

Where to for the youth?

Making the most of opportunities in shrinking regions

Conference for the 2nd Demography Prize

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Time: **Friday 5th March 2010, 13.30-18.00**

Venue: **Federal Representation of Brandenburg
In den Ministergärten 3, 10117 Berlin**

Time	Title	Speaker
until 13.30	Individual arrival of participants Please be on time.	
13.30-13.45	Welcome Introductory talk: "Youth & Demography: Seizing opportunities"	Albrecht Gerber, leader of State Chancellery Brandenburg
13.45-15.55	Awards ceremony: „2 nd Demography Prize for young scientists 2008/2009“ to the amount of €10,000: „How can we create opportunities for young people in shrinking regions?“	
	13.45-13.55: Presentation of awards	Adrian Schell, FRFG/IDF Member of board
	13.55-14.15: Laudation speech	Prof. Dr. Heinrich Mäding, German Institute of Urban Affairs, Member of the judging panel
	14.15-14.30: Conferring of prizes and photos	
	14.30-15.30: Presentation of awarded works by the prize winners	
	Chances and opportunities for young people in shrinking towns	Felix Kroh (University of Freiburg)
	Don't waste your youth	Karsten Bär (Journalist) Anja Erdmann (University of Tübingen) Corinna Hamann

	<p><i>Zachte G:</i> a modern approach towards building networks for young people in a shrinking region</p>	<p>(University of Tübingen)</p> <p>Maya Rocak (Open University Milton Keynes, UK) Maurice Hermans (drizesnul BV, NL)</p>
15.30-16.00	Coffee Break	
16.00-18.00	<p>Concluding discussion:</p> <p>Where to for the youth? Demographic political measures on trial in the ageing community</p>	<p>Manfred Bauer, State Chancellery Brandenburg, Head of Division „Demographic Change, Department for the coordination of civic action, awards“</p> <p>Dr. Harald Michel (Director of Institute of Applied Demography, Berlin)</p> <p>Heidemarie Rubart, Leader of the coordination department „Perspectives of young people“ at the Democratic Youth Foundation</p> <p>Spokesperson for the JWP association “Right in the Middle” inc. from Neuruppin (TBC)</p> <p>Moderation: Tobias Kemnitzer, IDF/FRFG Member of board</p>
Around 18.00	Conclusion	

Where to for the youth?

Germany is currently facing its lowest rate of childbirth since the Second World War. Since 1972 the death rate has already overshoot the birth rate, the previous generation still only being replaced by two thirds. According to Federal Office statistics, the German population has, over the last year, shrunk by around 250,000 people. The Eastern states have been especially affected by this particular development.

This shrinking society poses new challenges in many areas of life. But however surprising it might sound, the shrinking of the community also opens up new opportunities. Our most important objective is to realise these opportunities. This requires, however, letting go of obsolete notions of a continually growing society.

To highlight these opportunities in political and social discourse, the Institute for a Better Demographic Future has offered the 2nd Demography Prize for Young Scientists. The prize money of this bi-yearly awards ceremony to the amount of €10,000 is financed by the "Stiftung Apfelbaum" who also helped in the prize's foundation.

Participants may look forward to fascinating speeches, engaging discussions and the celebratory bestowal of the 2nd Demography Prize for Young Scientists.

Hosts:

Institute for a Better Demographic Future (IDF) / Future Rights for Future Generations

FRFG is a non-profit research institute that joins the dots between politics, science and economics. The IDF is an institute working in affiliation with FRFG. Its research focus is the demographic group of topics surrounding ageing and shrinking of the population, trends in birth rates and migration.

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Venue:

The conference will take place in the Landesvertretung Brandenburg (Federal Representation of Brandenburg) in Berlin. It is situated in the area of the former Ministergärten between the Brandenburg Gate and Potsdamer Platz.

Directions:



As there are no parking spaces available, we recommend the use of public transport:

- **S- and U-Bahn stop "Potsdamer Platz":** 3 minutes' walk along Ebertstraße in the direction of the Brandenburg gate.
- **U-Bahn stop "Mohrenstraße":** 3 minutes' walk along Wilhelmstraße and An der Kolonnade.

Registration:

Attendance at the conference is free. However, registering by sending an e-mail to info@demografie.net is recommended. Your registration will be confirmed by the organisers.

Further Information

To find out more about the conference and the Demography Prize visit:

www.demografie.net

www.generationengerechtigkeit.de