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Our view of the future is open

Futurium itself, and the exhibition it houses, will open on the evening of 5 September 2019. Visitors can experience visions of the future on over 3,000 m². In three large ‘thinking spaces’, it presents potential futures from different areas of life to visitors – from self-sufficient cities, to the future of work and ideas for more sustainable consumption. Publishing house Sandstein Verlag is releasing a book on the exhibition and Futurium’s work on 5 September 2019.

Located in the very heart of Berlin, Futurium will open its doors to the public on 5 September. The institution’s first-floor exhibition on the future will also then be on display for the first time. Androids, green high-rise buildings, social commerce: there are endless ways to think about the future. The exhibition showcases five topics from the visitors’ lives: food, health, energy, work and urban living. The three major thinking spaces – humans, nature and technology – present different ways we can influence the future. The topics there revolve around the greatest challenges of our present. For instance, when thinking about the future of the energy supply, we must also consider climate change and consumption. Digitalisation and new forms of cooperation also play a major role in the future of work.

“There is no ‘one’ future. There are as many conceivable futures as there are people on this earth who dream about tomorrow and beyond. Our decisions in the present point the way forward to one future or another,” explains Dr Gabriele Zipf, Head of Exhibitions. “This thought is the foundation for all of our work at Futurium. That is why we don’t want to present finished future scenarios for the world of tomorrow, instead showing building blocks for many possible futures.”

All of Futurium’s concepts were developed by a scientific team. Many expert researchers and members of civil society advised us on the range of contents, helped us make the final choices and finally reviewed the concepts and texts.

Fluid permanent exhibition

Futurium’s exhibition is designed as a fluid permanent exhibition, with change being an inherent part of the exhibition design itself. The initial topics will be modified and expanded gradually to do justice to the variety of possible futures. Visitors will be involved in choosing the new exhibition topics.

Launch publication

Publishing house Sandstein Verlag will be bringing out the catalogue ‘Futurium. House of Futures’ to mark the launch of Futurium. The book presents the institution’s work, as well as a collection of short essays by philosophers and futurologists. It also guides readers through the exhibition and the Futurium Lab. And, because the future affects all of us, it includes plenty of activity pages to colour in, think about and try out.

Futurium. Haus der Zukünfte (House of Futures)

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Further information:

- Exhibition: <https://futurium.de/en/exhibition>
- Opening program: <https://futurium.de/en/opening>
- Guided tours: <https://futurium.de/en/education-and-outreach/guided-tours>
- Launch publication: www.sandstein.de/futurium
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About Futurium:

Futurium is a house of futures, where everything revolves around the question of how we want to live. In the exhibition, visitors can discover many possible futures, discuss them in the Forum and try out their own ideas in the Futurium Lab. We already know that we will have to overcome significant challenges in the future. How can we deal with climate change? Which technologies do we want to use in future? Does technology serve us – or do we serve it? How do we want to co-exist as a society – are there alternatives to 'higher, faster, further'? Our decisions and actions in the present play a part in creating the future. As a result, Futurium aims to encourage all visitors to think about and help shape the future.

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