



PRESS RELEASE

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Have a seat! An exhibition for children

On 20 July 2021, the Stiftung Humboldt Forum im Berliner Schloss is opening a special exhibition *Have a Seat!* It is aimed at 3- to 10-year-olds, putting children among the first groups to be welcomed to their own themed exhibition at the Forum.

Have a Seat! An exhibition for children invites children (and their accompanying adults) to engage in playful exploration and reflection on the act of sitting. Sitting means having a place. Belonging. Sitting on a stool is different from sitting in an armchair, and sitting on a horse is different from sitting at the table. Why and how did people sit on a throne? – and what does it mean to sit tight, sit on the fence, or be sitting pretty?

The *Have a Seat!* exhibition presents a world of play, learning and exploring, all designed around the theme of sitting. It shows visitors how sitting is far more than a physical position. An everyday act that everyone can relate to, and that has developed in societies and communities throughout time, it invites discussion and storytelling and allows young visitors to quite literally grasp hold, create and play. The exhibition also has original historical objects on display, for visitors to discover their history and uniqueness; for example a two-hundred-year-old Japanese chair of honour for a Zen master.

There will be a number of heritage interpreters available to help our young visitors explore the exhibition. They will engage in conversation with the children, exploring in a child-led fashion the children's own experiences around sitting, and firing their imagination. Where is our favourite place to sit? And when do we sit there? And just who takes the seat at the head of the table?

This themed exhibition has been devised and developed by curators Lisa Noggler and Maria Prantl from Vienna, both experts in exhibition concepts for a young audience. The exhibition creators have been working hand-in-hand with Gesine Klintworth, curator for education and outreach at the Stiftung Humboldt Forum im Berliner Schloss.

In addition to private lenders, the Ethnologisches Museum, the Museum Europäischer Kulturen, the Münzkabinett and the Vorderasiatisches Museum of the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin – Stiftung Preussischer Kulturbesitz, the Stiftung Stadtmuseum Berlin and the Stiftung Preussische Schlösser und Gärten Berlin-Brandenburg have all loaned exhibits from their collections.

The exhibition's prominent location right next to the Foyer, the opportunity to work with original historical objects within an well curated and high-quality space designed to promote experience and adventure and which incorporates a separate, flexible space for creative group work, and last but not least, the team of heritage interpreters on hand to interact with the visitors, makes it a unique experience in Berlin's cultural landscape. The Stiftung Humboldt Forum im Berliner Schloss intends this inaugural exhibition, especially dedicated

to young audiences, to be a sign of respect towards all generations and hopes to set a precedent for the importance of cultural education within its walls.

Curators **Lisa Noggler, Maria Prantl** | curator for education and outreach **Gesine Klintworth** | exhibition scenic design **Celia Di Pauli** | graphic design **Larissa Cerny** | project management **Isabel Meixner**

Duration: 20/07/21 – 27/03/2022, daily (except Tuesdays) 10am to 6pm
Opening times Wednesday to Monday 10am -6pm
Location Schlossplatz | 10178 Berlin (next to the Foyer)
Price /Tickets registration and booking for online tickets from 13 July 2021 via humboldtforum.org. Free entry for children, Adults 10 euros/concessions 5 euros
Information humboldtforum.org

Current information on **booking** for the exhibition and educational services, and the **hygiene guidelines** can be found at humboldtforum.org

We recommend you bring **non-slip socks**, as visitors will only be admitted to the exhibition with socks.

The Humboldt Forum is a new venue for arts and culture, science and education. One building, four partners: The diverse range of voices is founded on the collaboration of our partner institutions. The Humboldt Forum is a collaboration between the Stiftung Humboldt Forum im Berliner Schloss; the Stiftung Preussischer Kulturbesitz for collections from the Ethnologisches Museum and the Museum für Asiatische Kunst of the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin; the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin for the Humboldt Lab; and Kulturprojekte Berlin with the Stadtmuseum Berlin for the *BERLIN GLOBAL* exhibition.

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