

**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Official opening ceremony of the Ethnologisches Museum and Museum für Asiatische Kunst at the Humboldt Forum, with Federal President Steinmeier and author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie**

**The exhibitions of collections from the Ethnologisches Museum and the Museum für Asiatische Kunst at the Humboldt Forum were opened today in the presence of Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier, Minister of State for Culture Monika Grütters, governing mayor of Berlin Michael Müller and author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.**

**Link to a livestream recording of the opening ceremony: [humboldtforum.org](https://www.humboldtforum.org).**

The new exhibition spaces of the Ethnologisches Museum and the Museum für Asiatische Kunst at the Humboldt Forum had their official opening ceremony today.

After a welcome address from Minister of State for Culture Monika Grütters, keynote speeches were given by Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier and the Nigerian author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, one of the most prominent voices in literature. These were followed by Hermann Parzinger, President of the Stiftung Preussischer Kulturbesitz, who gave an introduction to the exhibitions, and Hartmut Dorgerloh, General Director of the Humboldt Forum, who offered a vote of thanks.

To view a livestream recording of the opening ceremony, click here: [humboldtforum.org](https://www.humboldtforum.org).

Downloadable press images: [humboldtforum.org](https://www.humboldtforum.org).

Some significant holdings from the two museums, which until four years ago were exhibited in Berlin-Dahlem, are now on display on the second and third floors of the west wing, and open to the public from 23 September 2021. Displayed across 8,500 square metres of exhibition space, in over 30 exhibition modules, around 10,000 exhibits are open for viewing from various perspectives. Newly curated, and created in close cooperation with the source communities, the Humboldt Forum exhibitions facilitate a variety of perspectives, both on the past and present cultures of Africa, America, Asia and Oceania, and on their own collection history. The exhibition spaces in the west wing open up the first part of the collections; the east wing will follow in mid-2022.

The opening days from 23 to 26 September 2021 will tie in with diverse perspectives on the collections with a broad event programme encompassing a variety of formats and events, to transform the whole building, the Schlüter Courtyard and the Passage, along with the digital space, into a lively forum, from early morning until late into the evening.

Entry to the collections from the Ethnologisches Museum and the Museum für Asiatische Kunst of the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, and the opening days' programme of events, is free of charge. Timed entry tickets can be booked via [humboldtforum.org](https://www.humboldtforum.org).

One building, four partners: our diversity 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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