

**In Conjunction with the 2017 UN Climate Change Conference,  
TBA21–Academy Mounts Cross-Disciplinary Program in Bonn, Germany,  
Interrogating the Impact of Ocean Conservation**

**Held on November 10 at Kunstmuseum Bonn, Day-Long Program Challenges Perceptions  
and Focuses on Unconventional Solutions through Discussion, Performance and Film**

**WHAT:** *OPEN OCEAN SPACE X COP23* brings together some of the brightest minds in science, exploration and art to create a dynamic platform that transforms discussion into action. Held in partnership with COP23 – the UN Climate Change Conference in Bonn, Germany – the day-long program, organized by TBA21–Academy at the Kunstmuseum Bonn, features thought-provoking dialogues, workshops, musical performances, and film exploring the urgent need for ocean conservation. Discussions will focus on how humanity adapts to and can mitigate climate change, and how Marine Protected Areas can often impede how traditional communities protect and interact with their sacred lands and heritage, often obstructing a way of life established over generations.

*OPEN OCEAN SPACE X COP23* marks the next event in the TBA21–Academy ‘Open Ocean Space’ series, which features responsive, collaborative, and innovative pop-up programming that connects a growing global community to ocean advocacy. Linked to timely and important current events, their most recent [event in the series was held during the first-ever United Nations Ocean Conference in June](#) and coincided with World Oceans Day, capitalizing on the moment to maximize attention and awareness.

**WHO:** Participants and presenters include Thyssen Bornemisza Art Contemporary (TBA21) Founder and Executive Producer **Francesca von Habsburg**; TBA21–Academy Director **Markus Reymann**; Sculpt the Future Foundation Founder **David Mayer de Rothschild**; Paramount Chief of the Lau Islands, **Chief Roko Sau**; artist **Armin Linke**; Alligator Head Foundation Chair **Dee Kyne**; Alligator Head Foundation Youth Ambassador **Wayne J**; Loving Islands Founder **Litia Kirwin**; ARTPORT\_making waves Co-Founder & Executive Director **Anne-Marie Melster**; filmmaker **Lisa Rave**, among others.

*OPEN OCEAN SPACE X COP23* has been developed in association with ARTPORT\_making waves Co-Founder & Executive Director Anne-Marie Melster.

**WHEN:** Friday, November 10, from 10.30am – 5.00pm

**LOCATION** Kunstmuseum Bonn (Auditorium)  
**& DIRECTIONS** Friedrich-Ebert-Allee 2  
53113 Bonn, Germany

**ADMISSIONS** The event is free and open to the public.

**ABOUT TBA21–ACADEMY**

Founded by Francesca von Habsburg and drawing on her experience as a producer of cross-disciplinary art installations and socially engaged cultural programming, TBA21–Academy leads artists, scientists, and thought-leaders on expeditions of collaborative discovery. Its mission is to foster a deeper understanding of our ocean through the lens of art and to engender creative solutions to its most pressing issues. Led by Director Markus Reymann and supported by curator Stefanie Hessler, the itinerant Academy commissions interdisciplinary research that catalyzes engagement, stimulates new knowledge, and inspires artistic production. Established in 2011, the nonprofit's program is informed by a belief in the power of exchange between disciplines and in the ability of the arts as a vessel for communication, change, and action.

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