

## Press release

22 June 2022

### **Contested Histories, Shared Futures Conference of the European Alliance of Academies in Amsterdam, 28/29 June 2022**

Akademie van Kunsten (KNAW) Amsterdam  
Streamed live at [www.allianceofacademies.eu](http://www.allianceofacademies.eu)

Art and cultural institutions across Europe have begun to re-examine their own history – a process that is also instituting lasting change in cultural and artistic practices. Be it the content of collections, the significance of monuments in public spaces or the renaming and reconfiguration of art institutions – the debate about levels of meaning, past and future, is becoming increasingly political and heated.

The reasons for this are manifold, as are the ways in which the debates are being conducted. The **conference “Contested Histories, Shared Futures”** invites artists, writers, curators and political leaders to discuss the contentious issues on the basis of concrete examples.

Illuminating the cultural significance of historical events can contribute productively to shaping new shared perspectives. The **European Alliance of Academies** is convinced that artistic approaches can contribute substantially to a re-appraisal of narratives and our own practices so that the future challenges of European societies can be met.

With, among others, Bruno Alves de Almeida, Liesbeth Bik, Vasyl Cherepanyn, Charles Esche, RAAAF Rietveld Architecture Art Affordances, Andreja Kulunčić, Jeanine Meerapfel, Amina Menia, Joanna Rajkowska, Wendelien van Oldenborgh, Fernando Sánchez Castillo, Paul Spies and Aleš Šteger.

The public programme will be streamed live at [www.allianceofacademies.eu](http://www.allianceofacademies.eu).

An event of the European Alliance of Academies, organised by the Akademie der Künste and the Akademie van Kunsten (KNAW). Funded by the German Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb)

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**Event details**

**European Alliance of Academies**  
**Contested Histories, Shared Futures**

Tuesday, 28 June 2022, 4 pm

Wednesday, 29 June 2022, 2 pm

In English

Akademie van Kunsten (KNAW) Amsterdam + live streaming

Trippenhuis, Kloveniersburgwal 29, 1011 JV Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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