

MEET THE PALACE

**THE PALACE OF THE REPUBLIC
IS PRESENT**

**THEMED WEEKEND
30 APRIL 2022, 2-10 PM
1 MAY 2022, 10 AM-6 PM**

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Colourful palaces

In the workshop *Colourful Palaces*, the participants let their imagination run free and creatively deal with the question: What makes a building a palace? Using cardboard, wire and other materials, they design miniature palaces according to their own ideas.

Scientific Research in East Germany. Tours and Drop-In at the Humboldt Lab

How did Socialist politics shape scientific research in East Germany? What sciences were favoured, which disapproved of? In the exhibition *After Nature*, guides give insights into the history of the Humboldt University during the time of the German Democratic Republic.

Live painting

Street artist Russlan will present a live painting event, creating a 5 x 2 m image with input from the public. The audience is invited to provide their own input, which Russlan will incorporate into his artwork. Conversations with the artist and selfies are explicitly allowed!

Making history. Curator guided tour

During a dialogical tour along selected presentations on the Palace of the Republic, curator Karen Buttler provides insights into conceptual and design decisions.

Media Guide: Palace of the Republic Special

Go on a hunt for flashbacks to the the Palace of the Republic with our Media Guide. Borrow a Media Guide at the info counter or use your own smartphone: guide.humboldtforum.org

Nothing learned? The Palace of the Republic and the negotiation of public places today

What could have been and what should become in the future? Three poetry slammers develop utopias for the Palace of the Republic. Architectural historian Daniela Spiegel, author and director Thomas Heise, architectural theorist Stephan Trüby, and Aljoscha Begrich, artistic co-director of the OSTEN 2022 festival, will discuss the disappearance, permanence, and interpretive sovereignty of public places. Moderation: Julia Menger (radioeins).

Open-air bowling alleys

Two bowling alleys in the Schlüterhof evoke associations with the bowling alleys in the restaurant Spree Bowling in the Palace of the Republic. They invite visitors to bowl in the Schlüterhof open air and for free.

Over Here, Over There, and Over the Wall

Come and listen to a reading of the picture books *Hübendrüben. Als deine Eltern noch klein und Deutschland noch zwei waren* by Franziska Gehm and Horst Klein as well as *Die Mauer. Eine Parabel* by Giancarlo Macri und Carolina Zanotti. Exciting stories for children from 3 to 6 years, and visitors of all ages.

Palace debate - outcome open: TV reports of the 1990s

Two documentations show the culturally mobile Berlin after reunification and deal with the pros and cons of the Palace of the Republic. *Verlorene Mitte? Stadt, Land, Fluss – Berlin* (1996) and *DDR-Palast oder Preußen-Schloss?* (1998) will be shown including an introduction by Ralf Forster, head of collections at Filmmuseum Potsdam.

Palace launch: agitation and information in documentaries

The film program presents two documentations from the opening year of the palace of the republic. They will be introduced by Ralf Forster, collection manager at Filmmuseum Potsdam. *Palast der Republik – Haus des Volkes* and *Was Siggie im Palast entdeckt* bridge the gap between the historic site, the active use and ideological marketing of the „House of the People“.

Palace Music with DJ Pasi

Nothing evokes memories better than music. Memories lying between home, rage, refuge and conformity. This makes a journey into the time when the Palace of the Republic was in active use – from the mid 1970s and through the end of the 1980s – all the more exciting in its ambivalence. DJ Pasi will be playing the kind of music heard in the Palace of the Republic.

Palace Rendezvous. Table talks on a vanished venue

What was the Palace of the Republic? A keynote speech will provide information about the building, which attracted millions of visitors from its opening in 1976 until its closure in 1990. This will be followed by the opportunity to divide into small groups and discuss numerous aspects of the Palace.

Revolution, free space, entertainment

The Palace of the Republic, where the Humboldt Forum is today, was the seat of the Volkskammer (People's Chamber), cultural venue but also a place of exclusion. The tour demonstrates aspects of its history in the BERLIN GLOBAL exhibition.

Tim Trantenroth: Ohne Titel. Art in Architecture

A vast cubist building is encroaching into the Stair Hall, but the wall is completely flat. This illusory, painted grid sparks evokes associations with the façade of the Palace of the Republic. The work is one of the seven competition winners for the Art in Architecture installations at the Humboldt Forum.

The Future Lies in the Past.

A time machine for the Palace and other lost things

A machine will land in the Schlüter Courtyard. A UFO, a Robur bus, and a post-post-office for processing memories. Is there one truth – or many about this site? Which history do we tell? What manner of material, situational, musical and social reminders do we need to facilitate memories and transform them into the future? Where exactly was this Palace of the Republic?

Traces of the Palace of the Republic

What flashbacks to the Palace of the Republic can be found in the Humboldt Forum, and what story do they tell? Heritage interpreters will be available at various stations to engage visitors in conversation and offer background information on exhibits from the Palace of the Republic. Keep an eye out for them!

Tree houses and palaces

Antje Horn tells of the division of Germany and the childlike courage of individuals to go into battle without weapons against an overpowering opponent and to stand by each other. *Erzählt mir was!* is a program for children from 4 years on.

Voices On the Palace of the Republic.

A sound installation

This sound installation brings to life people's memories, interpretations and evaluations of the Palace of the Republic. Listen to people who planned or designed the Palace of the Republic, who waited on tables or ate there, who supported the demolition of the palace or fought for its preservation.

WELTSTUDIO Special: A view through the window

But it's much more than that! The telescopes are ready for you. From the first floor of the Humboldt Forum in the exhibition BERLIN GLOBAL, you can view the colourful hustle and bustle down below as well as the fascinating architecture of the Schlüter Courtyard. The history of the palace will be creatively explored together.

**SCHEDULE MEET THE PALACE. THE PALACE OF THE REPUBLIC IS PRESENT
SATURDAY, 30 APRIL 2022**

	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM	7 PM	8 PM	9-10 PM	
HALL 1			4-5.30 pm Palace Rendezvous. Table talks on a vanished venue Free entry, please book your ticket in advance.						
HALL 2		3-4.30 pm Palace launch: agitation and information in documentaries Film program in German				7-8.30 pm Nothing learned? The Palace of the Republic and the negotiation of public places today Discourse in German			
HALL 3	2-2.30 pm Over Here, Over There, and Over the Wall - Picture-Book Cinema For children (3-6 years) in German	3-3.30 pm	4-4.30 pm Tree houses and palaces - Tell me something! For children (from 4 years) in German	5-5.30 pm					
HALL 5 / BERLIN ROOM	2-10 pm Voices On the Palace of the Republic. A sound installation English subtitles								
SCHLÜTER COURTYARD	2-10 pm Open-air bowling alleys								
	2-6 pm The Future Lies in the Past - A time machine for the Palace and other lost things by CHEZ COMPANYY				6-10 pm Palace Music with DJ Pasi				
							8-10 pm Tim Trantenroth: Ohne Titel - Art in Architecture		
PASSAGE	2-8 pm Live painting by Ruslan								
FOYER	2-3 pm Making history - Curator guided tour in German Please book your ticket in advance: 8 €		4-5 pm Making history - Curator guided tour in German Please book your ticket in advance: 8 €						
WORKSHOPS, FIRST FLOOR	2-3 pm Colourful palaces - workshop Free entry, please book your ticket in advance.	3-4 pm	4-5 pm						
BERLIN GLOBAL	2-3 pm Revolution, free space, entertainment - Themed Tour in German 14 € incl. admission / reduced 8 €		4.30-5.30 pm Revolution, free space, entertainment - Themed Tour in English 14 € incl. admission / reduced 8 €		6-7 pm Revolution, free space, entertainment - Themed Tour in German 14 € incl. admission / reduced 8 €	7.30-8.30 pm Revolution, free space, entertainment - Themed Tour in English 14 € incl. admission / reduced 8 €			
AFTER NATURE	2-5 pm Scientific Research in East Germany. Drop-In Offer of the Humboldt Lab Free entry - exhibition ticket necessary								
VARIOUS LOCATIONS	2-10 pm Media Guide: Palace of the Republic Special (in English) Borrow it for 3 € at the information desk in the foyer or use it free of charge via your own smartphone.								

SUNDAY, 1 MAY 2022

	10 AM	11 AM	12 PM	1 PM	2 PM	3 PM	4 PM	5 PM	6 PM
HALL 1		11 am–12.30 pm Palace Rendezvous. Table talks on a vanished venue. Free entry, please book your ticket in advance.							
HALL 2				1–2.30 pm Palace debate – outcome open: TV reports of the 1990s Film program in German		3–4.30 pm			
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		11 am–12.30 pm WELTSTUDIO Special: A view through the window Free entry, please book your ticket in advance.			12.30–2 pm				
AFTER NATURE			12.30–1.30 pm Scientific Research in East Germany – Public Tour in English Free entry, please book your ticket in advance.				4–5 pm Scientific Research in East Germany – Public Tour in German Free entry, please book your ticket in advance.		
VARIOUS LOCATIONS	10 am–6 pm Media Guide: Palace of the Republic Special (in English) Borrow it at the information desk in the foyer or use it free of charge via your own smartphone.								
	10 am–6 pm Traces of the Palace of the Republic								

Unless otherwise noted, all offers on the *Meet the Palace*-weekend are free of charge and accessible without prior registration.
Free Museum Sunday tickets are available at: museumssonntag.berlin/en

WRITE TO US!

Palace, parade ground, Palace of the Republic, meadow, Humboldt Forum... What do you associate with the place in the center of Berlin? Did you help to build, design or demolish one of the buildings? Did you work, have fun, demonstrate or consciously avoid this place? We are looking for stories and mementos that tell something about people's personal relationships to this place. The project *Memory Work* at the Humboldt Forum is recording voices about the history of the place and collecting objects for a future exhibition.

Write to us at:

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The themed weekend *Meet the palace. The Palace of the Republic is Present* is organized by the Stiftung Humboldt Forum im Berliner Schloss, the Stiftung Stadtmuseum Berlin and the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

The film program *Palace debate – outcome open: TV reports of the 1990s* is presented with the kind support of Rundfunk Berlin-Brandenburg (rbb).

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SAVE THE DATE

WENDECIRCUS. The Palace Edition!
Theatre- and Circus-Revue
about the changes of 1989/90
by glanz&krawall und KGI

The theatre groups glanz&krawall and KGI were able to locate a family travelling circus from centuries-old tradition: Circus Magic from Zossen. Now they are pitching the twelve-meter high circus tent together in the middle of the city – in the Schlüterhof of the Humboldt Forum! In five full-length shows, the negotiation processes of the transition period 89/90 will be reflected artistically, and spaces will be opened for long-forgotten souls and buried utopias.

Thu, 12 May 2022, 7–9.30 pm

Fri, 13 May 2022, 7–9.30 pm

Sat, 14 May 2022, 2–4.30 pm, 7–9.30 pm

Sun, 15 May 2022, 4–6.30 pm

Tickets: humboldtforum.org/en

