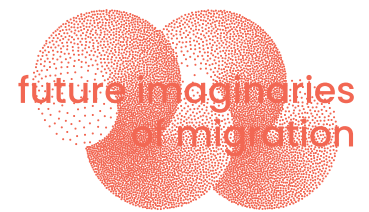


# Migration and Aging Societies: Futures, Frictions and Possibilities

FUTURE LAB BERLIN · JUNE 24 - 26



## Workshop Schedule

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### DAY 1

#### Arrival: From the Past to the Present

Wednesday, June 24  
6pm - 9:30pm

### DAY 2

#### Scenario Lab: From the Present to the Future

Thursday, June 25  
9:15am - 5:15pm

### DAY 3

#### Public Day: Moving Futures

Friday, June 26  
9:00am - 4:00pm

## Day 1 — Arrival: From the Past to the Present Wednesday, June 24

Kreuzberg Tour · meeting point: aquarium at Kottbusser Tor, Skalitzer Straße 6, 10999 Berlin

6:00 – 6.30 pm

#### ARRIVAL

Arrival of the international core team and project partners

6:30 – 7:10 pm

#### WELCOME

#### Welcome to Berlin

and introduction to the Berlin Future Lab program

(by local co-organizer Migration Matters e.V.:

Bernadette Klausberger, Sophia Burton, Julie Reindl)

#### Introducing artist Pinar Öğrenci

(by Goethe-Institut, Katharina von Ruckteschell-Katte)

#### Film screening “Gurbet Is A Home Now”

by Pinar Öğrenci (excerpt, 19min)

7:10 – 8:10 pm

#### TOUR

#### Berlin-Kreuzberg district tour with artist Pinar Öğrenci

“Berlin Is A Home Now”- A City of Different Generations of Immigrants

guided tour in English with selected stops & Q&A along the way

starting point: aquarium / Kottbusser Tor, Skalitzer Straße 6, 10999 Berlin

end point: Künstlerhaus Bethanien, Mariannenplatz 2, 10997 Berlin

for the international core team and project partners

8:15 – 9:30 pm

#### GET-TOGETHER

#### Get-Together at Künstlerhaus Bethanien /

Restaurant – Biergarten 3 Schwestern

welcome drink, and option to have dinner together

for the international core team and project partners

# Day 2 – Scenario Lab: From the Present to the Future

## Thursday, June 25

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Scenario Lab at DeZIM · meeting point: DeZIM, Mauerstrasse 76, 10117 Berlin

9:15 – 9:30 am

**ARRIVAL**

Arrival and Coffee

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9:30 – 9:45 am

**PLENARY**

**Plenary: Welcome & Introduction**

Welcome by the organizers & Introduction of the project  
(Naika Foroutan/Humboldt University Berlin & DeZIM,  
Anna Triandafyllidou/Toronto Metropolitan University,  
Bernadette Klausberger/Migration Matters)

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9:45 – 10:10 am

**PLENARY**

**Plenary: Opening input (research): Naika Foroutan**

Naika Foroutan will introduce the German paradox (at present): the mismatch between economic dependence on migration and growing anti-immigrant attitudes. Her input frames aging not merely as a demographic fact, but as a broader societal transformation — touching labor, belonging, care, and democracy.

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10:10 – 10:30 am

**PLENARY**

**Plenary: Opening input (art): Nicolas Malevé**

In his artistic intervention, visual artist Nicolas Malevé demonstrates that AI can be used as a creative tool to reshape past worldviews into new configurations for the future. But what is not yet apparent? Where are the gaps and hidden unknowns?

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10:30 – 10:50 am

**PLENARY**

**Plenary: How to imagine the Future:**

**Lara El Mekauí (TMU) & Marcus Engler (DeZIM)**

Introduction to Principles of Futures Thinking  
Methodological Background for Scenario Building  
Brief Overview of the 4 Scenarios

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*Participants go to different rooms (scenario working groups 1-4)*

*1: Automation Republic (Open Space)*

*2: Utility First (Saal)*

*3: Radical Inclusivity (R.302)*

*4: Beyond Growth (Cube)*

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10:55 am – 12:45 pm

**SCENARIO LAB**

**Scenario Lab I: Building Futures 2050**

Participants work in 4 groups on one assigned future scenario, with facilitation and process guidance

Analyzing / discussing / critically exploring given scenarios → transformation into more complex, consistent future scenarios

12:45 – 1:45 pm	<b>LUNCH</b> Lunch break at DeZIM (catering)
1:45 – 1:50 pm	<b>PLENARY</b> Plenary: Visual campfire: Projection of first potential future imaginaries Image showcase by Nicolas Malevé and participating artists
<i>Participants go to different rooms (scenario working groups 1-4)</i>	
1:50 – 2:30 pm	<b>SCENARIO LAB</b> Scenario Lab II: The Shocks Groups receive disruptive development and continue work on scenarios
2:30 – 3:30 pm	<b>SCENARIO LAB</b> Scenario Lab III: Better Futures After the shocks, participants discuss desirable and plausible alternative developments for the scenario
3:30 – 3:45 pm	<b>BREAK</b> Coffee Break
<i>Participants move from the 4 working groups to plenary situation</i>	
3:45 – 5:15 pm	<b>PLENARY DISCUSSION</b> Bringing Different Futures Together (Fishbowl discussion) Naika Foroutan in a conversation with guests: Anna Triandafyllidou (Toronto Metropolitan University), Brenda Yeoh (National University of Singapore), Mary Setrana (University of Ghana) & Farhad Dilmaghani (German Federal Ministry for Education, Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, tbc) and other participants from the Scenario Working Groups  Discuss overarching guiding questions and insights / cross-cutting areas across the different scenarios - and exemplify with insights from specific working groups.
approx. 5:15 pm	<b>END</b> End of Lab Informal get-together at DeZIM (snacks & drinks)

# Day 3 – Public Day: Moving Futures

## Friday, June 26

Public Lab at Futurium · meeting point: Futurium – Haus der Zukünfte (museum),  
Alexanderufer 2, 10117 Berlin

9:00 – 9:15 am

**ARRIVAL**

Arrival of core group at Futurium

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9:30 – 9:40 am

**WELCOME**

Public event at Futurium starts

approx. 100 Berliners from different age groups (young & old)

Event in german with english translation (AI generated, on screens)

Welcome by facilitator **Shary Reeves**

and introduction of artist **Canan Bilir-Meier**

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9:40 – 10:15 am

**ARTISTIC INTERVENTION**

The Oracle Speaks ... This Makes Me Want to Predict the Past /

This Makes Me Want to Remember the Future

by **Canan Bilir-Meier & Chana Boekle**

Participants move in space and find others to engage with

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10:15 – 10:30 am

**STORYTELLING**

Researchers' Preview of Future Migration Scenarios 2050

Introducing researchers **Naika Foroutan** and **Anna Triandafyllidou**

Researchers as storytellers: providing brief and tangible insights for the audience  
into two selected future scenarios of migration in Germany

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10:30 – 11:00 am

**INTERACTIVE**

Where Do We Stand?

First reactions to the scenarios by the audience by positioning in space,  
participants move along axes

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11:00 – 11:10 am

**BREAK**

Short Break

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11:10 am – 12:10 pm

**FISHBOWL DISCUSSION**

Wozu Migration? - Why Migration?

The Challenges and Potentials of Migration

in Germany and Aging Societies

Inspired by the 2 future scenarios presented and reactions from the audience

Discussion facilitated by **Shary Reeves**, starting with researchers from  
the core team **Naika Foroutan** and **Anna Triandafyllidou**

+ 2 vacant seats for add. speakers from core team and the audience

Discussion in german (with English AI translation / and German translation  
for English contributors)

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12:10 – 12:20 pm

**OUTLOOK**

**Outlook with the public**

Shary Reeves with Bernadette Klausberger (Migration Matters)

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*Public event ends*

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12:30 – 2:00 pm

**LUNCH**

**Lunch break at Futurium restaurant**

for the international core team and project partners

**INTERVIEWS**

**Recording of short personal statements for audiovisual documentary**

Impressions and Take-Aways from the Labs

(with Naika Foroutan, Anna Triandafyllidou, Mary Setrana, Brenda Yeoh and others tbc)

recorded by Migration Matters team

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2:00 – 3:10 pm

**INTERNAL PLENARY**

**Berlin Future Lab: Reflections from the public event and learnings from the Future Lab scenario discussions**

international core team and project partners, facilitation: Lara El Mekoui

**Farewell and thanks to locals partners**

(Futurium, Robert Bosch Stiftung, Goethe-Institut)

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3:15 – 4:00 pm

**INTERNAL PLENARY**

**Outlook: Next editions Accra, Singapore + Toronto**

international core team only, facilitation: Evelyn Siu

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*optional for international core team:*

*individual visit of the FUTURIUM exhibition (mobility section)*

*exhibition closes at 6pm*

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