

PRESS RELEASE

26 April 2022

German Non-Fiction Prize – The Pre-Award Event. Interview with the nominees at the Humboldt Forum

On 30 May, the German Non-Fiction Prize will be awarded at the Humboldt Forum to one of the eight shortlisted titles. On the eve of the award ceremony, 29 May, members of the public will be able to listen to the authors in conversation at the Humboldt Forum.

With analysis and questions on themes such as science, politics and society, their books sharpen our understanding of many aspects of the here and now. On 29 May, the eve of the award ceremony at the Humboldt Forum, the authors nominated for this year's Non-Fiction Prize will come together in conversation with Shelley Kupferberg, Hadnet Tesfai and Jörg Thadeusz.

In a series of three conversations bringing together varying combinations of participants, they will approach the books' themes from a variety of angles, highlighting the issues connecting the nominated titles, and how they relate to current major issues, as well as the themes found in the Humboldt Forum in its capacity as a venue for diverse voices. The audience are invited to join the debate with their own questions.

The authors and their nominated titles (in alphabetical order):

- Bettina Baltschev: *Am Rande der Glückseligkeit. Über den Strand* (Berenberg, May 2021)
- Alice Bota: *Die Frauen von Belarus. Von Revolution, Mut und dem Drang nach Freiheit* (Berlin Verlag, July 2021)
- Stefan Creuzberger: *Das deutsch-russische Jahrhundert. Geschichte einer besonderen Beziehung* (Rowohlt, March 2022)
- Samira El Ouassil & Friedemann Karig: *Erzählende Affen. Mythen, Lügen, Utopien – Wie Geschichten unser Leben bestimmen* (Ullstein, October 2021)
- Ludwig Huber: *Das rationale Tier. Eine kognitionsbiologische Spurensuche* (Suhrkamp, December 2021)
- Stephan Malinowski: *Die Hohenzollern und die Nazis. Geschichte einer Kollaboration* (Propyläen, September 2021)
- Steffen Mau: *Sortiermaschinen. Die Neuerfindung der Grenze im 21. Jahrhundert* (C.H.Beck, November 2021)
- Natan Sznaider: *Fluchtpunkte der Erinnerung. Über die Gegenwart von Holocaust und Kolonialismus* (Carl Hanser, January 2022)

Hosted by:

Shelly Kupferberg, Hadnet Tesfai and Jörg Thadeusz

Date:

Sunday 29 May 2022, 11am – 12.30pm, Humboldt Forum, Hall 1

This event will also be live streamed, with German Sign Language interpretation. Viewers will be able to join the discussion via the chat function. The event will also be available to watch via the Humboldt Forum's website and YouTube channel.

To access the live event or our on-demand content, please click on: humboldtforum.org

This event is brought to you by the Stiftung Humboldt Forum im Berliner Schloss, in conjunction with the Stiftung Buchkultur und Leseförderung des Börsenvereins des Deutschen Buchhandels.

German Non-Fiction Prize – The Award Ceremony

Which title will be non-fiction book of the year for 2022? On 30 May 2022 at 6pm, the Stiftung Buchkultur und Leseförderung des Börsenvereins des Deutschen Buchhandels will award the second annual German Non-Fiction Prize in a ceremony at the Humboldt Forum. The jury tasked with picking the winning title comprises seven experts in the fields of non-fiction criticism, journalism, science, culture and the book trade. The prize will be awarded to an outstanding German-language work of non-fiction that promotes social debate.

Hosted by: Katja Gasser

Date: Monday 30 May 2022, 6pm – 7pm

The event will also be live streamed, and can be watched via this link: www.deutscher-sachbuchpreis.de.

[Members of the press wishing to report on the event, please contact: presse@boev.de.](mailto:presse@boev.de)

The jury members: Dr. Klaus Kowalke (Lessing & Kompanie bookshop), Stefan Koldehoff (Deutschlandfunk), Tania Martini (die tageszeitung), Prof. Dr. Meron Mendel (Anne Frank Educational Centre), Dr. Jeanne Rubner (Technische Universität München), Denis Scheck (ARD) and Prof. Dr. Barbara Stollberg-Rilinger (Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin).

Patron of the German Non-Fiction Prize: State Minister for Culture Claudia Roth.

This event is brought to you by the Stiftung Buchkultur und Leseförderung des Börsenvereins des Deutschen Buchhandels, in conjunction with the Stiftung Humboldt Forum im Berliner Schloss.

The award's chief sponsor is the Deutsche Bank Stiftung.

One building, four partners: This 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.

PRESS CONTACT DETAILS

German Non-Fiction Prize – The Pre-Award Event

Michael Mathis, Press spokesperson

+49 30 265 950-525, michael.mathis@humboldtforum.org
humboldtforum.org/presse

German Non-Fiction Prize – The Award Ceremony

Thomas Koch, Head of Press and Public Relations / Press spokesperson

Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels e.V.

+49 69 13 06 29 3, T.Koch@boev.de
boersenverein.de