

Press release: Defund the Humboldt Forum!

Opening of the decolonial action space Spreeufer



Photos: Posters from the CCWAH campaign and ship by Daniela Zambrano and Pablo Santacana in Spreeufer

There must be no ‘business as usual’ for the Humboldt Forum in the Berlin Palace! To this end, we have opened an action space in its immediate vicinity in the Nikolaiviertel under the name of Spreeufer, directly at Spreeufer 6. From here we hurl a decisive and powerful “No way!” in the direction of cultural-imperial megalomania. Positioned on the opposite side of the shore, we will bring our protest into the public arena through information, discussion, exhibitions, decolonial tours, and further actions.

The Humboldt Forum must not be permitted to turn a blind eye to the massive criticisms that have plagued it since the very beginning. We will join forces until the Prussian palace has been dismantled, brick by brick, once again: Tear it Down! On the occasion of the Humboldt Forum’s public opening, we call for the defunding of this money-devouring monster and for the flow of funds to be meaningfully redirected toward decolonial initiatives.

Spreeufer is a merging of two initiatives and a part of Decolonize Berlin:

- *The Coalition of Cultural Workers against the Humboldt Forum (CCWAH)* is an initiative made up of international cultural workers who have previously brought their protests into the city via a number of actions. (<https://ccwah.info>)
- *BARAZANI.berlin* is a virtual space that emerged from the Decolonize Alliance’s Museums and Collections Working Group and which took up residence at the “empty” Schlossplatz at the end of 2020. Its aim is to counter this regressive, large-scale, national undertaking with a decolonial, activist-artistic platform. (<https://barazani.berlin>)

SCHEDULE

July 9, 18:00 Exhibition opening

With a first exhibition, curated by Dirk Teschner in collaboration with Raul Walch, we invite you to Spreeufer 6:

RE-MOVE SCHLOSS

July 10-25, 2021

Opening: Friday, 9.7.21 / 18:00

Performance at 19:00: Otto Oskar Hernández Ruiz and Shin Hyo Jin

With: Jan Brokof, Verena Issel, Owned by Others, Rosa Kollektiv, Schroeter & Berger, Raul Walch, Ina Wudtke, The Coalition of Cultural Workers Against the Humboldt Forum, and PsychoBoddin - Volksbegierden Totale Rekonstruktion (fed and cared for by JP Raether)

Hours of the exhibition:

Fri-Sun: 15-19:00

July 15 and July 19 Video release

From July 15, the video *Defund the Humboldt Forum* will be viewable on our website <https://ccwah.info> and social media channels as well as in our storefront window as part of the exhibition *RE-MOVE SCHLOSS*. A looped screening of the video will take place on the evening of July 19, beginning at 22:00 under the bridge right beside Spreeufer 6.

July 20, 13:00 Protest

On Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 13:00 we invite you to join us and numerous others in protest against the opening of the so-called Humboldt Forum. Meeting point: in front of the palace.

Mid-July Poster campaign

In 2020 a number of cultural workers responded to our call to design posters positioning themselves against the Humboldt Forum. The over 40 posters can be seen on the CCWAH website: <https://ccwah.info>

A selection of 12 posters will be pasted throughout the city in mid-July.

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