

PRESS RELEASE
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The Humboldt Forum will open digitally

The construction is finished on time, the first exhibitions installed and programme already prepared. However, due to the tightened Corona restrictions, the opening year cannot begin as planned. Instead, on Wednesday, 16 December 2020 at 7pm, first revelations of the building and the Humboldt Forum's offerings will be available digitally - streamed live and conducted online.

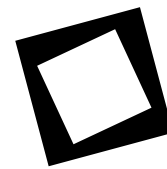
In accordance with the resolution to extend the lockdown taken by the federal and state governments, as well as the Berlin Senate, the Humboldt Forum will not be able to open its doors to the public on 17 December as planned. "The extended measures are correct and necessary. And they present us all with special challenges. Though a visit in-person will not be possible, we would nevertheless like to celebrate the completion of the Humboldt Forum. Unfortunately, we will begin with digital formats only, but these will be accessible to everyone and in several dimensions," says General Director Hartmut Dorgerloh. Further digital offers are currently being considered.

Due to these conditions, the exhibition on the History of the Site, the prepared productions for the beginning of January, *Have a Seat! An exhibition for children*, and BERLIN GLOBAL, a co-production of Kulturprojekte Berlin and the Stadtmuseum Berlin, will not be able to open. If possible, the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin will make its exhibition *After Nature* digitally accessible. The Stiftung Humboldt Forum im Berliner Schloss and the participating actors hope – as do all other museums and cultural institutions – to be able to welcome visitors as soon as possible. That occasion will depend on the development of the pandemic and the consequent political decisions.

Detailed information on the programme and the schedule of the digital preview on 16 December will be provided in advance during a press conference.

The actors

The Humboldt Forum is a brand-new venue for experiencing, learning and encountering, inspired by the eponymous Alexander and Wilhelm von Humboldt and their delight in



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exploring the world and perceiving it as an interconnected system of nature and culture. One institution, four actors: The diversity the Humboldt Forum strives to achieve is already inherent in the synergy of the four partners, the Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz (SPK) with the Ethnologisches Museum and the Museum für Asiatische Kunst der Staatlichen Museen zu Berlin (SMB), Kulturprojekte Berlin and Stadtmuseum Berlin as well as the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU) and the Stiftung Humboldt Forum im Berliner Schloss (SHF).

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