

OPEN CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Forum Thinking the Future – ein Think Tank

BACK TO THE FUTURE: EMPIRES AS SHAPERS OF WORLD ORDER

A CALL TO YOUNG ADULTS TO ENGAGE WITH THE QUESTIONS OF THE FUTURE

What can I do to shape the future of the world? 20 young adults – 10 national and 10 international – aged 18-30 years deal with global issues about the future on three occasions. The format will be led by Herfried Münkler (former professor of political science at the Humboldt University in Berlin) in cooperation with other international experts.

The question of the rise and fall of empires is a highly topical issue, especially against the current backdrop of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the rise of right-wing populist parties in the European Union. The starting point is the renaissance of empires after their supposed disappearance. What does this mean for the present, and how can future perspectives and strategies for a democratic Europe look like?

Different focal points are dealt with in three sessions lasting several days:

Forum Thinking the Future – Think Tank #1 – The Renaissance of Empires after their Supposed Disappearance: “Looking back” (by H. Münkler)

31.5.-2.6.2024

Location: Stallungen der Kaiservilla, Bad Ischl

The central question of the panel is how a renaissance of empire is to be assessed and evaluated and what dynamics and pressures to adapt will emanate from it in the 21st century.

The two follow-up panels will tie in with this in terms of content.

Forum Thinking the Future – Think-Tank #2 – The Renaissance of Empires after their Supposed Disappearance: “Present” (by H. Münkler)

27.-29.9.2024

Location: Lesehotel Bad Goisern

Forum Thinking the Future – Think-Tank #3 – The Renaissance of Empires after their Supposed Disappearance: “Future perspectives and strategies”

20.-22.11.2024

Location: Stallungen der Kaiservilla, Bad Ischl

The results are presented to the public for discussion in a jointly developed manifesto.

Criteria:

- **Essay 3000-5000 characters** "How to think the future"
Deadline: 5 May, 2024 to j.luethje@salzkammergut-2024.at
- **Age: 18-30 years**
- **Living in Europe**
- **fluent in German and English (Lecture language German - summaries and literature will be provided in English. Small group work can take place in English).**
- Full-time **attendance on all 3 dates.**
- Travel expenses, accommodation for all 3 dates, meals are largely covered

Preparatory Literature:

Herfried Münkler: Imperien. Die Logik der Weltherrschaft – Vom Alten Rom bis zu den Vereinigten Staaten, Berlin 2005, Taschenbuchausgabe Reinbek b. Hamburg 2007.

Herfried Münkler: Empires. The Logik of World Domination, Cambridge 2007, Polity Press (English translation)

The book has also been translated into Swedish, Italian, Spanish, Serbian, Turkish, Arabic, Russian, Chinese and Korean.

Jane Burbank/Frederik Cooper: Empires in World History. Power and the Politics of Difference, Princeton 2010 (Princeton UP);

Jane Burbank/Frederik Cooper: Imperien der Weltgeschichte, Frankfurt/New York 2010 (Campus) (deutsche Übersetzung)

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