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Important Dates

O1 October 2009: Opening of formal inscription31 December 2009: Deadline for abstract submission

31 January 2010: Letter of Acceptance 28 February 2010: Full paper submission

21-23 April 2010: Congress

Congress Website

www.hu-berlin.de/climatechange2010

Continents under Climate Change

Conference on the Occasion of the 200th Anniversary of the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

In cooperation with the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina Under the auspices of the German Federal Foreign Office

21 - 23 April 2010

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The Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin – the Modern Original

In response to the new social, political, economic and scientific challenges of the early 19th century, the University of Berlin was founded on the basis of ideas put forward by the brothers Wilhelm and Alexander von Humboldt and other radical thinkers, combining research and education in the same institution. Furthermore, Alexander von Humboldt can be considered to be one of the co-founders of modern climatology. In this context the congress "Continents under Climate Change" was planned as a special event of the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin on its 200th anniversary.

The conference is organised in close co-operation with the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) and the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina.

About the Congress

Climate change is one of the most urgent problems and a huge challenge for mankind. In its tradition to be the "modern classic" the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin will host an international scientific congress on the consequences of climate change on a continental scale. The Alma Mater Berolinensis will offer a platform to discuss the state of knowledge of climate change and its risks for nature and humans. Contributions from natural sciences are expected to provide information about the internal mechanisms of the climate system. However, the congress aims to identify and synthesise the socio-economic and political impacts of climate change as well.

The aim of the congress is to strengthen the awareness of the impacts on different natural environments and socio-economic systems. In the best tradition of the Humboldt brothers the scientific results of climate impact research have to be transferred to society. So, the congress is destinated to scientists, decision makers, students and the interested public. At the beginning of the post-Kyoto-process the congress should be a reminder of the overall importance of climate change.

General Topics of the Congress

Scientists are invited to submit papers in the following topics:

- Climate change for different space and time scales related to the continents
- Environmental indicators for climate change
- Cities and climate change
- Climate change mitigation
- · Adaptation to climate change

Congress Venue and Format

The conference will be hosted at the German Foreign Office in Berlin. An invited special lecture "Climate Change – from Physics to Politics" to be given by Angela Merkel (inquired) in the evening of April 21, 2010, will take place at Auditorium maximum of the Humboldt University.

The conference will be comprised of invited talks, panel discussions, a series of oral sessions, poster presentations and a public lecture. Moreover, it offers an exhibition and a social programme.

Keynote Speakers

Ottmar Edenhofer, Germany
Phil Jones, United Kingdom
Karin Lochte, Germany
Angela Merkel, Germany
Neville Nicholls, Australia
Carlos Nobre, Brazil
Rajendra Pachauri, India
Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, Germany
Steven Schneider, USA
Roland Schulze, South Africa
Achim Steiner, Kenya
Kazuhiko Takeuchi, Japan
Klaus Töpfer, Germany

Expression of Interest and Call for papers

Please send your expression of interest by an informal email to the contact addresses shown below and your name will be included in the conference list for all future communication. We are now open to receive titles of potential papers for the conference. If you are interested in presenting a paper or poster please send your abstract via email to one of the organisers. Abstracts should be prepared of not more than 400 words and formatted as doc file.

Registration

Online registration starts 1 October 2009.

Early registration fee (registration until 31 January 2010)	
Regular	250 €
Undergraduate and Doctoral Students	150 €

Late registration fee (registration after 31 January 2010)	
Regular	300 €
Undergraduate and Doctoral Students	200€

Online registration and payment by credit card will be possible.

Accommodation

A list of hotels for congress participants will be published on the conference website when registration starts.

Social Programme

An interesting social programme will be offered. Please refer to our website in the next few months.