

14:00 — Interlude

Dr. Dr. Danielle G. Daude & Maria Exner
Founder, The String Archestra & Deputy Editor in
Chief, ZEIT ONLINE

The String Archestra

Florence Price: Quartet in G major (1929) – Andante
Moderato and Allegretto

14:10 — Lightning talks

Jeremy Cliffe, Brussels bureau chief & Charlemagne-
Columnist, The Economist

Yasmine Ouirhrane, Young European of the Year 2019

Philippe van Parjis, Philosopher, University of Louvain

Samantha Cristoferetti, Astronaut, European Space
Agency

14:40 — Countering polarization with dialogue

The String Archestra

Florence Price: Quartet in G major (1929) – Allegro

In conversation with three debate pairs of My Country Talks events

Speakers: Jussi Ruotsalainen & Paula Plysjuk
(Finland), Anne Helgers & Anno Mühlhoff (Germany),
Enrico Verno & Anna Albanese (Italy)

Moderation: Maria Exner & Philip Faigle, ZEIT ONLINE

Yvonne Lee Schultz

Artist, ONE SKY FLAGS

15:15 — Let's start the debate

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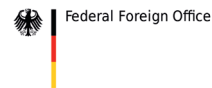
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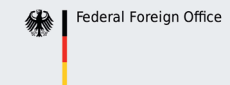
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PROGRAMME

13:30 — Welcome to Europe Talks

The String Orchestra

Chevalier de Saint-Georges: Quatuor 1 opus 1 (1773) – Allegro

Jochen Wegner & Maria Exner

Editor in Chief & Deputy Editor in Chief, ZEIT ONLINE

Michelle Müntefering

Minister of State for International Cultural Policy,
German Federal Foreign Office

ARTISTS & SPEAKERS

THE STRING ORCHESTRA

Violin: Sarah Martin, Karin Zöllner, Tiffany E. Tan, Rosina Blake, Susanne Froelich
Viola: Dr. Dr. Daniele G. Daude • Violoncello: Angela S. Berg, Eurico Mathias

The String Orchestra is a Berlin-based chamber ensemble consisting of eight professional musicians of colour. The ensemble was created in 2016 by musicologist and violinist Dr. Dr. Daniele G. Daude to perform the works of composers of colour from the Baroque to the present and to empower musicians of colour in classical music. A special focus is placed on composers who have been overlooked in music history because of their ethnicity and gender.

JEREMY CLIFFE

The journalist Jeremy Cliffe is Brussels bureau chief of the Economist and the author of the magazine's weekly "Charlemagne" column on Europe. Cliffe extensively covered Britain's referendum on Brexit in 2016 and the German federal election in 2017 as the Economist's Berlin bureau chief. In the past, he worked at the European Parliament in Brussels and the Economist Intelligence Unit in New York. He studied at Oxford and Harvard.

SAMANTHA CRISTOFORETTI

Officially selected as an astronaut by the European Space Agency (ESA) in 2009, Samantha Cristoforetti, born in Milan in 1977, became the first Italian woman to travel to space. She holds the record for the longest uninterrupted space-flight of a European astronaut: Between November 2014 and June 2015, she spent 199 days on board the International Space Station (ISS). Cristoforetti holds degrees in aeronautical sciences, mechanical engineering and aerodynamics from universities in Italy, Germany, Russia and France.

MICHELLE MÜNTEFERING

Born in Herne, Germany, in 1980, the journalist and politician Michelle Müntefering is a member of the German federal parliament, the Bundestag, for the Social Democratic Party (SPD)

and Minister of State for International Cultural Policy at the German Federal Foreign Office. From 2015 to 2017, she served as spokeswoman for the SPD parliamentary group in the Subcommittee on Foreign Cultural and Educational Policy.

YVONNE LEE SCHULTZ

Born in Berkeley, California, in 1966, contemporary artist Yvonne Lee Schultz works in Berlin and San Francisco. She graduated from Kunstakademie Düsseldorf in 1996. For her latest work, "ONE SKY FLAGS," the artist invited children aged nine to 14 in all EU member countries to take a photo of the sky. One picture from each country will be printed as flags, each measuring two by three metres in size. In an exceptional exhibition, 28 "ONE SKY FLAGS" will be raised on the flagpoles at the European Parliament in Strasbourg on the annual Europe Day on May 19, 2019.

YASMINE QUIRHRANE

In 2019, Yasmine Quirhrane (23) became the recipient of the Young European of the Year award from the Schwarzkopf Foundation for her work in the area of women's equality and equal opportunities for migrants in Europe. The daughter of Italian-Moroccan parents, Quirhrane studied international relations at Sciences Po Bordeaux. She currently lives in France, where she promotes the empowerment of young people in socio-economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

PHILIPPE VAN PARIJS

Born in 1951 in Brussels, Philippe Van Parijs is professor emeritus of economics and social ethics at the Université Catholique de Louvain. He is a longstanding visiting professor at Harvard University and at the University of Oxford. Van Parijs is a passionate proponent of the concept of a basic income and as a linguist, he addresses the arising injustices related to the use of English as a global lingua franca. In 2001, Van Parijs was awarded the Francqui Prize in recognition of his scholarly achievements.