

# Call for Participants

## Space for Dialogue

Since October 7, 2023, public discourse in Germany has grown increasingly polarized, marked by mistrust and strong emotions. Antisemitism, anti-Muslim sentiment, and anti-immigrant attitudes are on the rise. Public debates and private discussions are often marked by pressure to take a clear stance, leaving little space for nuance, complexity, or quieter voices.

But controversial debates are essential for a pluralistic democratic society. We are creating a brave space for people with international backgrounds to come together and engage in open and respectful dialogue – without the pressure to position themselves in a particular way or the fear to be (miss)quoted afterwards. Therefore the discussions follow the Chatham House rules. Our goal is to make diverse perspectives visible and to foster deeper understanding through moderated conversations on complex and often contentious issues.

### How does it work?

A core group of 8–10 participants with international backgrounds will meet in six closed sessions with experts from politics, academia, and civil society. After a short expert input, the group will engage in a moderated discussion. Each session lasts two hours (7:00–9:00 p.m.), with the opportunity for informal conversation afterwards.

### Key topics include

- Solidarity and Alliances after Oct 7<sup>th</sup>
- Antisemitism and Anti-Muslim Sentiment
- Freedom of Speech
- Belonging and Exclusion
- Germany's Culture of Remembrance

### We welcome participants, who

- Are open to dialogue and curious about different perspectives
- Are willing to engage respectfully, even when views diverge
- Are willing to commit to attending all or most of the six sessions
- Are active in fields such as migration, arts, culture, education, or journalism

### What we offer

- A confidential and respectful space for in-depth conversations with experts
- The opportunity to contribute your voice and insights to a vital discourse
- A financial compensation (Ehrenamtszuschale) for participants who attend regularly
- The possibility to have selected reflections and contributions published online (with your consent)

**Application is open until May 4th !**



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### Who we are

**Yasmin Merei:** Journalist, human rights activist, founder of *Women for Common Space*

**Tanja Lenuweit:** Project coordinator with a focus on *Remembrance in the postmigrant society*

### Dates

22. Mai, 19:00–21:00 Uhr

26. Juni, 19:00–21:00 Uhr

The remaining four sessions will take place between early September and late November.

### Location

Minor – Projektkontor für Bildung und Forschung,  
Alt-Reinickendorf 25, 13407 Berlin  
U 8 Paracelsus-Bad: ca. 450 m  
S 25 Alt-Reinickendorf: ca. 600 m



The project:  
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