

# Topic experts at the Young Climate Conference Berlin



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Farah Mohammadzadeh Valencia is an independent climate and energy consultant. Previously, she was project manager for the EnerTracks training program Energiewende at Agora Energiewende until January 2021. Before, she spent five years as an energy expert at the World Bank, working on long-term studies and infrastructure projects on renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy markets in Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean. She also worked for a solar startup as a

development and marketing manager. She holds a Master’s degree in International Relations with a focus on “Environment, Sustainable Development and Risks” from Sciences Po Paris and a Bachelors in International Relations from Boston University.



Image: David Außerhofer

**Dr Darla Nickel** is Director of the Berlin Regenwasseragentur.

**Expert for the BEK 2030 action area “Adaptation to Climate Change” in the workshop “Buildings and Urban Development / Adaptation to Climate Change”**

Dr Darla Nickel holds a doctorate in engineering for technical environmental protection. Her work focuses on urban water management, climate change adaptation strategies, urban development and communication. She initially worked for many years as a scientist and in municipal and policy consulting. Since 2018, she has been director of the Berlin Regenwasseragentur, a new Berlin service agency that supports the implementation of climate-adapted stormwater management.



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**Dr habil Fritz Reusswig**, Senior Scientist at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research.

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Fritz Reusswig holds a PhD in sociology from the J.W. Goethe University Frankfurt. He is a sociologist and philosopher at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) and has a long-standing experience in research on climate transformation processes. His main areas of work include different dimensions of urban transformations in context with climate change, especially lifestyle and consumption issues as drivers for global

environmental changes. Prior to his engagement with the PIK, he has been working as a Visiting Fellow for the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and at the Caribbean Community Climate Change Center in Belmopan, Belize.



Image: Köhl

**Florian Köhl** is an architect at fatkoehl architects, a Berlin based office founded in 2002.

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A major trait of his work is its constant search for ways of relating people through architecture with their urban surroundings. In this context, Florian and his offices spearheaded efforts to elaborate alternative architectural production models on an all but stale Berlin housing market in the early 2000s. Florian was instrumental in the development of a new building approach – co-housing – which foresaw the major involvement of their clients in the building process and led to a new type of architecture fusing a client’s creativity with the strong design vision of the architect. Florian Köhl researched and taught for several years at the Technical University of Berlin and the Bartlett School of Architecture, London. Florian Köhl is a co-founder of the NBBA (Network of Co-housing Architects in Berlin), Teameleven and Instant City, Berlin.



Image: Tobias Jänecke

**Tobias Jänecke** is Strategic Designer and founder of “circulate to innovate”.

**Expert for the BEK 2030 action area “Economy” in the workshop “Energy / Economy”**

After completing his Master’s degree at the University of Applied Sciences Potsdam, he worked as an Industrial Designer and Design Researcher for Berlin-based agencies and companies in the context of innovation and transformation. Since 2020 he supports manufacturing companies and start-ups in the development of holistic and sustainable products and material-based solutions in the context of Circular Economy and Industrial Design. Moreover, he develops new interdisciplinary methods and gives presentations on how to empower a circular transition by co-creation and design. In addition to his work at circulate to innovate, he is part of the education sector at Circular Berlin. Circular Berlin is a non-profit organisation – developing the circular economy in Berlin through knowledge building practical programmes, community development and education.



Image: Matti Hillia

**Prof Felix Creutzig** is Head of the working group Land Use, Infrastructure and Transport at the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change.

**Expert for the BEK 2030 action area “Transport” in the workshop “Private Households and Consumption / Transport”**

Felix Creutzig is a worldwide recognized scholar on climate change mitigation. He coordinates a chapter on demand, services and social aspects from the upcoming assessment report on climate solutions by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Felix Creutzig is Professor for Sustainability Economics of Human Settlements at the TU Berlin, and Group Leader at the Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change, and had been visiting

fellow at Princeton University, the University of California, Berkeley, and the Energy Foundation in Beijing. His groundbreaking research on climate change mitigation on urban scale has been recognized by the Piers Sellers Prize of the University of Leeds in 2017. Felix had been fellow of the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes, was scholarship receiver of the German National Merit Foundation and also served as president of Netzwerk Europa, its alumni organization.