

# Berlin 2021 questions

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## **Berlin questions 2021: conference for the immediate present**

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What is the future of the metropolis after the Covid-19 pandemic, or have cities become obsolete? Can we learn from the experiences of the past year to re-think life in the city? And what are the first steps towards re-starting our urban centres? From 11 to 14 August, the fourth edition of Berlin questions will address these and many more questions, turning the city once again into a stage for global debate on the most pressing issues of our time. International figures from politics, science, art and activism will meet in iconic locations across the city for disruptive and agenda-setting keynotes, panel talks and discussions.

Confirmed speakers include a vast diversity of disruptive thinkers from around the globe and Metropolis members:

- Michael Müller, Governing Mayor of **Berlin** and Metropolis Co-president
- Oh Se-Hoon, Deputy Mayor of **Seoul**
- Sergei Sobyenin, Mayor of **Moscow**
- Horacio Rodríguez Larreta, Mayor of **Buenos Aires** and Board of Directors member
- Ekrem Imamoglu, Mayor of **Istanbul**

This year's edition of the conference is titled **Metropolis: The New Now** and will focus on local solutions to

global problems, starting with the Covid-19 pandemic, to cast a hopeful look into a brighter future. On 11 August, mayors from all over the world will discuss their experiences of the pandemic and their vision for life in the metropolis going forward with activists, scientists and other trailblazing speakers. From 12 to 14 August, speakers will then dive deeper into several topics, including Civil Responsibility and Quarantine Economies among many others, in locations around the city that were chosen for their relevance to the topics discussed.

The conference will take place in Berlin, a city whose history gives special significance to democratic debate. Participants will meet at a different iconic location each day, from landmarks of grassroots activism like Haus der Statistik, to venues regularly hosting global changemakers like E-WERK, to unique architectural complexes such as St. Gimignano and Floating University. The challenges currently facing the world must be debated on a global level, so for the very first time, Berlin questions is taking place in a hybrid format, allowing participants to follow the debates online, regardless of pandemic regulations. All content on the 3D platform, The Virtual Now, will also be available on demand after the conference.

For further details and tickets\*, please visit **[berlinquestions.com](https://berlinquestions.com)**.

*\*Metropolis has a very limited number of coupon codes for members to attend the event. If you are interested in a discount to claim your ticket, please send an email to [metropolis@metropolis.org](mailto:metropolis@metropolis.org) with the subject "Berlin questions - Metropolis coupon" (first come, first served, upon verification of institutional affiliation).*

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