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Global Challenges of the 21st Century

1) *Technological development and human health/ quality of life*

2) *Climate change and environmental sustainability*

3) *Democracy and cohesion in Europe*

Die Junge Akademie: Looking back at the Beginning

In 2000 Die Junge Akademie was launched in Berlin. It is the first academy of young academics worldwide, and it is going to celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2020. At the core of this young academy are interdisciplinary research groups that address questions from the perspectives of different disciplines. Besides this, it is an important goal for its members to be involved at the intersection of academia and society, and to apply to topics of university and research policy. The 20 founding members were in principle free to draw up the statutes for this newly established institution. We will portray this relatively new organisation. Then, we will try to recall the history of its institutionalisation to some extent, and to reflect on how this was adopted and formed further on by newcomers.

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