be discussed with high-level experts.

//INFO: Hike to Zirmalm. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, there is going to be a shuttle to Zirmalm. After the session at 12pm shuttles will bring you back to the Congress Centrum Alpbach.

Delugan, Roman; Architect; DMAA - Delugan Messl Associated Architects; Speaker

Dessovic, Sabine; CEO; DND Landschaftsplanung ZT Kg; Speaker

Köttritsch, Michael; Redakteur; "Die Presse" Verlagsgesellschaft m.b.H & Co KG; Moderator

Stadlhuber, Christoph; CEO; SIGNA Holding GmbH; Speaker

Wagner, Gernot; Climate economist; Columbia Business School; Speaker

31 August 2023 11:00 - 12:00 | Chat

Digital Solutions in Times of Multiple Crises: Lessons from Ukraine

Hosted by: Kyiv Initiative Group Alpbach & Club Alpbach Poland

Ukraine stands out as one of the most digitised countries globally. This panel will explore the transformative power of digitalisation in enabling sustainability and development, even in the face of ongoing war and crises. Valuable lessons for government, business, and security can be derived from Ukraine's digital journey. Let's explore together potential futures and risks digitalisation can pose.

Baranovskyi, Oleksii; Senior Lecturer; Blekinge Institute of Technology; Speaker

Bas, Marta; Career Advisor; Le Wagon; Speaker

Chobanian, Michael; President of the Blockchain Association of Ukraine; Speaker

Leal Garcia, David; Economist, PhD in Sociology, CR of The Innovation in Politics Institute; Innovation in Politics Institute; Moderator

Poperechnyuk, Mykhaylo; Co-founder of "BrainBox" and "Cryptowner", Head of NGO "Solidarity and Evolution; Speaker

31 August 2023 12:15 - 13:30 | Work

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31 August 2023 13:00 - 13:30 | Chat

Fractured Futures: Guided Tour

In a guided tour around Alpbach, participating artists will introduce selected artworks of FRACTURED FUTURES and discuss different approaches to politically engaged art. Artists will address the struggle of European societies to welcome their newcomers, as well as the wider aspirations for a peaceful coexistence of humans and nature.

//INFO: In case of heavy rain, the tour will start in the Otto Molden Foyer.

31 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Next Exit: Fossil Fuels?

The most recent report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) clearly states that the global community cannot allow for the implementation of new fossil fuel extraction projects if it really wishes to effectively limit global warming. What changes does it need for EU energy policy to pursue this goal effectively and which kind of narrative will bring all actors on board?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

Aliieva, Oksana; Senior Associate, Ukraine Programme; European Climate Foundation;
Speaker

De Pous, Pieter; Programme Lead Fossil Fuel Transitions; E3G; Speaker

Oroschakoff, Kalina; Journalist; Neue Zürcher Zeitung; Moderator

Ringler, Marie; Vice-President & Global Leadership Group Member; European Forum Alpbach & Ashoka; Speaker

31 August 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Work

Identity Politics and Liberal Democracy

Supported by: Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party

In Western democracies, the virtues of balance and moderation are disappearing, while shrill tones set

the agenda of the public opinion. Identity politics rate the demands of certain groups more highly than the demands of others and thus attack the principles of equality and individual rights. Do values of activists count more than laws? Do these cultural debates threaten the heart of our democracy?

Kissler, Alexander; Speaker

Kostner, Sandra; Lecturer; University of Education Schwäbisch Gmünd; Speaker

Rausch, Bettina; President; Politische Akademie der Volkspartei; Moderator

Schultz, Martha; Speaker

Stadler, Christian M.; Professor; University of Vienna; Speaker

31 August 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike

Military Lessons Learned From Russia's War Against Ukraine

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has been the largest land war in Europe since World War II. Those technological, tactical, operational and strategic factors that have been decisive on the battlefield need to be examined to draw lessons for potential future conflicts and military planning in Europe.

Session objective: Building understanding ? Build your understanding by learning about personal insights and experiences as well as developments in science, society, politics or world affairs.

//INFO: Circular hiking trail Alpbacher Heimatweg.

Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place in the classroom EG1 of the Volksschule Alpbach.

Kofman, Michael; Research Program Director; Center for Naval Analyses (CNA); Speaker
Puglierin, Jana; Head of Berlin Office and Senior Policy Fellow; European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR); Speaker
Reisner, Markus; Commander of the Gardebataillon; Austrian Armed Forces; Speaker
Robinson, Jana; Managing Director; Prague Security Studies Institute; Moderator

31 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Labour Markets in Transition

In an era of great technological and environmental change, many jobs are likely to change, if not disappear, by 2030. This will fundamentally change labour markets. Will there be enough work for everyone in the future, and can green jobs make up for those lost through automation and AI? How can policy makers, companies and societies manage the upcoming workforce transition?

Session objective: Building understanding ? Build your understanding by learning about personal insights and experiences as well as developments in business, society, politics or world affairs.

Angelo, Silvia; Board Member - Responsible for the portfolios of Finance, Services and Real Estate; ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG; Speaker
Jilch, Niko; Financial Journalist, Speaker and Moderator; Moderator
Kocher, Martin; Austrian Federal Minister for Labour and Economy; Austrian Federal Ministry for Labour and Economy; Speaker
Meierkord, Anja; Labour Market Economist; OECD; Speaker
Nida-Rümelin, Julian; Professor emeritus of philosophy and political theory and former Minister of State; Speaker

31 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

How the Security of the Western Balkans Impacts Europe's Security

Hosted by: Club Alpbach Macedonia & Club Alpbach Netherlands

The main challenges to the Western Balkan (WB) countries' transition process include political instability, corruption, inter-ethnic tension, organised crime and autocratic tendencies. These factors have kept the region susceptible to negative influence. How can the EU and its allies support WB countries in dealing with these issues and prevent non-democratic countries from further increasing their influence?

Kusari, Flutura; Senior Legal Advisor; European Centre for Press and Media Freedom; Speaker
Peach, Stuart; Prime Minister's Special Envoy to the Western Balkans; Government of the United Kingdom; Speaker
Tchakarova, Velina; Founder; FACE For A Conscious Experience; Speaker

31 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

The Future of Food and Agriculture – and the Politics Behind

Supported by: Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management

Farmers only contribute to approx. 1.3 % of the European gross domestic product, but their efforts to feeding the world are priceless. With a global population hitting ten billion by 2050, food supply must more than double.

However, we witness an unbalanced shift of priorities in politics. The Minister of Agriculture, Norbert Totschnig, and others discuss issues around consumer demand, food security and policy.

Burtscher, Wolfgang; Director General - AGRI; European Commission; Speaker
Kowatsch, Bernhard; Head of WFP Innovation Accelerator; United Nations (UN) World Food Programme (WFP); Moderator
Piza, Nikolaus; Managing Director; McDonalds Austria; Speaker
Schobersberger, Katharina; Vicepresident of CEJA; European Council of young Farmers; Speaker
Totschnig, Norbert; Federal Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management; Republic of Austria; Speaker
van Zanten, Hannah; Interim Chair Holder; Wageningen university; Speaker

31 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Are we Bold enough - Green Finance for Various Challenges

Supported by: Federal Ministry of Finance

The future of the global, European and Austrian economy must be shaped in line with the Paris climate targets. This requires substantial investment needs. Thus, it is clear that the public sector cannot do this alone, it requires support from the private sector, too. Against this background, we need to create a framework to enable private capital for green investments. The question now is: what is required from politics and what requires the transition from us all?

Backes, Yuriko; Minister of Finance Luxembourg; Ministry of Finance Luxembourg; Speaker
Brunner, Magnus; Federal Minister of Finance; Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance; Speaker
Hamers, Ralph; Senior Advisor; UBS Group AG; Speaker
Lyon, Rosa; Journalist, moderator, reporter; ORF; Moderator

31 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Tackling the Cost-of-living Crisis | Is the Middle-Class losing ground?

Supported by: Erste Group

The World Economic Forum cites the Cost-of-living crisis as the biggest near-term risk through 2025, followed by natural disasters, extreme weather events and geo economic confrontations.

How well prepared is Europe, is Austria, to counter such risk? What measures do we consider necessary to cushion the impending loss of prosperity? What options do we have when one of society's basic promises for a good life is suddenly called into question: the promise of an affordable home for oneself and one's family.

Holzinger-Burgstaller, Gerda; Chief Executive Officer; Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG; Speaker
Milborn, Corinna; Author | Journalist | Moderator; ProSieben.Sat1.PULS4; Moderator
Plakolm, Claudia; State Secretary for Youth and Civilian Service; Federal Chancellery; Speaker
Riedl, Daniel; Member of the Management Board / Chief Development Officer (CDO); Vonovia SE; Speaker

31 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

The Age of Complexity: Navigating the World in the 21st Century

Supported by: Greiner

In order to face the multiple crises of our time and actively shape the future despite great uncertainty, we need the ability to manage complexity. In situations of crisis and while change processes, people have to know the system within which they operate and decide how to take different factors into account. How do they proceed this and what is what matters most?

Brockmann, Dirk; Professor; Humboldt University of Berlin; Speaker

Hertz, Cecilia; Co-Founder; I.S.A.A.C. International Space Asset Acceleration Company; Speaker

Maurer, Sigrid; Chair of the Green Party's parliamentary group; Die Grünen; Speaker

Praeceptor, Beatrix; CEO; Greiner Packaging International; Speaker

Pressl, Damita; Journalist & Presenter; NZZ; Moderator

31 August 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

European Parliament Elections 2024 - How Will Young People Vote?

From 6 to 9 June 2024, there will be once again the opportunity to determine the composition of the European Parliament. However, young voters' abstention in European elections is particularly high, over 70 %. Building on a related Alpbach Seminar and Lab, politicians from differing party groups will join our discussion: What will be the decisive topics and policies that can activate young people to vote? How can we make European politics more attractive to them?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

Heide, Hannes; Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

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

Meinl-Reisinger, Beate; Party Leader; NEOS; Speaker

Vana, Monika; Member of European Parliament; European Parliament; Speaker

Zeller, Jennifer; Chair; Forum Alpbach Network Board; Chair

31 August 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Chat

Corruption – Antidotes to the Deadly Poison for Democracy

Corruption is a deadly poison for democracy as it undermines public trust in institutions and erodes the rule of law. What are the concrete links between corruption and loss of trust? What are the most effective means against systematic corruption at both EU and national level? And how can these antidotes be administered to our democratic systems?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

O'Reilly, Emily; European Ombudsman; Office of the European Ombudsman; Speaker

Pressl, Damita; Journalist & Presenter; NZZ; Moderator

Radu, Paul; Co-Executive Director; The Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project; Speaker

Zadic, Alma; Federal Minister of Justice; Republic of Austria; Speaker

31 August 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Stage

The Future of Transatlantic Relations after 2024

In recent months, the two sides of the Atlantic have drawn closer together in the face of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine. However, first cracks are already visible in the transatlantic front, for example when it comes to industry subsidies or relations with China. Next year could bring another challenge to the relationship as both the EU and the United States will be heading to the polls. What would a Republican victory mean for EU-US relations and how should the EU prepare for all possible outcomes?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

Aslan, Ali; International TV Presenter and Journalist; www.aliaslan.de; Moderator

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

Kirkegaard, Jacob; Senior Fellow; Peterson Institute & German Marshall Fund; Speaker

31 August 2023 18:30 - 19:30 | Stage

Pitch: The Clash of World Orders

In February 2022, the leaders of Russia and China announced their intention to build a new world order more in line with their interests and less dominated by the West. Is this the beginning of a new Cold War or are we moving towards a multipolar system with multiple centres of power? Alternatively, one could also argue that Russia's setbacks in Ukraine and China's failed COVID-19 policy mean that the United States will remain the sole superpower for the foreseeable future. Three speakers will present their views on the current world order and the future one in 2040.

Session objective: Challenging assumptions ? Have your beliefs and assumptions questioned, broaden your perspective and critically reflect on old and new questions and challenges.

//INFO: Listen to three different perspectives on the topic, challenge the speakers with your questions and comments, and vote on which pitch you found the most compelling.

Janik, Ralph; Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter; Sigmund Freud Privatuniversität; Speaker
Kofman, Michael; Research Program Director; Center for Naval Analyses (CNA); Speaker
Milborn, Corinna; Author | Journalist | Moderator; ProSieben.Sat1.PULS4; Moderator
Tchakarova, Velina; Founder; FACE For A Conscious Experience; Speaker

31 August 2023 20:00 - 22:30 | Social

Woman Empowerment Summit: The Path to Success and Power!

Supported by: Bearing Point GmbH

Perfect, competent, exemplary, female: Is this really the right way to be successful? Or do we need the right lobby, role models, promoters and the right robber (inside) leader? This is about the exchange of internationally successful female experts on their way to success, income, wealth creation, and business shares.

Aigner, Sabine; Partner - Executive Search & Leadership Advisory; Spencer Stuart International; Speaker
Angelo, Silvia; Board Member - Responsible for the portfolios of Finance, Services and Real Estate; ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG; Speaker
Bauer, Karin; Manager on Duty Print Edition & Head of Career Department Der Standard; Der Standard; Moderator
Catasta, Christine; Transaction Advisory and Corporate Governance; Of Counsel; Speaker
Kaiser, Nina; Member of the Executive Board, Co-Founder 4GAMECHANGERS Festival; ProSiebenSat.1 PULS 4 GmbH; Speaker
Kolm, Barbara; Director; Austrian Economics Center; Speaker
Praeceptor, Beatrix; CEO; Greiner Packaging International; Speaker

31 August 2023 20:00 - 22:30 | Social

ESG Sundowner: Fair Business Practices

Supported by: Grant Thornton Austria

Start the evening with the Grant Thornton Signature GinTonic or another sustainable drink as a sundowner! In an informal atmosphere, you will also learn more about the topic of "ESG - Fair Business Practices", ranging from ESG reporting to anti-fraud.

// Be Purple! All guests wearing a purple outfit detail will get a surprise!

01 September 2023 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual

Morning Sports: Yoga

Supported by: Federal Ministry for Defence

Start the day with an energy boost! Trainers of the Austrian Armed Forces will alternately make you sweat at military functional fitness or calm down at yoga sessions on the forecourt of the CCA. Both are an ideal way to recover from stress and prevent burnout and illness.

Reither, Lukas; Teaching Officer Army Sports Centre; Federal Ministry of Defence; Contributor

01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Climate Action Game: Co-Creating the Future

How do we initiate effective climate action? What are the systemic levers and how can they be used for transformative solutions?

This climate action game opens up a space of experience using a cutting-edge science-based climate scenario tool co-developed by MIT Sloan. In a role-playing simulation, possible climate policy measures are explored and their effectiveness for sustainable action will be put to the test.

Session objective: Building understanding ? Build your understanding by learning about personal insights and experiences as well as developments in science, society, politics or world affairs.

Bolena, Alexandra; Founder; Bolena Impact Investments e.U.; Speaker

Boschert, Friedhelm; Co-Founder and Managing Director; Mindful Finance Institute; Speaker

01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Re-Imagining Negotiations: Essentials

Shaping Europe's success means seizing the opportunities presented and bringing your best to the table – your heart, your mind and your actions. We are aware that we need to negotiate – in the midst of dynamic and transitional times – and many are ready to participate. Let's professionalise and build our capacities in order to deal constructively with diverse interests regarding e.g. equality, economic prosperity, mobility, peaceful co-existence, sustainable climate, ... for remarkable solutions.

Session objective: Helping make the case – Pose challenges or problems from your daily professional life to experts in the session and learn tools and methods to effectively communicate your ideas.

Kovar, Andreas; Managing Partner; Kovar & Partners GmbH; Speaker

Rauschütz, Sonja; Founder & Managing Partner; Vienna School of Negotiation; Speaker

01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

Sustainable Health Systems for an Aging Population

Supported by: Apellis Pharmaceuticals

This workshop session is specifically designed to address the question on how an aging population and adequate health care services are ought to be managed to ensure financial and institutional sustainability.

Which lessons are to be learned from our European neighbours and how can the demographic change facilitate a transition into a truly inclusive health care system?

Hofmarcher-Holzhacker, Maria M.; Economist, Founder of Health System Intelligence, Deputy Director of; aha. Austrian Health Academy; Speaker

Kato, Sonja; Host; kommunikato & coaching; Moderator

Kdolsky, Andrea; Geschäftsführerin; AndreaKdolskyConsulting; Speaker

Lackner, Thomas; SVP, Head of Europe; Apellis International GmbH; Speaker

Langmann, Elisabeth; Medical ethicist with a focus on ageism in health care; University of Tübingen; Speaker

01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

From data to action: How artificial intelligence improves biodiversity

Supported by: Huawei Technologies

In the Neusiedlersee-Seewinkel National Park, researchers are supported by a cloud and AI-based acoustic monitoring system to preserve the biodiversity of the largest reed belt in Europe. In this content session, experts from the fields of research & biodiversity, technology & artificial intelligence will discuss and reflect on the successes, challenges and perspectives of technology in nature conservation.

Friedinger, Gabriele; Senior Organizational Consultant; BRAINS AND GAMES; Moderator
Rieder, Catharina; Corporate Sustainability & Digital Communications; Huawei Technologies Austria GmbH; Speaker
Sandfort, Robin; Conservation Technologist; Capreolus e.U. and Micromacro GmbH; Speaker
Zehetmaier, Carina; President; Women in AI Austria; Speaker

01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Time for a „Zeitenwende“ in Austria?

The war in Ukraine has caused many European countries to fundamentally rethink their security and defence policies. Finland and Sweden have decided to abandon their decades-long policy of non-alignment and to join NATO. Germany has announced a 'Zeitenwende', a historic turning point, for German defence policy and a special fund of 100 billion euros for the German Armed Forces. Austria has also decided to increase defence spending and to develop a new security strategy. What should the cornerstones of this new strategy look like and how should Austria adjust its security policy in light of the changed geopolitical framework? To kick-off the debate, the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES) will present the findings of their new study on Austrian security policy.

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

//INFO: Circular hiking trail Alpbacher Heimatweg.

Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place in the gym of the Mittelschule Alpbach.

Gady, Franz Stefan; Adjunct Senior Fellow; Center for New American Security; Speaker
Karnitschnig, Matthew; Chief Europe correspondent; POLITICO Europe; Moderator
Meinl-Reisinger, Beate; Party Leader; NEOS; Speaker
Puglierin, Jana; Head of Berlin Office and Senior Policy Fellow; European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR); Speaker
Schlaffer, Edit; Founder and Chair; Women without Borders; Speaker

01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Feminist (Counter-)Revolutions

The feminist (counter-)revolutions in Iran and Afghanistan illustrate the ongoing fight of women in order to obtain more rights and autonomy in patriarchal societies. Despite significant challenges, danger and repression, women have continued to mobilise and push for change. How can these efforts be successful in both the short and long-term?

Session objective: Building understanding ? Build your understanding by learning about personal insights and experiences as well as developments in science, society, politics or world affairs.

//INFO: Circular hiking trail B?glerwiese Hausberg. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place on the first floor (EG1) of the Volksschule Alpbach.

Giner-Reichl, Irene; Board Member & Former Austrian Diplomat; European Forum Alpbach & Republic of Austria; Chair

Kiani, Soli; Artist; Speaker

Mandani, Shadi; Research Assistant and MA student in Gender Studies, EFA23 scholarship holder; Central European University; Speaker

Miakhel, Bibi Asma; BA student Culture, Politics and Society, EFA23 scholarship holder; Central European University; Speaker

Tora, Summia; Founder; Dosti Network; Speaker

01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Hike

Transforming Food and Agriculture for a Sustainable Future

Supported by: Nestlé

Climate change and environmental threats such as the degradation of forests, land, soil and waterways are impacting farmers and communities. These threats put farmer livelihoods at risk and jeopardize the accessibility and availability of quality food. We need transformative change and embark on a journey to advance regenerative food systems to help protect and restore our planet's resources.

//INFO: Hike to Gasthof Rossmoos. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, there is going to be a shuttle to Gasthof Rossmoos.

Gnauer, Hans; Farmer, vice chairman of the association Boden.Leben; Association Boden.Leben; Speaker

Goshey, Oliver; Founder/Director; Regenerative Skills; Moderator

Middelhoff, Ulrike; Head of Sustainability; AGRANA Beteiligungs-AG; Speaker

Seidenschnur, Katja; Sustainability Director; Nestlé; Speaker

01 September 2023 09:00 - 10:30 | Chat

Regionalisation Within the Global Economy

Supported by: Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy

The COVID-19 pandemic and the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine have reinforced the already existing trend of regionalisation in the global economy. In addition, trade strategies are currently being redesigned to better factor in geopolitical and geoeconomical risks. How can the EU continue reaping the benefits of open trade and become more self-sufficient and resilient at the same time?

Felbermayr, Gabriel; Director; Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO); Speaker

Gnath, Katharina; Senior Project Manager; Bertelsmann Stiftung; Speaker

Hinz, Julian; Speaker

Kocher, Martin; Austrian Federal Minister for Labour and Economy; Austrian Federal Ministry for Labour and Economy; Speaker

Rosen, Monika; Moderator

01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

World of Work 2.0: “Employees Urgently Wanted!”

Supported by: Austrian Federal Railways

As baby boomers approach retirement age, finding new employees is becoming increasingly difficult. Do we really want to worsen conditions for part-time jobs in order to get more people into full-time employment? Is it possible to compensate the demand by productivity growth? What do companies have to change to recruit workers? A discussion on the necessary framework conditions for the labour market of the future.

Angelo, Silvia; Board Member - Responsible for the portfolios of Finance, Services and Real Estate; ÖBB-Infrastruktur AG; Speaker

Appel, Margit; Freelance author and lecturer; Independent; Speaker

Freunschlag, Heinz; Executive Board Member; ÖBB-Personenverkehr AG; Speaker

Lyon, Rosa; Journalist, moderator, reporter; ORF; Moderator

01 September 2023 09:00 - 12:00 | Work

What if Technology Acts as a Catalyst for Change to Save the Planet?

Supported by: IBM International Business Machines, Corporation, Red Hat und Amazon Web Services (AWS)

This session will explore the potential of open innovation and technology to drive positive change and contribute to sustainable development. We will examine case studies of successful collaborations between businesses, governments, and other organisations to develop sustainable solutions and discuss the role of open innovation in driving environmental and social impact.

Baechle, Tanja; Senior Technology Partner Specialist; IBM Österreich GmbH; Moderator

01 September 2023 12:15 - 13:30 | Work

Alpbach IDEAS: Infopoint

Welcome to the IDEAS info point, a dedicated space during lunchtime, where participants of the Alpbach IDEAS programme can gather information, and engage in enriching conversations. This daily session provides an opportunity to learn more about the programme, the process of Alpbach IDEAS, and exchange ideas with experts on specific topics.

Whether you have questions about the application process, the workshop series, or the evaluation criteria, our knowledgeable staff is available to provide you with comprehensive information and guidance. We encourage you to bring your curiosity and eagerness to learn, as this is the perfect occasion to clarify any doubts and gain a deeper understanding of the Alpbach IDEAS programme.

Additionally, the IDEAS info point serves as a space for participants to connect with experts who specialise in various fields. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to engage in discussions, seek advice, and explore potential collaborations. By tapping into the expertise of these individuals, you can refine your ideas, gain new insights, and broaden your horizons.

So, during lunchtime, make your way to the Schulhaeusl and immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of the IDEAS info point. Open your mind to new perspectives, share your thoughts, and embrace the collaborative spirit that defines the Alpbach IDEAS community. We look forward to supporting you on your path to realising your ideas and making a positive impact in the world.

01 September 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike

Entrepreneurship - the Key to Europe's Technological Sovereignty?

Supported by: AustrianStartups

Climate crisis, healthcare overload, energy security, skill shortages - we are facing major challenges that the state alone will not solve. How do we get the brightest minds in Europe to work on the big problems of our time? How can Europe become more independent and resilient, without tapping into protectionism? And which technologies should be at the centre of our efforts?

//INFO: Hike to Wurmhof. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, there is going to be a shuttle to Wurmhof.

Kreisel, Walter; Chief Executive Officer and Founder; neoom; Speaker

01 September 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

How Online Travel Platforms Contribute to Sustainable Tourism

Supported by: Booking.com

?If properly managed, tourism drives economic growth and benefits a country's cultural and natural heritage.

Online travel platforms provide small tourism businesses with access to global markets. However, can they promote sustainability? The possibilities of online travel platforms to make tourism sustainable while focusing on recent developments will be explored.

Hedorfer, Petra; Chief Executive Officer; German National Tourist Board; Speaker

Kraus-Winkler, Susanne; State Secretary for Tourism; Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy; Speaker

Lochbihler, Peter; Global Head of Public Affairs; Booking.com; Speaker

Wolfram, Alexandra; Head of Public Affairs DACH; Booking.com; Moderator

01 September 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Securing Digital Sovereignty

Supported by: Austrian Federal Computing Center

The use of cloud technologies is becoming increasingly important to IT services in public administration. IT

providers in the public sector must agree on strategies for their own cooperation and the use of services of

internationally active cloud providers to prevent lock-in-effects. The key to preserving digital sovereignty is to

develop a framework of technical, organisational and legal standards.

Chastanet, Pierre; Head of Unit - Cloud and Software; European Commission - Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content & Technology; Speaker

Junius, Liesbeth; Senior Director Public Policy and Government Relations Cloud EU; Google; Speaker

Kathure, Megan; East Africa Co-lead; AfronomicsLaw; Speaker

Ledinger, Roland; Managing Director; Bundesrechenzentrum GmbH; Speaker

Siegfried, Tina; Strategic corporate management; Dataport AöR; Moderator

01 September 2023 14:00 - 16:30 | Hike

Finance Disrupted: Digitalisation, Inequality and the Future of Banking

The European financial system is undergoing profound changes due to long-term disruptions, such as ongoing digitalisation, rising inequalities, and the uncertain future of banking. How will these disruptions affect the European financial system? How can policymakers ensure the financial stability of the financial sector and long-term prosperity in Europe?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

//INFO: Circular hiking trail Alpbacher Heimatweg. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session is going to take place in the classroom EG3 of the Volksschule Alpbach.

Gnath, Katharina; Senior Project Manager; Bertelsmann Stiftung; Speaker
Hirsch, Cornelius; Director of Research and Analysis; POLITICO; Moderator
Lannoo, Karel; CEO; Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS); Speaker
Wieser, Thomas; Board Member/Non Resident Fellow; European Forum Alpbach/Bruegel; Speaker

01 September 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Reskilling for a Green, Circular and Resilient Economy

A new mindset and new skills are needed for the transition towards a low-carbon economy. What measures should be taken by regulators, educators, companies and visionaries in order to drive forward an economy that works for the people and meets the transition's requirements? How can we prepare ourselves to accompany this process into practice?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

Al-Saleh, Essa; CEO; Volta Trucks; Speaker
Günsberg, Georg; Head of Cabinet of the Austrian Vice-Chancellor; Federal Ministry for Arts, Culture, Civil Service and Sport; Speaker
Houston, Giulia; Sustainability advisor; InVento Innovation Lab; Speaker
Ringler, Marie; Vice-President & Global Leadership Group Member; European Forum Alpbach & Ashoka; Moderator
Tickell, Phoebe; Founder and Executive Director; Moral Imaginations; Speaker

01 September 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Independent Media Under Pressure in Democracies

Independent media is essential in any functioning democracy. It plays a crucial role in facilitating public debate, informing citizens, and holding those in power accountable. However, in recent years independent media has come under pressure in many democracies around the world. What methods are used to curtail media freedom? What are the most effective counter-measures?

Session objective: Building understanding ? Build your understanding by learning about personal insights and experiences as well as developments in science, society, politics or world affairs.

Kusari, Flutura; Senior Legal Advisor; European Centre for Press and Media Freedom; Speaker

Lyon, Rosa; Journalist, moderator, reporter; ORF; Chair

Munk, Veronika; Director of Innovation and New Markets; Denník N; Speaker

Nikbakhsh, Michael; Freelance journalist; Die Dunkelkammer; Speaker

01 September 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

A Healthy Population – Access to Innovative Medicine

Supported by: Bristol-Myers Squibb

The Austrian population lives fewer healthy life years in comparison to other European countries - despite an excellent health care system. Innovative medicine significantly contributes to improving the state of health. However, unlike in hospitals, reimbursement in private practises is becoming more and more restrictive. Do patients in Austria still receive the best possible therapy?

Gleitsmann, Martin; Solo Entrepreneur; Gleitsmann e.U. Politik- und Strategieberatung; Senior Research Fellow Economica; Speaker

Landrichtinger, Eva; Secretary-General; Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy (Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Wirtschaft); Speaker

Melitopulos, Arno; Head of the Health System and Quality Division; Österreichische Gesundheitskasse; Speaker

Milborn, Corinna; Author | Journalist | Moderator; ProSieben.Sat1.PULS4; Moderator

01 September 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Waste Management and Climate Change: What happens with YOUR waste?

Supported by: City of Vienna

Your Waste - and what happens to it - has an impact on climate change. Solutions are: waste prevention, high quality material recycling and smart thermal treatment (for example in Waste to Energy Plants) of the remaining non-recyclable mixed waste. No waste should go directly to a landfill. Austria demonstrates long-term best practise examples in the waste management sector for years, however worldwide, high amounts of waste directly go to landfills untreated. This causes about 10 % of the global greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, it is crucial to collaborate - nationwide and across boundaries - to develop an optimised and climate-friendly waste management.

Ableidinger, Martina; Deputy Head of MA 48; MA 48 - City of Vienna's Department for Waste Management, Street Cleaning & Vehicle Fleet; Speaker

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

Huber-Humer, Marion; Head of the Institute of Waste Management and Circularity; BOKU - University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna; Speaker

Ramola, Aditi; Technical Director; International Solid Waste Association (ISWA); Speaker

01 September 2023 14:00 - 15:30 | Chat

Keeping Pace in the New Space Race

Outer Space is becoming increasingly important for our everyday lives, including for security and defence, as war in Ukraine has shown. However, space is an increasingly contested domain with actors such as China, Russia or the United States heavily investing in new capabilities. How can Europe keep up in this new space race and safeguard its security interests in space?

Session objective: Building understanding ? Build your understanding by learning about personal insights and experiences as well as developments in science, society, politics or world affairs.

Moeller, Hermann Ludwig; Director; European Space Policy Institute; Moderator

Nienaß, Niklas; Member of the European Parliament; European Parliament;

Possnig, Carmen; Doctoral researcher, ESA reserve astronaut; University of Innsbruck; Speaker

Robinson, Jana; Managing Director; Prague Security Studies Institute; Speaker

01 September 2023 15:45 - 16:45 | Hike

Fractured Futures: Art Hike

Join us for a hike with artist Soli Kiani to discuss her approach to politically engaged art. In her work, Kiani portrays the total loss of freedom and human rights. What is the value of self-determination in societies that exert control over people's private lives?

//INFO: Hike to Schafalm. Bring hiking shoes and water. In case of heavy rain, the session will take place at the Schulh?usl.

Kiani, Soli; Artist; Contributor

01 September 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Stage

How to Strengthen Resilience in the Face of Polycrisis?

Pandemics, climate disasters, war, inflation, food and energy shortages ? all of the current global crises continue revealing the profound interconnections and dependencies we face on material, geopolitical, environmental and social level. The global target of a net-zero world by 2050 adds further urgency for action. How can we increase the resilience of our states and societies in the face of so many complex challenges? Is the EU?s strategic autonomy the key to getting ahead of future crises?

Fritz, Michaela; Vice President & Vice Rector Research and Innovation; European Forum Alpbach & Medical University Vienna; Moderator

Klimek, Peter; Director; Supply Chain Intelligence Institute Austria (ASCII); Speaker

Lannoo, Karel; CEO; Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS); Speaker

Münz, Rainer; Visiting Professor & Expert; Central European University (CEU) & Pragmaticus; Speaker

Schaidreiter, Raffaella; Correspondent/Head of office ORF-Brussels; ORF; Speaker

01 September 2023 17:00 - 18:00 | Chat

Today's Youth: No Finance, which Future?

Today's economic challenges of high inflation and low growth have affected different parts of our societies in different ways. This poses a long-term challenge, particularly for young people trying to finance a home and save for their retirement. How can we secure the financial future of our youth? What is the role of digital transformation, state intervention or capital markets?

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

European Forum Alpbach, Scholarship holder; Speaker

Jilch, Niko; Financial Journalist, Speaker and Moderator; Moderator

Kopf, Johannes; Member of the Board; Austrian Public Employment Service (AMS); Speaker

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

Ward, Leon; Chief Executive Officer; MyBnk; Speaker

01 September 2023 18:30 - 19:30 | Stage

Pitch: Visions for a Bold Europe

The need for Europe to become bolder is the focus of discussions at this year's European Forum Alpbach. What does a 'Bold Europe' entail and how do we get there? On the final evening of the Forum, three speakers will present their visions for a Bold Europe. Join the discussion, challenge the speakers and share your perspective on a Bold Europe.

Session objective: Imagining new possibilities ? Get inspired and foster new ideas by imagining bold solutions to complex challenges and imagine disruptively new ways of thinking.

01 September 2023 18:30 - 19:00 | Ritual

Into the Silence

A union of Peace: Spiritual impulses from different religious and philosophical traditions invite participants to reflect and contemplate. Inspirational impulse givers are going to tell their stories, invite you on a journey of thought and initiate moments of real stillness.

Williamson, Howard; Board Member & Professor of European Youth Policy; the University of South Wales; Speaker

01 September 2023 20:00 - 20:30 | Ritual

Open-Air Concert of the Alpbach Brass Band

Every Friday during the summertime, the brass band of Alpbach gives an open-air concert at the village square. All residents or visitors to Alpbach are welcome!

01 September 2023 20:00 - 22:30 | Social

It's a Wrap!

As we reach the end of EFA23, let's make sure that we leave with a bang! We invite you to dance, mingle and celebrate. This is your last chance to join us for a night full of music, fun and laughter. Raise a glass to the shared experiences, connections and the new paths we have forged. Let's make this a party to remember - see you on the dance floor!

01 September 2023 20:30 - 02:30 | Social

FANC Closing Party

Hosted by: Forum Alpbach Network Committee

All good things must come to an end. Unfortunately, this is also true for your time at the European Forum Alpbach. Join the Forum Alpbach Network Committee (FANC) at one last party at the Festhalle in Inneralpbach to celebrate all the connections and experiences that were made and to give your new friends a proper farewell.

02 September 2023 07:00 - 08:00 | Ritual

Morning Sports: Functional Fitness

Supported by: Federal Ministry for Defence

Start the day with an energy boost! Trainers of the Austrian Armed Forces will alternately make you sweat at military functional fitness or calm down at yoga sessions on the forecourt of the CCA. Both are an ideal way to recover from stress and prevent burnout and illness.

Reither, Lukas; Teaching Officer Army Sports Centre; Federal Ministry of Defence; Contributor

02 September 2023 08:00 - 08:30 | Ritual

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

02 September 2023 10:00 - 11:00 | Chat

Closing: Austria in Europe Days

At this closing 'fishbowl', everybody is invited to share memories and stories and to reflect on two weeks of encounters, debates, common experiences and Alpbach moments. We also want to think ahead and talk about the topics that will shape the Bold Europe and should therefore be subject of EFA24.

Williamson, Howard; Board Member & Professor of European Youth Policy; the University of South Wales; Moderator