

## **The GYA to Represent Young Scientists at European Commission Discussions**

**Berlin, 20 October 2015** – The Global Young Academy (GYA) will bring the voices of international young scientists to the table at the European Commission's Joint Research Center (JRC) meeting on "The Inequality of Climate Change", exploring the link between climate change, poverty and inequality. GYA member Jan-Christoph Heilinger, Academic Director of the Ethics-Centre at the University of Munich, will participate in a wide-ranging panel discussion alongside European science and policy leaders.

### **The Inequality of Climate Change**

The event co-organized by JRC and Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften (BBAW) titled "[The Inequality of Climate Change – Scientific and Policy Challenges and Perspectives](#)" will explore the link between climate change, poverty and inequality within the context of the international debate on the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) and the [21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC in Paris \(COP21\)](#).

**When:** 21 October 2015, 09:30 – 13:30

**Where:** Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften  
Jägerstraße 22/23, 10117 Berlin,  
Einstein-Saal

The panelists will be looking at how scientific progress and policy initiatives can help address the challenges of mitigating and adapting to climate change. It is expected that this discussion will look closely at the implications of climate change for the developing world in particular.

The inclusion of the GYA in this meeting brings an important new perspective to policy discussions. With a membership of 200 outstanding early career scientists from 54 countries, the GYA offers input from young leaders in science whose skills will be called upon to deal with global issues in the future.

The GYA will also sign a letter of intent with the Joint Research Center to pursue closer ties and a focused cooperation with the Joint Research Center. This follows up on successful collaborations such as the project "[Invisible Worlds](#)" and a Joint Conference on "[Scientific support for policy making in sustainable development](#)" to be held in Sweden on 17 November 2015.

## About the Global Young Academy

The Global Young Academy was founded in 2010 with the vision to be the voice of young scientists around the world. The GYA empowers early-career researchers to lead international, interdisciplinary, and intergenerational dialogue by developing and mobilizing talent from six continents. Its purpose is to promote reason and inclusiveness in global decision-making. Members are chosen for their demonstrated excellence in scientific achievement and commitment to service. Currently there are 200 members and 101 alumni from 67 countries. The academy is hosted at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) in cooperation with the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina. The GYA received its seed funding from the Volkswagen Foundation and has since 2014 been funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and supported by the IAP: the Global Network of Science Academies. The GYA has also benefitted from project funding from a variety of donors and partners.

A brief report giving insight into the organization's major achievements as the voice of young scientists may be downloaded at <http://bit.ly/1L7WbQy>.

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