



LINDAU NOBEL LAUREATE MEETINGS

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Press Release

Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings: Promising Sciathon Results – Finalists for Presentations During #LINOSD Have Been Selected

- Online Sciathon 2020 from 19 to 21 June – sciathon.org
- 48 Project groups submit promising concepts
- High-ranking jury selects three finalists in each subject area
- Presentations of the best projects during the Online Science Days
- 87 different nationalities as well as Lindau Alumni from 24 different Meetings represented

The finalists of the [Online Sciathon 2020](https://sciathon.org) have been selected. Today the [Jury](#) has announced the results of the 48-hour scientific competition. The three best project groups from the three subject areas (“Lindau Guidelines”, “Communicating Climate Change”, and “Capitalism after Corona”) have been selected and will present their results live on stage during the [Online Science Days 2020](#).

Countess Bettina Bernadotte, President of the Council for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings, concludes: “With the Sciathon, we were not only able to virtually bring together scientists from around the world despite the pandemic, but the submitted projects can contribute essentially to the improvement of the urgent matters facing society”.

The creativity of the idea, the feasibility as well as the quality and relevance of the results were all taken into consideration by the jury. The Sciathon results will be presented on 29 and 30 June as well as 1 July 2020 from 11:30 – 12:30 hrs. CEST on the online platform of the Science Days. At that time, it will be announced live, which project finished first, second, and third and will receive prize money in the amount of 1,500 €, 1,000 €, or 500 € respectively.

Innovative and Promising Results

The Sciathon [Results](#) range from initiatives to make the local effects of climate change tangible; to platforms and apps, which facilitate the interdisciplinary exchange between scientists and the public, or which can expose fake news; to concepts of how to mitigate the economic consequences of the corona pandemic.

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However, now that the Sciathon is over, those ideas should not just disappear. Given the many innovative and promising concepts, the participants will spread their ideas around the world and promote their realisation. The Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings will support them, for example, by providing them access to the Lindau Alumni network.

One week before the start of the Online Science Days 2020, 48 project groups, including Lindau Alumni as well as young scientists and young economists invited to the upcoming Meeting 2021 took part in the Online Sciathon 2020. During the 48 hours, they worked on current problems from the three topic areas mentioned before. In the competition, 87 different nationalities were represented as well as alumni from 24 different Lindau Meetings of the last 40 years (including back to 1982).

The Finalists' Projects – Presentations at the Online Science Days*

Lindau Guidelines (for a global, sustainable, cooperative and open science in the 21st century)

- Group Clifton: authentiSci: Enabling scientists to provide guidance in a post-factual era of media
- Group Elmiger: ANANSI Webinars: Global Webinar Platform
- Group Mărgineanu: Lindau Mentor Hub

Communicating Climate Change

- Group Barreda: #BeeAClimateChangeCommunicator
- Group Bisztray: Climate Change Communicated in Style: A Big Data Approach to Target the Most Effective Influencer
- Group Enniful: CLIMAGUIDE: A Guideline for Effective Communication on Climate Change

Capitalism after Corona:

- Group Abdelmageed: Opportunities Emerging from Crisis: Creative Destruction and Digital Transformation of post COVID-19 Labor Markets
- Group Jonelis: Search Me Baby One More Time: “Coronavirus” Searches Predict Behavioral and Policy Responses Across Countries
- Group Maier: Individual COVID-19 narratives – can they guide 21st century societies to a more social form of capitalism

*Groups are listed in alphabetical order



Numbers and Facts about the Online Sciathon 2020:

- **48 hours** from 19 – 21 June 2020
- **Roughly 500** Scientists in 48 project groups
- **Number of participants:**
207 participants from the 70th Interdisciplinary Meeting,
96 participants from the 7th Meeting on Economic Sciences,
188 Lindau Alumni
- **87 different nationalities**
- **24 different Lindau Meetings** representatives back to 1982
- **3 Main topics:** Lindau Guidelines, Communicating Climate Change, Capitalism after Corona
- **9 Finalists** present during the Online Science Days
- **Impressions** in our [Flickr-Album](#) and at [#Sciathon](#)
- **FAQ and other information** at sciathon.org

Access possibilities for Journalists

With an [Accreditation for the Online Science Days 2020](#), journalists can follow not only the varied programme but also the live presentations by the Sciathon finalists. The communications team of the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings is available for any questions about media contacts and for press materials.

Furthermore, personal contact with group leaders of the Sciathon project groups can also be arranged – for a first-hand report of the innovative format and various topics with successful scientists from around the world.

Photos of the Sciathon are available in our [Flickr-Album](#) for the Online Science Days 2020, which is continuously being updated. Other impressions can be found at [#Sciathon](#).



About the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings

Since their foundation in 1951 the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings have developed into a unique international scientific forum. The annual Meetings provide an opportunity for an exchange between different generations, cultures and disciplines. The theme of the Lindau Meetings alternates between Physics, Chemistry or Physiology and Medicine – the three Nobel Prize scientific disciplines. Every five years an interdisciplinary Meeting takes place, while the Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences is held every three years. Through the medium of various declarations (2015 on Climate Change, 1955 Against the Use of Nuclear Weapons) the scientists have repeatedly joined in the public debate with political appeals.

It was the Lindau physicians Franz Karl Hein and Gustav Wilhelm Parade who approached Count Lennart Bernadotte af Wisborg with the idea of a conference of Nobel Laureates and proceeded to jointly implement this with him – since 1953 with the participation of young scientists. Some 35,000 students, PhD candidates and post-docs have since taken part. Their experience of the Meeting may be literally once-in-a-lifetime, but they remain permanent members of the Lindau Alumni Network and ambassadors for scientific dialogue.

All year long the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings continue to pursue their “Mission Education” aimed at emphasising the importance of science and advocating science and research. This is also the purpose for which the online mediatheque is being developed into a learning platform which includes teaching materials for schools.

Further Information

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