

A.S.K  
Social Science Award

Award Ceremony

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## Program

**6.00 p.m. Reception**

**7.00 p.m. Award Presentation**

- *Hymn To Freedom (Oscar Peterson)*
- Welcome Address by Jutta Allmendinger
- Welcome Address by Dorothea Kübler
- Welcome Address by Alex Chen
- *Night And Day (Cole Porter)*
- Presentation of the Fellowship Award to Maria Polipciuc
- Laudation by Carola Lentz
- *L.O.V.E. (Bert Kaempfert)*
- Presentation of the A.SK Social Science Award to James C. Scott
- "In Praise of Floods": Acceptance speech by James Scott

**8.30 p.m. End of Ceremony**

### JAMES C. SCOTT

James C. Scott, Sterling Professor of Political Science and Professor of Anthropology at Yale University. He receives the award for his life-long research on agrarian societies and the importance of place and environment in relation to politics and social organization. His analysis of the limits of state planning led him to be an advocate of the possibilities of "not being governed", of the capacity of people to govern themselves in local communities. Through his work, James Scott has become one of the most influential social scientists of the last 50 years.

### CAROLA LENTZ

Carola Lentz, Professor of Anthropology at the University of Mainz and President of the Goethe-Institut. Lentz served as president of the German Anthropological Association and vice-president of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities. Visiting professorships and fellowships have taken her to France, the Netherlands, the United States and South Africa. Her research focuses on ethnicity, nationalism, colonialism, politics of remembrance, middle classes in the Global South and labor migration.

### ALEX CHEN

Alex Chen is the A.SK Council speaker. He holds a degree in Electrical Engineering from the Universities of California and Southern California. After his studies he returned to Hongkong to work in the family property and investment business. In 1999 he moved to the San Francisco Bay Area in the same function. He is the Chairman of A.SK Holdings, Inc.

### JUTTA ALLMENDINGER

Jutta Allmendinger has been the President of the WZB Berlin Social Science Center since 2007 and is Professor of Educational Sociology and Labor Market Research at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Her research focuses on major issues of social inequality such as employment, housing, wealth and poverty.

### DOROTHEA KÜBLER

Dorothea Kübler is the director of the department "Market Behavior" at the WZB and a professor of Economics at the Technical University of Berlin. She is a member of the senate of the DFG (German Science Foundation), and the deputy chairwoman of the Einstein Foundation, Berlin.

### KENNETH BERKEL

Kenneth Berkel is a passionate jazz pianist, composer and arranger. He studied at the renowned Berlin Jazz Institute and has played with the Big Band of the Deutsche Oper and in the Youth Jazz Orchestras of Berlin, Brandenburg and Hamburg. Since 2018 he held a scholarship by Y. Menuhin Live Music Now Berlin.