

March 20th, 2025

UBA SUSTAINABILITY TRANSFORMATION CONFERENCE 2025
„Transformation and Irritation:
Sustainability and Culture in Times of Radical Change”

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Date and Location

Berlin, 20th March 2025, 09:00 – 19:00 (CET)
face-to-face event

Agenda

09:00 Welcome & Setting the Scene

- **Stefan Tidow**, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection
- **Claudia Roth**, Minister of State for Culture and the Media
- **Michel Friedman**, Publicist
- **Moderator**

09:30 Opening Panel

The Role of Culture(s) in a Transformation Towards Sustainability

- **Dirk Messner**, President of the German Environment Agency
- **Katarzyna Wielga-Skolimowska**, German Federal Cultural Foundation
- **Esther Turnhout**, University of Twente
- **Emily Noack**, Advisory board of the study ‘Future? Ask the Youth!’

10.30 Cultural Intervention
Organisms Democracy

11.00 Coffee Break

11:30 Two parallel Sessions (Morning)

11.30 Parallel Session - Track I

Setting the Stage: From Industrial Cultures to Cultures of Sustainability

- **Andy Stirling**, Professor of Science & Technology Policy, SPRU – Science Policy Research Unit, University of Sussex Business School
- **Areej Alsayed and Emily Noack**, Advisory board of the study 'Future? Ask the Youth!'
- **Christoph Deeg**, Designer of digital-analog living spaces
- **Melanie Jaeger-Erben**, Brandenburg University of Technology, Cottbus-Senftenberg
- **Volker Strauß**, German Environment Agency

11.30 Parallel Session - Track II,

The Transformative Power of Culture: Driving and Reflecting Sustainability

Moderation and Concept: Ralf Weiß, 2N2K – Network Sustainability in Arts and Culture

**Musical intervention
Orchestras of Change**

- **Marta Jiménez Pumares**, European Commission
- **Maya Weisinger**, Culture Action Europe
- **Selina Kahle**, Culture4Climate
- **Constanze Fuhrmann**, German Federal Environmental Foundation
- **Claudius Schulze**, Artistic Director Klima Biennale Vienna 2024
- **Bernard Vienat**, Geneva Biennial
- **Manuel Rivera**, RIFS Potsdam

13:15 Lunch Break

14.15 Bridge:Input Morning Sessions & Introduction Afternoon Sessions

- **Jeremias Herberg**, German Environment Agency
- **Ferhat Cicek**, German Youth Observer to the UN Summit of the Future
- **Moderator**

14:45 Two parallel Sessions (Afternoon)

14:45 Parallel Session - Track I

Nature Beyond Dualism: Planetary Values for a Sustainable World

- **Marianna Sonneck**, Organisms Democracy Berlin
- **Jeroen Oomen**, Utrecht University
- **Eszter Kelemen**, Environmental Social Science Research Group

14:45 Parallel Session - Track II

Sustainable Cultural Spaces: Frameworks for Experience and Engagement

Moderation and Concept: Uta Atzpodien, Freelance dramaturg

- **Carolin Baedeker**, Wuppertal Institute
- **Nina Hensel**, Performing for Future
- **Patrick Schimanski**, Municipal Theater Gießen (tbc)

16:30 Break

16:45 Closing Panel

The Art of Transformation: Shaping the Cultures of Tomorrow

- **Uta Röpcke**, Association for Cultural Policy
- **Dirk Messner**, President of the German Environment Agency
- **Jacob Sylvester Bilabel**, Project lead of the "Green Culture Anlaufstelle"
- **Alina Reize**, German Youth Delegate for the UN-General Assembly

17:30 Reception and musical and artistic conclusion

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19:00 End of Conference