



Europe. Its Values, Its Citizens

BC2015

BERLIN CONFERENCE “A SOUL FOR EUROPE” 2015

8 and 9 November 2015

Allianz Forum, Pariser Platz 6, 10117 Berlin, Germany

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PRE-CONFERENCE

8 November 2015

1.00 – 6.00 pm

“Cities for Europe. Cities take a stand”

Challenges with regard to the influx of refugees

1.00 pm	Opening	
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1.10 pm	Welcoming address	State Secretary Hella Dunger-Löper , commissioner for European affairs and for active citizenship at the Berlin Senate Chancellery
1.30 pm	Keynote	<u>Borderland Europe – “Cities are our hope”</u> : Karl Schlögel , historian, European University, Frankfurt
2.00 pm	Examples of good Practice	
2.00 pm	Project presentations	diablog.eu , presented by Michaela Prinzing , founder ALLIANZ gegen Rechtsextremismus , presented by NN Hotel Utopia , presented by Catherine Daraspe , initiator of Prinzip Heimat e.V. Off-Biennale, Budapest , presented by Hajnalka Somogyi , project lead and board member Give something back to Berlin , presented by Annamaria Olsson , founder (tbc) Moabit hilft , presented by NN (tbc) Europäische Kulturhauptstadt: Breslau 2016 , presented by Katarzyna Młyńczak-Sachs , international relations manager of Wrocław 2016
2.45 pm	Coffee-break with tour over the Marketplace Europe	



3.00 pm	World-Café	
3.00 pm		3 parallel moderated discussions
4.30 pm		Presentation of World Café results to the plenum
5.00 pm	Conclusions	
5.00 pm	Moderated debate	Serhan Ada , associate professor at Istanbul Bilgi University Emil Boc , mayor of Cluj Volker Hassemer , president of the Board of Stiftung Zukunft Berlin and president of the Board of Managers of the E.E.I.G. ASFE Sylvia-Yvonne Kaufmann , MEP (tbc) Moderator: Eckart Stratenschulte , director of the European Academy Berlin (tbc)
5.45 pm	Closing remarks	Brigitte Russ-Scherer , former Lord Mayor and spokesperson of the "Cities for Europe" initiative
6.00 pm	End of conference	
7.00 pm	Welcome Drinks	Embassy of Luxembourg, Klingelhöferstraße 7, 10785 Berlin



CONFERENCE

9 November 2015
9.00 am – 5.30 pm

8.30 am	Doors open	
9.00 am	Welcoming address	Birgit Grundmann , former state secretary, head of regulatory and political affairs, Allianz Deutschland AG
	Keynote	Martin Schulz , president of the European Parliament and chair of the “A Soul for Europe” Advisory Board
	Welcoming addresses	State Secretary Hella Dunger-Löper , commissioner for European affairs and for active citizenship at the Berlin Senate Chancellery Doris Pack , MEP 1989-2014 and co-chair of the “A Soul for Europe” Advisory Board
	Intervention	Gianni Skaragas , writer
The periphery as an inspiration for Europe		
9.30 am	Introductions	Hannes Swoboda , president of the International Institute for Peace and member of the “A Soul for Europe” Advisory Board
9.40 am		Georgi Gospodinov , writer
9:50 am	Panel A <i>The periphery of Europe is not only a geographic category with strong sociocultural characteristics. It serves as a laboratory for all kinds of creative civil society movements: Despite all prejudices, countries like Albania or Bosnia today show how religious and ethnic coexistence can work. Citizens in the Baltic countries strongly confess to their integration into European alliances by initiating creative projects. And while peripheral countries face severe economic and structural problems, civil society organizations, artists and intellectuals tackle the crisis by implementing experimental ideas and initiatives.</i>	
	Moderated debate with Q&A session	Antje Contius , managing director of S. Fischer Stiftung Alen Kristic , co-founder and co-editor of Concilium – International Journal of Theology for Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina Mirela Kumbaro Furxhi , minister of Culture of Albania Hannes Swoboda , president of the International Institute for Peace and member of the “A Soul for Europe” Advisory Board Rarita Zbranca , director of AltArt Foundation and member of the “A Soul for Europe” Strategy Group Moderator: Kaspars Ruklis , executive director of the Riga summer School and member of the “A Soul for Europe” Strategy Group
11.00 am	Coffee-break	



11.30 am **Panel B** *Despite economic and structural difficulties the periphery is one of Europe's richest assets, a source for creativity for the integration process. However cultural activities in the peripheral countries often do not meet with appreciation and respect. They are rarely perceived in the public spheres of the "center" and are lacking partners for dialogue and exchange. We have to open up and create new opportunities, work against disappointment and revive decreased EU enthusiasm, so the periphery can serve as a laboratory for a creative civil society in Europe. The panel outlines challenges and develops ideas as well as proposals for this necessary process that should be increasingly in the responsibility of the citizens.*

Moderated debate
with Q&A session

Lirak Celaj, member of the "A Soul for Europe" Strategy Group

Thierry Fabre, writer and curator

Georgi Gospodinov, writer

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1.00 pm	Lunch break	
2.00 pm	Welcoming address	Michael Roth , minister of state at the Federal Foreign Office
The City as a Spot of Innovation, inclusion and of new models for citizens involvement		
2.10 pm	Introduction	Peter Vermeersch , professor of politics at the University of Leuven
2.30 pm	Panel A <i>Sharing a direct responsibility for Europe: cultural performance, social creativity and innovation in cities and urban areas. By established cultural institutions and grass roots initiatives: Based on their European heritage, their social entrepreneurship, pragmatic approach and their creative power, urban areas have an outstanding role for the European process beyond the local and regional competences.</i>	
	Moderated debate with Q&A session	Daphne Büllesbach , citizenship and democracy director at European Alternatives
		Mahir Namur , member of the "A Soul for Europe" Strategy Group
		Charlot Schans , project leader of New Europe - Cities in Transition
		Paul Spies , director of the Amsterdam Museum, future director of Stiftung Stadt Museum, Berlin, and chief curator of Welt.Stadt.Berlin at the Humboldt Forum
		Amalia Zepou , vice-mayor for civil society initiatives of Athens
		Moderator: Farid Tabarki , founding director of Studio Zeitgeist and member of the "A Soul for Europe" Strategy Group
3.20 pm	Coffee-break	



3.40 pm	<p>Panel B <i>How to strengthen cultural and civil society networks of European cities and regions to take over responsibilities locally and from the bottom-up? How to validate the expanding practise of cultural routes and the validation of cultural tourism to the cities? In other words: How to include all these phenomena into a coherent democratic policy, effective and attractive for the citizens of Europe?</i></p> <p>Moderated debate with Q&A session</p>	<p>Peter György, director of the Institute for Art Theory and Media Studies at Eötvös-Loránd-University, Budapest (tbc)</p> <p>Volker Hassemer, president of the Board of Stiftung Zukunft Berlin and president of the Board of Management of the E.E.I.G. ASFE</p> <p>Arne Lietz, MEP, member of the “A Soul for Europe” Advisory Board</p> <p>Miguel Angel Martin Ramos, councillor of the European Academy of Yuste Foundation, Route Charles V and member of the “A Soul for Europe” Strategy Group</p> <p>Jens Nymand Christensen, deputy director general for education and culture at the European Commission</p> <p>Moderator: Farid Tabarki, founding director of Studio Zeitgeist and member of the “A Soul for Europe” Strategy Group</p>
4.30 pm	Conclusions and Outlook	<p>Volker Hassemer, president of the Board of Stiftung Zukunft Berlin and president of the Board of Management of the E.E.I.G. ASFE</p> <p>Johannes Ebert, general secretary of Goethe-Institute</p> <p>Michael M. Thoss, managing director of Allianz Kulturstiftung</p> <p>Helga Trüpel, MEP, member of the “A Soul for Europe” Advisory Board (tbc)</p> <p>Moderator: Nele Hertling, member of the “A Soul for Europe” Strategy Group</p>
5:30 pm	Reception at the venue	
7.00 pm	The State of Europe Speech	by the President of the EU Council, Donald Tusk

An event initiated by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Robert Bosch Stiftung and Stiftung Zukunft Berlin