



Call for Participation for the re:publica 2017: Plenty of Inspiration!

The Call for Participation closes with 1050 submissions +++ First impressions of the #rp17 programme
New website for MEDIA CONVENTION Berlin

Berlin, 9 February – The Call for Participation for the eleventh edition of the re:publica came to a successful close on Tuesday. We had a total of 1050 submissions reach us from Germany and all around the world between November 1st, 2016 and January 31st, 2017. We'd like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who took the time to help shape Europe's biggest conference on digital society through the submission of their exciting ideas, projects, panel discussions, meet-ups, workshops or activities.

The re:publica program team is now very busy giving the entries a final once-over and assessing them together with the [program committee](#). After all, the submissions from the Call for Participation make up half of the re:publica program! And one of the three stages at the MEDIA CONVENTION Berlin, which is also curated by the re:publica.

First program insights

We can already provide you with some insights into the event program. #rp17 will focus on the issues of communities in the dark web, machine learning, the ethics of artificial intelligence as well as discuss fake news, data monitoring, and Facebook algorithms. Recent political changes will traditionally resound through our program. In the light of past and upcoming elections and lurking menace of denationalized Europe, we will talk about hacking democracy and discuss multiple alternative projects on European cooperation.

We have received exciting submissions for our new thematic tracks - [re:blog](#) and [science:fiction](#). With same conviction, the abstracts cover podcasts, space elevator or ponder over how much science fiction has already found its way into our lives.

Among the confirmed speakers that will present at #rp17 and #MCB17 are political advisor and terrorism expert [Peter Naumann](#), human right advocate [Clemantine Wamariya](#), the executive director of Mozilla Foundation Mark Surman, the author of "Hass im Netz" Ingrid Broding, co-director of *In Place of War* Ruth Daniel, and American roboteer [Lisa Winter](#) of ABC's "BattleBots"

Love Out Loud - the motto of the re:publica 2017

With "Love Out Loud" as this year's motto, our goal is to bring together participants, speakers and performers from May 8th to 10th and deliver a surprising, diverse and future-oriented program on the many stages at the STATION-Berlin – a program that takes the time to consider real dystopias, while also giving utopias room to breathe.

The big questions facing digital society are discussed at the re:publica: digital policy, digital civil rights and the fight for a free, open internet are the important issues here. Topics like health, digital education, music or FinTech are given their own subconferences – just like more unusual connections, such as those between the web and the environment, which takes place this year in the form of the [sub:marine](#). The talks are complemented by hands-on projects, exhibitions and a supporting program.

New web presence for the #MCB17

As of this week the MEDIA CONVENTION Berlin (MCB) shares a website with the #rp17: www.mediaconventionberlin.com. For the fourth year running, the MCB will take place jointly with the re:publica. This year, current topics concerning digital media society, market trends and media and digital policy will be discussed from May 8th to 10th at the STATION-Berlin. The website design and CI – a product of the fertig design agency – were coordinated so that the two events not only complement and support each other in content, but also in their online presence.

pre:publica - update on early accreditation

We will open the gates to re:publica a day prior to its official start again this year! Starting on Sunday, May 7th from 4 to 9 pm you can check in and partake in the pre-opening party at the STATION. Snacks, drinks and good vibes are guaranteed. Free admission.

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About re:publica:

re:publica is the most exciting conference about the Internet and Digital Society in Europe. It brings together more than 8,000 participants to discuss the issues of the contemporary digital society. Here bloggers meet with politicians, scientists with entrepreneurs, artists with activists. The shareholders of republica GmbH, newthinking communications and Spreblich Verlag, have been active in the field of net politics, digital culture and society for more than a decade. The next re:publica will take place in Berlin, on May 8-10, 2017.

About MEDIA CONVENTION Berlin (MCB):

The MEDIA CONVENTION Berlin 2017 will also be held from May 8th to 10th at the STATION-Berlin. It is the main media congress in the German capital region. Experts from the fields of media, science and politics will meet and exchange ideas with decision-makers and stakeholders in the digital economy and tackle questions on media and digital policy, market trends, and the development of the media society. The MEDIA CONVENTION Berlin is organized on behalf of the States of Berlin and Brandenburg by the Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg and the Medienanstalt Berlin-Brandenburg (mabb) in cooperation with the re:publica.

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