FALLING WALLS CONFERENCE



THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FUTURE BREAKTHROUGHS IN SCIENCE AND SOCIETY

Since its first annual meeting on 9 November 2009, the 20th anniversary of the peaceful fall of the Berlin Wall, the Falling Walls Conference has continuously developed into a world forum for science. Some of the most important researchers and thinkers of our time gather at Falling Walls to discuss breakthroughs with global leaders in science, politics, business, and the media, answering the core question of the Falling Walls Conference: "Which are the next walls to fall in science and society?"

After a fully digital Falling Walls Conference in 2020, we look forward to welcoming the people who are finding solutions to the greatest challenges of our time and thus contributing to a better world back to Berlin on the anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Please save the date: 7–9 November 2021.

7 NOVEMBER: FALLING WALLS PITCHES

A day of live pitches in the following categories:

Emerging Talents (Falling Walls Lab) for the next generation of outstanding innovators. Science Engagement (Falling Walls Engage) for inspiring science engagers. Science Start-Ups (Falling Walls Venture) for the science start-up community.

8 NOVEMBER: FALLING WALLS CIRCLE - CHALLENGES AND FORESIGHT

Our new format to connect science and society. Researchers, policymakers, and business leaders, and society discuss the biggest challenges we face and the foresight that scientific breakthroughs can offer.

9 NOVEMBER: FALLING WALLS SCIENCE BREAKTHROUGHS OF THE YEAR

On the anniversary of the historic fall of the Berlin Wall, the grand finale provides a stage for outstanding research presented in inspiring presentations. For the 13th time, "the brightest minds on the planet" (BBC) will showcase their work.

THE FOUNDATION AND ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Conference is organised by the Falling Walls Foundation, a non-profit organisation based in Berlin. Its work is supported by Jürgen Mlynek (Chairman) Former President, Helmholtz Association | Andreas Barner President, Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft | Carl-Henrik Heldin Chairman of the Board, Nobel Foundation | Helga Nowotny Former President, European Research Council | Hiroshi Komiyama Chairman, The Science and Technology in Society (STS) forum Kyoto | Ernst Th. Rietschel Former Chairman of the Board, Berlin Institute of Health; Former President, Leibniz Association | Sebastian Turner Founder, Falling Walls Foundation | Otmar D. Wiestler President, Helmholtz Association | Ingrid Wünning Tschol Senior Vice President Strategy, Robert Bosch Stiftung

WHAT GUESTS AND PARTICIPANTS SAY

"More than 20 of the brightest minds on the planet."

"These ideas could dramatically transform life worldwide."

"This conference unites the avant-garde of the world."

Corriere della Sera

"The best conference I have ever attended."

Robert Darnton, Harvard

"Most exceptional science conference in the world."

Handelsblatt

"This is a huge message of hope." Olga Holtz, UC Berkeley

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