

4 reasons why you should attend the International Congress of the ALLEA from 8 to 10 May 2019

## Number 1: Mariana Mazzucato Laureate of the Madame de Staël Prize



With her work on the entrepreneurial state and its important role in the innovation Mariana Mazzucato is shaping a new narrative for Europe and its economy. That is why we are particularly excited to hear her speak as she has also been influential in the design of the next European Union Research Framework. During the 25th anniversary celebration of ALLEA on 8 May we award the ALLEA Madame de Staël Prize to economist Mariana Mazzucato.

It is our honour to announce that for this occasion, the Swiss Federal Councillor Guy Parmelin, Head of the Swiss Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research will introduce the Madame de Staël award ceremony with a welcome address. Jean-Eric Paquet, European Commission Director-General for Research and Innovation, will deliver the ALLEA 25th anniversary speech.

[Register here](#)

## Number 2: Captivating Science Symposium



A wide variety of renowned speakers and contributors will participate on 9 May to delve into the depths of science and society in present-day Europe. The programme includes keynote lectures by ERC President Jean-Pierre Bourguignon and Madeleine Herren-Oesch, Director of the Institute for European Global Studies of the University of Basel. Furthermore, an interactive citizen science session is organised by the Swiss Science et Cité foundation. There will also be a panel on how discussions among the public shape science advice. Lastly, presentations from early-career researchers illustrate the potential of a 'Re-Enlightenment'.

During captivating sessions, we explore the interplay between science, politics and society. In doing so, we will focus, among other things, on the current topic of microplastic and how the moon landing of 1969 has impacted society. All these discussions attract a community of experts from all around Europe, who have the opportunity to network at the event.

[Further information about the speakers](#)

## Number 3: An Exciting Science Walk



Throughout the years, Bern has proven to be a scientifically important city. Even Albert Einstein got the inspiration for his revolutionary theory of relativity in this very place. You will explore this place from an unconventional perspective. As you stroll through the alleys of this mesmerising and historic city, learn how memorable locations related to science intersect with the lives of notable researchers.

Afterwards, the Natural History Museum welcomes us to a memorable dinner surrounded by meteorites and rock crystals. Surprise your palate with different dishes and flavours.

[Further information](#)

## Number 4: Discover Basel on the Tracks of Innovation, Research and History



It is a great pleasure to invite you to the 25th anniversary of ALLEA, the European Federation of Academies of Sciences and Humanities. We will celebrate this occasion with the conference Science and Society in Present-Day in Bern, hosted by the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences, on 8-9 May.

Are you unable to join us for the event in Bern next week? We got you covered!

[More details](#)

## Bonus Music, autonomous camera and splendid views



Musical performances and an autonomous camera contribute to special and memorable moments at the event. Matthias Müller, musician and start-up founder of SABRe innovatively combines acoustic music with the digital world. Our musical guests also include Gardan Quartet, four young, talented musicians, who express passion and emotions through their performance. Furthermore, Sami Loertscher and Heinz Maeder, who are accomplished Alphorn players, will deliver a performance with an Alphorn.

Last but not least, Seervision, winner of the Swiss Technology Award 2018, fully autonomously the concept of camera operation, which allows an almost fully autonomous video production. Follow the results of this technical achievement with a livestream on Youtube. Our creative and innovative acts perform and present at the Congress Centre Kursaal and the University of Bern. Both locations present a breathtaking view of Bern city.

[To the livestream \(only active from May 8\)](#)

### Further information

**ALLEA 25th Anniversary**  
[Registration to the event](#) →

**Program**  
8-10 May  
[Bern-Basel](#) →

### Speakers

Alec von Graffenried  
Mayor of Bern →

Antonio Loprieno  
President of ALLEA and the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences →

Christian Leumann  
Rector of the University of Bern →

Connie Nshemereirwe  
Science and Policy Facilitator,  
Actualise Africa →

Dilyana Mihaylova  
Marine Plastics Project Manager,  
Fauna & Flora International →

Francesco Profumo  
President of the Compagnia di San Paolo →

Giulia Carlini  
Staff Attorney, Center for International  
Environmental Law →

Guy Parmelin  
Head of the Swiss Federal  
Department of Economic Affairs,  
Education and Research →

Jean-Eric Paquet  
Director-General of Directorate  
Research and Innovation, European  
Commission →

Jean-Pierre Bourguignon  
President of the European Research  
Council →

József Györkös  
Director of Slovenian Research  
Agency →

Koen Vermeir  
Research Professor at the Centre  
National de la Recherche Scientifique  
→

Lesley Wilson  
Secretary General of the European  
University Association →

Madeleine Herren-Oesch  
Director of the Institute for European  
Global Studies, University of Basel →

Mariana Mazzucato  
Founder and Director of the UCL  
Institute for Innovation & Public  
Purpose →

Michael Saliba  
Incoming professor at the Technical  
University Darmstadt, Germany →

Nicola Forster  
President, Science et Cité →

Nicole Grobert  
Member of the European  
Commission's Group of Chief  
Scientific Advisors →

Sabine Pahl  
Associate Professor in Psychology,  
University of Plymouth, UK →

Vivienne Parry  
Science writer and broadcaster →

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