

# Karlspreis

## EUROPA SUMMIT 2019

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2019

### Aachen, Town Hall

Aachen Town Hall,  
Markt, 52062 Aachen

Haus Löwenstein,  
Markt 39, 52062 Aachen



## KARLSPREIS EUROPA SUMMIT

### EUROPE'S ROLE TOMORROW – RESPONSIBILITIES IN GLOBAL PROGRESS

The Karlspreis Europa Summit, organised each year in cooperation with the government of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, aims to provide a possibility for an open and inclusive debate, for connecting scientific approaches and political developments, for discussing innovative ventures and for pushing European progress. The summit draws upon the long tradition of the Charlemagne Prize in generating exchange and understanding of correlations and decisions in the European context and has the potential to grow in the future.

The event marks the kick-off of the newly established **Charlemagne Prize Academy**, which aims to support innovative research questions on Europe's future.



Der Ministerpräsident  
des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen





## DINNER

START: 18:30

KRÖNUNGSSAAL, RATHAUS AACHEN

**18:30 – 19:30; Feierliche Verleihung der Stipendien**  
*Scholarship Award Ceremony*

**19:30 – 20:30; Abendprogramm**  
*Dinner Programme*

**Grundsatzrede Keynote Speech:**

**Armin Laschet**  
Ministerpräsident des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen  
*Minister-President of North Rhine-Westphalia*

## PROGRAMM PROGRAMME

START: 11:00

**11:00 – 11:30; Ratssaal, Rathaus Aachen**  
Eröffnungsansprache *Word of Welcome*

**11:30 – 13:00; Ratssaal, Rathaus Aachen**  
Opening Panel: Gleichberechtigung und soziale Gerechtigkeit  
*Equality and Social Justice*

Chancengleichheit für Europas Jugend im regionalen Gefälle  
*Shaping Equal Opportunities for Europe's Youth*

**14:00 – 15:30; Ratssaal, Rathaus Aachen**  
Roundtable Discussion: Sicherheit *Security*

Sicherheit in der öffentlichen Wahrnehmung – Die Suche nach einer europäischen Antwort *European responses to public uncertainties*

**14:00 – 15:30; Haus Löwenstein, Markt 39**  
Town Hall Discussion: Nachhaltigkeit *Sustainability*

Mit neuen Technologien zu mehr Nachhaltigkeit?  
*New Technologies in the Quest for Sustainability?*

**16:00 – 17:30; Ratssaal, Rathaus Aachen**  
Panel: Institutionelle Entwicklung *Institutional development*

Institutionelle Herausforderungen – Grenzen der europäischen Einigkeit?  
*Institutional challenges to intra-European unity*





# THE DISCUSSIONS

## 11.00-11.30 WORD OF WELCOME

The event will be opened by representatives of the Charlemagne Prize Foundation and the Charlemagne Prize Society, embodied by the initiators of the Charlemagne Prize Academy Prof. Dr. Thomas Prefi and Dr. Jürgen Linden.

The opening speech will be given by Dr. Stephan Holthoff-Pförtner, Minister of Federal and European Affairs as well as International Affairs of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia.

## OPENING PANEL: SHAPING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EUROPE'S YOUTH

The academy aims to exchange ideas and provide access to key issues of Europe's future by supporting young researchers and public representatives. Building on this idea, the opening panel presents a debate about ways to achieve equal opportunities for Europe's youth and picture their visions for Europe within the public discourse.

In order to include different approaches and perspectives, the following speaker will join this first panel discussion:

**Andrea Gerosa**

*Founder of the international Think Tank "ThinkYoung"*

**Dr. Daniela Trani**

*Director of the The Young Universities For The Future Of Europe (YUFE) Alliance*

**Silke Tölle-Pusch**

*Coordinator at Arbeiterkind North Rhine-Westphalia*

**Chair: Laura Menzel**

*Board Member of the grassroots think tank for European and Foreign Policy "Polis180"*

## EUROPEAN RESPONSES TO PUBLIC UNCERTAINTIES

Recent developments in the international order, such as new geopolitical developments and rapidly evolving technologies, present a major challenge to the EU's security and defence policy. How can the European Union arrive at a common security policy that re-defines its position in the international community? This panel aims to analyse the current challenges with regards to both traditional and emerging threats in order to identify possible ways for the European Union to respond. Experts will debate on global trends, future challenges and current approaches to address public uncertainties in a modern way adjusted to the challenges of our time. Impulse statements will be given by:

**General a. D. Egon Ramms**

*Former Commander of NATO's Joint Force Command in Brunssum, Netherlands*

**Udo F. Littke**

*Managing Director & Chief Operating Officer, Atos Germany*

**Dr. Jana Puglierin**

*Head of Program, Alfred von Oppenheim Center for European Policy Studies, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)*

**Chair: Johanna Holzhauer**

*Journalist and Member of the Board of Directors of the 'Society of the International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen.'*

## NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN THE QUEST FOR SUSTAINABILITY?

How can we make use of new technologies in order to face climate policy demands and achieve sustainability goals? By combining diverse perspectives on this issue, this panel aims to discuss the consideration of environmental impacts in various policy domains. Furthermore, the key issue of public involvement in regulatory responses to rapid developments in science and technology will be discussed.

**Prof. Dr. Reinhard Madlener**

*Director of the Institute of Future Energy Consumer Needs and Behavior at the E.ON Research Centre, RWTH Aachen*

**Dr. Seraphim Alvanides**

*Senior Researcher at GESIS Leibniz Institute for Social Sciences & Associate Professor at Northumbria University, Newcastle, UK*

**Alexander Wilden**

*schwartz GmbH*

**Chair: Patrizia Heidegger**

*Director for Global Policies and Sustainability, European Environmental Bureau*

## INSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES TO INTRA-EUROPEAN UNITY

The European Union has developed considerably throughout its history, particularly in response to challenges, crises and innovative ideas. Euroscepticism, fuelled by populist debates, Brexit, the recent migration crisis- and climate debate, makes it appear difficult for the EU to live up to some citizens' expectations. Therefore, the designated Commission strives for an increase of democratic accountability, transparency and public exchange. This panel will address the question as to how a balance can be struck between the aim of accommodating all Member States' interests on the one hand and ensuring the Union's responsiveness.

**Klaus Welle**

*Secretary-General, European Parliament*

**Juan Pablo García-Berdoy**

*Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to the European Union*

**Prof. Christine Neuhold**

*Professor of EU Democratic Governance Political Science, University of Maastricht*

**Emar Brok**

*Honorary President of the Union of European Federalists Germany*

**Chair: Sophie Pornschlegel**

*Senior Policy Analyst at the European Policy Centre, Brussels*

## THE EVENING

The dinner programme marks the award ceremony of the five selected Charlemagne Prize Research Fellows and comprises a presentation of the expected research projects and a keynote speech on the future of Europe by Minister-President of North Rhine-Westphalia Armin Laschet.

**Laudators**

Prof. Dr. Thomas Prefi

*Chairman of the Charlemagne Prize Foundation*

Dr. Jürgen Linden

*Chairman of the Charlemagne Prize Society*

Karl-Heinz Lambertz

*President of the European Committee of the Regions*

**Keynote: Armin Laschet**

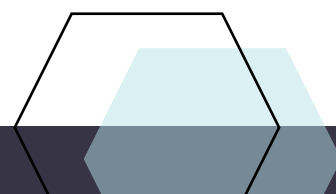
*Minister-President of North Rhine-Westphalia*

**Moderation: Bettina Staubit**

**Music**

Franziska Groß: *violin*

Nikolai Studenikin: *guitar*





# CHARLEMAGNE PRIZE ACADEMY

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## OUR FIRST FELLOWS 2019/2020

The International Charlemagne Prize of Aachen has been awarded to individuals and institutions that have made a valuable contribution to Europe since 1950 and is the oldest and most renowned prize awarded for achievements in this field. During the past decade, the Charlemagne Prize Foundation has established various formats to connect representatives from all areas of society, presenting projects, work and personalities that are supporting the idea of a unified Europe.

As part of a distinctive development of the Prize, the **Charlemagne Prize Academy** aims to support innovative and creative research questions, which are focussed on future challenges and new approaches in a European context. By connecting academic insights and public debates, the Academy should present a platform jointly discussing the key issues of Europe's future. Within a one-year **Fellowship** Programme, five outstanding young scholars will be supported in their research on addressing Europe's role tomorrow. The final outcomes will be shared and discussed with European decision makers and the European public at the **Karlspreis Europa Summit** every year.

**1. Prof. Dr. Federico Fabbrini (IT)**

*Professor for EU Law and Director of the DCU Brexit Institute, Dublin City University*

*'The Conference on the Future of Europe: A New Model to Reform the EU?'*

**1. María Victoria-Mas (ES)**

*Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Communication Science, Universitat Internacional de Catalunya in Barcelona*

*'How can the public news media cooperations in Spain and the UK improve audience trust and engagement?'*

**2. Marie Walter-Franke (FR)**

*PhD Candidate at Freie Universität Berlin and Research Fellow at the Jacques-Delors Institute Berlin*

*'How can EU asylum policy be restructured to overcome current political fractures while upholding fundamental rights?'*

**3. Andreas Holzinger (GER)**

*PhD Candidate at Helmut-Schmidt Universität Hamburg and Program Advisor at the UN Peacebuilding Fund, Bissau*

*'In how far can European lessons learnt on cohesion be applied globally as much as innovated in the current European unification period?'*

**4. Georgia Petropoulou (GRC)**

*Research Assistant at the Center for European Security Studies (CESS), Groningen*

*'Connectivity in the Balkans. What are the opportunities and challenges for the connectivity of the area?'*

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