Improving Society

We are Körber-Stiftung

"Speaking, acting and motivating – that is the triad of our work. We launch debates about issues that are important to society, provide practical impetus in the field of international understanding, contribute to shaping a vibrant civil society and help spur the development of innovative approaches to education and research. In addition, we encourage the public to take the initiative and to shoulder a greater level of responsibility. Kurt A. Körber never viewed himself merely as a patron; he was always an initiator of change, and this approach remains at the core of our foundation. We believe that the value of our work is reflected in a more resilient society and a more robust democracy."

Sincerely,

Lothar Dittmer, Tatjana König and Thomas Paulsen



Our Guiding Principles

What We Stand For

We are confident that if we are to improve society, we need dialogue and understanding. That is why we work to promote understanding between peoples and between social groups in Germany, for greater insight and reflection through science, education and culture, and for scrutiny of our historical origins and identity.

Our work is intended at stimulating debates, trying out new approaches, and encouraging the people around us to get involved.

Speaking. We see ourselves as a platform for social dialogue that brings together people from different political, social and cultural backgrounds. We contribute to ensuring that arguments and ideas holding future promise get a hearing. We involve ourselves via events and publications in current debates.

Acting. Our projects respond to the challenges faced by society, generate ideas and formats, and implement them. We search for examples of good practice, and adopt and further develop them, both within our foundation and together with our partners.

Motivating. We bring together decision-makers and people who shape public opinion and encourage them to gain new insights. We inspire the vounger generation to unleash their skills and abilities and to shoulder more responsibility. We accompany, promote and provide recognition to people who develop scope for action and whose exemplary work boosts social cohesion.

What We Do

We focus on the challenges facing society - this was also a major concern of our founder Kurt A. Körber.

Innovation, defined as the ability to bring something new into the world, is essential to society. As such, we not only invest in top researchers but also in the next generation. This involves nurturing curiosity and fostering research among children and young people. Importantly, innovation requires society to be ready for change; therefore, we also discuss the opportunities and risks linked to innovation and promote a climate shaped by critical thinking and open-mindedness.

International Dialogue thrives on cooperation and debate. Therefore, we encourage discussions across national, political, cultural and religious boundaries ensuring that as many relevant stakeholders as possible come together and talk to one another. We focus on diverse identities, revitalise discussions about historical issues, promote mutual respect, explore the scope available

for political action and demonstrate practical paths to international cooperation.

Vibrant Civil Society The population in Germany is shrinking and ageing, but it is becoming more diverse at the same time. We forge new alliances between researchers, politicians, civil society and business to prepare for the impact that these developments will have. We establish networks that are committed to civil society and that encourage the public to adopt greater responsibility. We promote the need for a variety of ways of living in old age and support successful models of integration.

How We Work

Entrepreneurially We are convinced that social progress always needs courage, willingness to experiment and a readiness to take risks. Consequently we encourage lateral thinking together with a focus on unconventional ideas.

Competently We see ourselves as professional, competent and possessing expert knowledge. Instead of limiting our horizon, we ensure our work is interdisciplinary and exploits the potentials of our networks.

Transparently To make our work easy to understand, we regularly reflect on what we do. We are supported in this by a network consisting of experts whom we recruit as our advisors in advisory councils or juries.

Cooperatively We are aware that complex social challenges demand collaboration between many stakeholders, which is why we seek cooperation with partners from civil society, science, industry, politics, culture and the media. We are guided, both internally and externally, by collegiality, appreciation and respect.

Independently Körber-Stiftung is the sole shareholder of Körber AG and also generates additional income from its own free assets. We ensure that Körber-Stiftung remains strictly independent from Körber AG: Körber AG does not influence the work of the foundation, and the foundation does not influence Körber AG's operational business.

Finally, we attach great importance to ensuring that our on-going work remains independent in philosophical, religious and party political terms. It is only with open-mindedness and willingness for mutual understanding across borders that we are to fulfil our founder's aim of 'participating in shaping our own future' and, thus, improving society.

Our guiding principles are available in more detail at koerber-stiftung.de/en/about-us/ guiding-principles/

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Innovation



Innovation drives the prosperity and future viability of our society. It emerges when bright and creative minds encounter an environment that encourages talent and provides space for experimentation. This is why we not only invest in young talent and cutting-edge research but also remain committed to a resourceful educational and scientific system. Our focus on science and technology, especially digital technology, means that we particularly highlight the fields that are driving social change. Furthermore, our events and publications discuss processes of innovation and promote a climate of critical openness towards new ideas.

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Technology Needs Society

Germany is a country of technology. In order to enable Germany's massive potential for innovation to unfold, society needs to remain open-minded and show readiness to engage in debate. As part of our focus topic Technology Needs Society, we identify innovation and innovators from business, research and civic engagement, and also facilitate debate. Furthermore, we demonstrate how people can participate in technological development. It is crucial that the public remains informed about novel technologies; however, it is just as important that engineers, software developers and other experts involved in future technologies reconcile their work with the common good. This process enables stakeholders to come to an agreement on fundamental decisions, the framework affecting technological development, the potential need for catch-up in a particular field, and whether deliberate limitations should be placed on certain types of technology. In doing so, we enrich the process of innovation as a whole.



Curiosity, willingness to experiment and enthusiasm provide access to new technologies



More than just a puzzle:
participants in Code Week Hamburg



Code Week Hamburg

Every autumn, Code Week Hamburg invites children and young people to look behind the scenes of the digital world and to explore the fun of programming, making and experimenting. Workshops and other hands-on activities provide young people with the opportunity to acquire digital skills and to discover the fun, creativity and teamwork involved in programming. The topics range from app development and game design to virtual reality and 3-D printing.

Code Week Hamburg is part of an initiative launched in 2013 by the European Union. Körber-Stiftung has organised the activity week since 2016. Since 2017, we have done so together with Hamburg's public libraries. The workshops and practical activities are conducted by numerous dedicated individuals from coding and maker initiatives, schools, universities and businesses. Since 2016, Hamburg has established itself as Germany's Code Week capital by offering the most comprehensive programme of events available in the country.

hamburg.codeweek.de



Presentation of the German Thesis Award at the Parliamentary Society in Berlin

"Great thing: Every day I'm able to experiment with a welcome culture for ideas (formerly known as 'enlightenment')."

Matthias Mayer, Head of the Department of Science



Digital reality for everyday schooling

German Thesis Award

Every year, Körber-Stiftung presents the German Thesis Award to the best of young German researchers. We award prizes totalling more than €100,000 for significant and innovative research, including three top prizes à €25,000. This makes the German Thesis Award one of the most highly endowed prizes awarded to young scientists in the country. The competition is held under the auspices of Bundestag President Wolfgang Schäuble. In addition to academic excellence, the German Thesis Award particularly focuses on the broader social relevance of a particular piece of research. As such, the award encourages young scientists to underscore the value of their research to society and to discuss their work in public.

Digital Skills

Digital skills are skills for the future. Participation in society and career opportunities are already chiefly dependent on both our ability to master new technologies as well as the exponential growth in the range of information and options for interaction. As part of the Digital Skills competition, Körber-Stiftung and the Stifterverband commend regional networks that develop convincing holistic concepts to teach digital skills. The winners receive a grant of up to €25,000 in addition to guidance and support.

Digital Summit for Teachers

Digital reality is only just beginning to have an impact on daily life at school. The annual Digital Summit organised by Körber-Stiftung and the App Camps initiative seeks to counter this situation. The Summit provides teachers from all over Germany with an opportunity to gain wide-ranging insights into the digital transformation and the changes that are currently occurring in the world of work. With contributions by pioneers of digital education, visits to Hamburg-based digital companies and joint workshops, the Digital Summit aims to inspire teachers and to demonstrate specific approaches that they can apply as part of everyday schooling.



The opening event of Hamburg Horizons

Global University Leaders Council

Every two years, university leaders from around the world discuss the core mission of university at the Global University Leaders Council Hamburg (GUC Hamburg). The central aim of the conference is to jointly shape the worldwide development of universities, a process that has otherwise primarily been driven by global competition. In the run-up to the conference, a study is published that presents data and assessments of the conferences' main topics. GUC Hamburg is a joint initiative of the German Rectors' Conference, Körber-Stiftung and the University of Hamburg.

Hamburg Horizons

Hamburg Horizons is an annual conference that brings together top researchers and experts from politics, business, culture and the city's general public. The aim is to provide a space in which people can share their experiences openly about topics that are highly relevant to contemporary society. The conference takes place in cooperation with Hamburg's Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Hamburg's Ministry of Science, Research and Equalities and the University of Hamburg, and it also accompanies the establishment of Hamburg's Institute for Advanced Study.

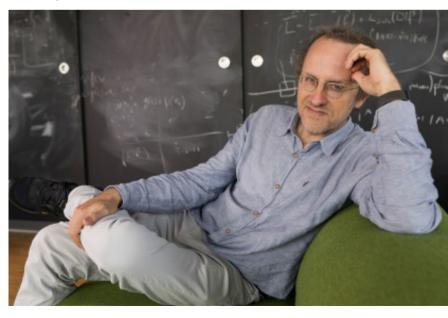
Körber European Science Prize

The Körber European Science Prize is presented annually, honouring the promising research projects conducted by outstanding individual scientists working in Europe. Körber-Stiftung uses the award – worth €1 million – to promote research in the life and physical sciences.

Panels staffed by top scientists from all over Europe submit the names of suitable candidates to the jury, which then makes the final decision. The award is conferred on scientists who have developed first-rate innovative approaches that have a great deal of potential for practical application and that are on the path to worldwide recognition.

In recent years, the prize-winners have included Bernhard Schölkopf (computer science), Svante Pääbo (palaeogenetics), Karsten Danzmann (gravitational physics) and Nicola Spaldin (materials research).

> Bernhard Schölkopf, winner of the Körber European Science Prize 2019



STEM Forum Hamburg

STEM Forum Hamburg is a network that bundles Hamburg's STEM-related initiatives and links schools, universities, government departments, companies and foundations. It is aimed at promoting awareness of STEM-related events and publications in Hamburg, supporting learning within these disciplines and

inspiring school pupils to take up science and technology-related subjects. The network, which is jointly run by Körber-Stiftung and the Joachim Herz Foundation, the Nordmetall Foundation, and Hamburg's Education and Social

Welfare Authorities, brings together

more than 50 initiatives, projects and non-formal educational institutions.







Dynamic exchanges at a STEM BarCamp

STEM Regions

Körber-Stiftung supports the establishment of regional networks aimed at improving education in the STEM disciplines and encourages these networks to share their experiences. Different stakeholders from nurseries to universities and companies to associations – work together to promote young talent and to secure a skilled future workforce. The project has proven to be a promising approach to reliably strengthening the quality of these activities. The aim is to ensure that STEM-related subjects are consistently promoted throughout the country in a manner that is tailored to regional needs during the entire educational pathway.

"Learning how to shape the future is the best way to prepare for it."

Julia André, Head of the Department of Education

STEM Young Talent Barometer

The STEM Young Talent Barometer is a nationwide trend report that collates and comments on the most important facts and figures about the next generation of STEM researchers. The report provides information about fields ranging from early education to vocational training and studies. It also includes a compact overview that those responsible can use for empirically-based planning and decision-making in education and politics. The report is jointly published by Körber-Stiftung and the National Academy of Science and Engineering.



A sense of achievement at 'mint: pink', a NAT project

NAT – the Natural Science and Technology initiative

The Natural Science and Technology initiative (NAT) develops projects that promote STEM-related subjects in Hamburg. The initiative establishes cooperation between schools and partners from science and industry to provide pupils with rich insights into contemporary research and the practical fields of science and technology. Laboratory days and visits to companies strengthen pupils' interest in STEM-related subjects. Furthermore, they provide pupils with a solid foundation on which to make choices about further study at school and university, and during their future career paths. Körber-Stiftung chairs the initiative's board and supports NAT during project development, and the planning and implementation of its activities.

Students' Research Centre Hamburg

The Students' Research Centre Hamburg provides children and young people who are interested in STEM subjects with a professional framework in which to pursue their own projects and to conduct research both individually and as part of a team. Teachers

and university students support the young researchers. In addition to Körber-Stiftung, Hamburg's Ministry for School and Vocational Training, the Joachim Herz Foundation, the Nordmetall Foundation and the University of Hamburg are all involved in the project.



Experimenting at

Centre Hamburg

the Students' Research

Technology Radar

The Technology Radar, which is published by Körber-Stiftung and the National Academy of Science and Engineering – acatech, analyses Germans' views about technology. The annual study provides evidence-based impetus for public debate and focuses on the status, shape and regulation of technical innovation. In addition, it serves as an early warning system that can help to identify potentially undesirable developments that result from the technological revolution. Currently, the focus is on the effects of digitalisation.

AREA OF ACTIVITY

International Dialogue



Conflicts arise in situations that are fraught with misunderstandings and lack debate. Körber-Stiftung therefore endeavours to promote international dialogue and a profound understanding of history. Engaging with experts and representatives from politics, academia and civil society, our work focuses on Europe, Russia, the Middle East and China. With regard to history, we strengthen cross-border discussions about differing perceptions of the past and cultures of remembrance. In the field of foreign and security policy we seek to provide a space for confidential talks, as well as to reinvigorate the debate on shared European values and the future of international cooperation.

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Debating about history: EUSTORY Next Generation Summit 2019 in Berlin

FOCUS TOPIC

The Value of Europe

With our current focus topic - The Value of Europe - we contribute to debates about the past, present and future of the European project. Against the background of Germany's experience of partition, we ask how a new rift along the lines of the Iron Curtain can be avoided. We focus on European integration, foreign and security policy and the historical roots of current conflicts. Our partners are social thinkers, (foreign) policy decision-makers and multipliers of international dialogue. We believe that it is particularly important to encourage young people from the next generation to share experiences. In politics as in society, we strengthen people who are committed to a common vision of the European project. As such, we take a stand against the tendencies that are widening divisions in Europe and, instead, seek to bolster European cohesion.

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Bergedorf Round Table

Since 1961, eminent international politicians and experts have met at the Bergedorf Round Table to discuss fundamental questions pertaining to German and European foreign and security policy in small and intimate groups.

The purpose of the Round Table is to make a contribution to mutual understanding in international politics. It is based on the conviction that, especially when there is political conflict, it is always better to talk to each other than to talk about each other. The Round Table provides foreign policy decision-makers with a forum for a frank exchange of views in which they are not subject to the constraints and pressures of everyday life.

Today, the Bergedorf Round Table focuses on perspectives of German and European foreign policy in three regions: Asia, Europe and the Middle East. Over 5,000 leading politicians, government representatives and experts from these regions and the US have participated in the more than 170 Bergedorf Round Tables that have been conducted up until now.





170th Bergedorf Round Table, March 2019 in Budapest

Berlin Foreign Policy Forum

Since its establishment in 2011, the Berlin Foreign Policy Forum has developed into the most significant annual foreign policy conference in Berlin. It brings together around 250 high-ranking national and international politicians, government representatives,

journalists and other experts to discuss the foreign policy challenges facing Germany and Europe. More than half of the participants come from other European countries, the Middle East, Asia or the US.



Fatou Bensouda, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court



EUSTORY Summits: cross-border encounters of prize-winners

EUSTORY

The EUSTORY Network encourages young Europeans to engage in debates with each other about contemporary issues in European history. It brings together non-governmental organisations from more than 20 European countries that conduct national history competitions. The network promotes a European perspective on local, regional and national history, shunning exclusion and promoting international understanding as well as historical and civic education for young Europeans.

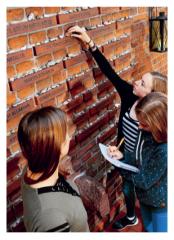
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The German Federal President's History Competition

The German Federal President's History Competition is Germany's largest organised amateur research movement. It involves young people in discussing and analysing the existing controversies about Germany's democratic past, promotes independence and strengthens their sense of responsibility. The competition's basic principle is explorative learning. Submissions must have a regional or biographical approach to the chosen topic and participants have to work with original sources, be it interviews with contemporary witnesses or public archive investigations. Every two years the German Federal President opens a new round of the competition, each with an individual theme.

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Migration, protest, religion or heroism: students researching history on site

"Many of the current conflicts and tensions in Europe cannot be understood without a dialogue that addresses differing historical experiences."

Gabriele Woidelko, Head of the Department of History and Politics



NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg

History Campus

The History Campus platform offers young Europeans the opportunity to engage in cross-border exchange on current issues of commemoration. identity and values in past and present. Moreover, it promotes dialogue and understanding, while strengthening the skills of future generations. A blog provides space for reflection and debate. Virtual classrooms present tools for cross-border networking and online projects. In addition, the platform is used to prepare the EUSTORY Next Generation Summits which bring together the winners of the European history competitions for multi-day workshops.

historycampus.org

Körber Global Leaders Dialogue

The Körber Global Leaders Dialogue provides a framework for heads of states and political leaders to present themebased foreign policy speeches before moving on to address questions from the audience. The events are livestreamed to ensure that all interested parties can follow the discussion. These dialogues contribute to a lively and transparent culture of debate in foreign policy. Recent guests have included Michael R. Pompeo, Secretary of State of the United States of America, and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg.

Körber History Forum

In an age of growing political, national and religious divisions, discourses of history have become inseparable from their political meaning. The Körber History Forum addresses issues of history and politics on a European and global level, annually bringing together 200 international experts from the realms of academia, politics and diplomacy, civil society and the media in Berlin. The Körber History Reflection Group complements the forum, inviting international experts and opinion-makers to confidential round-table discussions at venues central to Europe's contested past.



The Körber History Forum takes place at Humboldt Carré in Berlin



A field trip with Körber Network Foreign Policy



Network event opening the Biennal Meeting of German Historians with a lecture by Herfried Münkler

Körber Network Foreign Policy

Since 2005, Körber Network Foreign Policy has comprised an exclusive group of young members of staff who work for members of parliament and parliamentary groups, the German Federal Chancellery, the German Federal Foreign Office and other federal ministries as well as think tanks and embassies. The participants are selected through personal recommendation and discuss the challenges facing German and European foreign and security policy with decision-makers and other experts.

Körber Network History Education

With the expertise gathered during more than 40 years of the Federal President's History Competition and the formation of a network of historians and people involved in history education and teaching, Körber-Stiftung aims to strengthen activities for historical education in schools and to anchor them as part of the training undertaken by history teachers. The network promotes appropriate forms of historical education for younger generations and provides impetus for dealing with the past, especially in Hamburg.



Discussions with the Munich Young Leaders

Körber Policy Game

The Körber Policy Game is based on the idea of projecting current foreign and security policy trends into a future scenario. A small group of high-level international experts and government representatives discusses the scenarios and develops possible policy options. The goal is for the participants to gain a deeper understanding of the interests and priorities of the actors involved.

Munich Young Leaders

Munich Young Leaders has existed since 2009 as a joint project run by Körber-Stiftung and the Munich Security Conference. During the annual Security Conference, we bring together 25 outstanding young representatives of governments, parliaments, think tanks, the media and business. The participants come from Germany, selected NATO countries, the Asia-Pacific region, and Middle Eastern and African countries and they gain opportunities to strengthen their networks.

Paris Peace Forum

The Paris Peace Forum aims to connect actors, advance concrete governance initiatives and, in doing so, strengthen the multilateral order. The annual Forum provides a platform for several thousand participants from global politics, business and society who advocate for cross-border cooperation in tackling international challenges. Körber-Stiftung is a founding

Emmanuel Macron.

member of the Forum, which was initiated by French President

Bird's eve view of the second Paris Peace Forum





Political Breakfasts

The Political Breakfasts provide an opportunity for heads of state and government, foreign ministers and other influential politicians from Asia, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and the CIS countries to take part in discussions about contemporary political issues with a select group of foreign and security policy-makers. The talks take place in an intimate atmosphere that guarantees an open and frank exchange between the speakers and political representatives from Berlin. This enables the Political Breakfasts to contribute to the culture of political debate in the German capital.



Interactive engagement with The Berlin Pulse

The Berlin Pulse

The Berlin Pulse was first published in 2017. Consisting of a representative survey and contributions by international experts and policy-makers, it juxtaposes domestic public opinion with international expectations of German foreign policy. What are the most urgent foreign policy challenges facing Germany? How do different stakeholders interpret the notion of Berlin taking on 'more international responsibility'? By answering these and other questions, The Berlin Pulse serves as an important resource for anybody interested in German foreign policy.

> "In a changing world, dialogue and sharing experiences become more important than ever."

Nora Müller, Executive Director of International Affairs

AREA OF ACTIVITY

Vibrant Civil Society



Strengthening democracy, improving social cohesion and shaping demographic change requires a sense of community, participation and commitment: in short, a vibrant civil society. This is why we support people involved in discussions about living together in the future, integration and ageing well and assist those who provide impetus to democracy. We strengthen entrepreneurship among the elderly, give a voice to people in exile, run an intergenerational cultural and meeting centre and accompany initiatives that seek to improve cities' resilience in the face of demographic change. In conducting discussions as part of expert networks and public debates, we reiterate our belief that society depends on the participation of all of its citizens.

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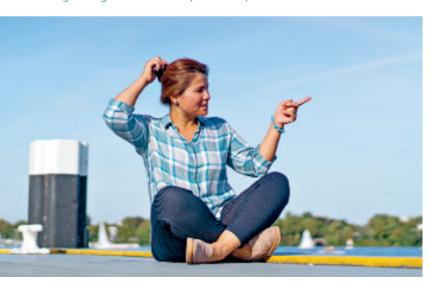
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New Life in Exile

When people are persecuted because of their political views, religion or ethnicity, their life may be under threat, and they often have no choice but to escape into exile. When they do so, they lose their homeland, their social environment, the language they grew up with and their livelihood. Life in exile, therefore, poses questions about a person's identity. Germany's history means that the country has a particular responsibility to protect people from persecution. With this in mind, Körber-Stiftung has committed itself to encouraging people living in exile in Germany who share our democratic values, view themselves as mediators between different worlds and want to apply their competencies and skills by participating in society. We are convinced that these people enrich German society with their experiences. By encouraging exiles to actively participate in public debate, Körber-Stiftung promotes understanding for the situations faced by people who have been persecuted, and strengthens social cohesion within a vibrant civil society.

Instagram @gesichterdesexils (in German)



Humayra Bakhtiyar, a journalist from Tajikistan, is now living in Hamburg



Ahmad Alrifaee, Nilab Langar, Omid Rezaee – the editorial team of Amal, Hamburg!

Amal, Hamburg!

The news website 'Amal, Hamburg!' provides information in Arabic and Persian about cultural, political and social issues in the city of Hamburg. It is edited by exiled journalists from Syria, Afghanistan and Iran who live in Hamburg. Amal, Hamburg! focuses on issues and debates related to social cohesion and analyses them in more detail during public events. Amal, Hamburg! – a sister project of Amal, Berlin! – is run by the Protestant School of Journalism and Körber-Stiftung, and is supported by Hamburger Abendblatt and the Evangelical Church in Germany.

Strengthening Dementia Awareness

Dementia is a form of ageing that leaves individuals and society helpless in numerous ways. Körber-Stiftung's project aims to improve the social and cultural participation of people with dementia by helping cultural institutions in Hamburg to set up and implement relevant events and publications. In addition, the project also supports the "Lila Sofa"-campaign. As such, it is present on the streets and in cultural institutions together with the campaign's network of supporters with the aim of raising dementia awareness.

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Digital Worlds for the Aged

A sovereign approach to digital technology is essential in societies in which people are living longer. Digital Worlds for the Aged provides low-threshold activities and events aimed at kindling older people's interest in smartphones, blogging and virtual reality. Furthermore, Körber-Stiftung's involvement in the nationwide Digital Compass Initiative means that the project acts as a port of call for interested parties and committed individuals who would like to learn digital skills.

Engagierte Stadt – Local Cooperation for Civic Engagement

Civic engagement strengthens democracy, improves people's quality of life and contributes to a sense of community. Engagierte Stadt is a network programme based at Körber-Stiftung that is supported by six other foundations and the Federal Ministry of Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth. The programme provides funding and advice for municipal infrastructural projects aimed at promoting civil society participation. It accompanies people and organisations along the joint path to becoming resilient communities and tests new forms of strategic cooperation at the local level.



At the World Café: Discussing the city of the future

"If the voices of people involved at the local level are heard, they participate in society and strengthen the community."

Sven Tetzlaff, Head of the Department of Democracy, Involvement, Cohesion

Exile Media Forum

Journalist and author Can Dündar attended the Exile Media Forum 2019



Increasing numbers of journalists and media professionals are living and working in exile in Germany. The Exile Media Forum focuses on questions such as: What does it mean to be a journalist in exile? How

are migration and globalisation changing the German media landscape? And what role is digitalisation playing in these changes? Once a year, the forum invites around 100 experts and people from the media to Hamburg to discuss the issues of the future, identify new trends and share experiences.

Exile Today – Production Residencies for Artists

Exile Today is a residency programme aimed at placing debate about exile on a (public) stage and making it accessible in all of its artistic complexity. Together with Kampnagel, the international center for the finer arts in Hamburg, Körber-Stiftung invites artists to use theatre productions, performances and dance to broach the issues of exile due to political persecution, and life on arrival in a new country.

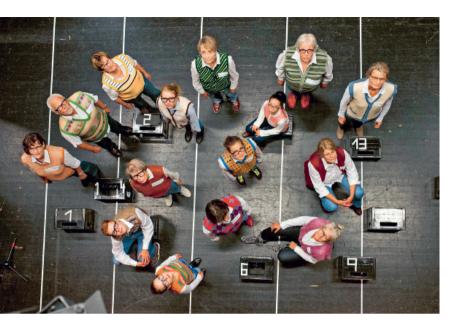
Expedition Age & City

Ultimately, it is cities that develop creative and innovative solutions for their ageing populations.

Körber-Stiftung's Expedition

Age & City project invites people to explore age-friendliness in other European countries. It enables key stakeholders in demographic change from the local level to familiarise themselves with strategic approaches and future-oriented projects on the ground. They are also invited to report about their experiences at the annual Körber Symposium on Demographic Change.

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On stage: The Theatre Haus im Park Bergedorf

Haus im Park

Haus im Park accompanies the lives of many of Bergedorf's residents. It has been the cultural and entertainment venue in the east of Hamburg for more than 40 years. Likewise, it also happens to be one of Körber-Stiftung's three locations. We organise special activities for the generation 50 plus in Haus im Park that encourage people to meet up and participate in society. With over 500 events a year in the fields of education, culture and health, we offer people the opportunity to learn together, gain new experiences, and be active and creative. We are open to new ideas, different generations and diverse cultures. Networking with other committed individuals in Bergedorf and between projects that connect the young and old, as well as volunteer and refugee aid initiatives brings different people together and ensures that people can demonstrate their commitment to civil society at Haus im Park.



A look into the future: the design drawn up by MGF Architects

KörberHaus

KörberHaus is a new meeting place that is being built in the middle of Bergedorf in the east of Hamburg. The building is being constructed on around 6,000 square metres of land and will combine a theatre with space for other community-based events. A total of nine partners are to be housed under one roof: the Bergedorf District Authority, AWO senior citizens' meeting place and council, Hamburg libraries, Hamburg's Volkshochschule, Körber-Stiftung, SHiP -Foundation Haus im Park, Lichtwark Theatre and Bergedorf's volunteer agency. Körber-Stiftung is due to move into KörberHaus as one of the two main tenants. We will be providing room for events, activities and a space for learning, enable the new Lichtwark Theatre to take up its work and be responsible for additional event space. However, we will also be continuing our focus on activities for the generation 50 plus, promoting volunteer engagement and planning and coordinating our nationwide demographic projects.

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Körber Symposium on Demographic Change

The Körber Symposium on Demographic Change invites stakeholders and decision makers to gain inspiration and new ideas from national and international pioneers and established projects implementing good practice. We focus on the opportunities opened up by demographic change. Also, we help to ensure that our municipalities will constitute age-friendly environments in the future. The annual symposium is dedicated to various topics such as ageing, civic involvement and social cohesion. Our goal is to ensure

that municipalities in Germany come to recognise the potential of demographic change and actively shape their communities.



Liveable cities for people of every generation – a symposium with Charles Landry



Death as Part of Life

Whereas other central areas of life are governed by more open forms of language and behavioural norms, speechlessness often prevails in German culture when it comes to the issue of death. Death is Part of Life is aimed at encouraging people to face up to their mortality and

at overcoming the silence surrounding these issues. Events, artistic performances, and publications encourage people to speak about death and dying, farewell and grief, and to recognise that these issues form part of our lives.

Taking a look at the exhibition "Dialogue with Death"



Improving My City

Which aspirations, plans and ideas do people have for the future of their cities and regions? What needs to change in order to strengthen cohesion and quality of life? After conducting Improving Hamburg with ZEIT: Hamburg in 2019, in 2020 the project will focus on the Ruhr region and the cities of Leipzig and Halle. Körber-Stiftung encourages everyone to take part in this project, which will be implemented in 2020 together with other foundations.

"Demographic change is about ensuring that neighbourhoods are attractive to all generations and cultures."

Susanne Kutz, Head of the Department of Age and Demographics

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City Lab for Demographic Future Prospects

How can cities become resilient to demographic change and reflect the needs of the elderly? The City Lab offers mayors and key actors the opportunity to participate in a three-part workshop. The participants include people from the city's administration with responsibilities for demographic change and ageing. The City Lab is a small, exclusive circle in which participants and other experts can focus on their experiences, examples of good practice, networking and peer exchange.

Days of Exile

Days of Exile are public events in Hamburg that enable the audience to participate in a programme of events and meet other people. The days provide a platform for people in exile, bridge the gap between the present and past, and encourage dialogue and understanding between old and new citizens; as such, they contribute to better cohesion in the city. Körber-Stiftung has been hosting this joint initiative since 2018; it was

initiated by the Herbert and Elsbeth Weichmann Foundation in 2016 and has been held annually ever since. Over 50 partners contribute to a wide spectrum of events ranging from exhibitions, concerts, lectures, opportunities to meet people, readings and panel discussions to theatre and film screenings. The prominent 'Speech on Exile' introduces the month-long programme and sets its tone.

Concert of the Syrian Expat Philharmonic Orchestra during Days of Exile





At the award ceremony: presentress Andrea Thilo and prize-winner Michael Hoppe

Zugabe Prize

Making the world a better place is possible at every age. Once a year, Körber-Stiftung awards three entrepreneurs aged 60 or above with the Zugabe Prize. The prize is awarded to individuals who have developed entrepreneurial solutions to the social challenges of our time and who have established businesses or social enterprises to implement their ideas. The prize, which comes with an award worth € 60,000, focuses on people who demonstrate that experience and innovation, retirement and new beginnings, ageing and social impact can complement one another productively. Moreover, in doing so, their initiatives encourage everyone - no matter what their age – to use the period that follows middle age for an "encore".

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Cultural Initiatives for Hamburg

Arts and culture are more valuable than ever as spaces of freedom and imagination. They encourage us to change our opinions, drive societal debate and help us to reflect on who we are and how we want to live. Art and culture, therefore, provide us with points of access to our heritage - with all of its ideas and misconceptions and they open up spaces for thought about shaping our future. Körber-Stiftung uses the expertise it has gained over many years from promoting up-and-coming young artists and mediating culture to support cultural activities in Hamburg. As an operational foundation, this work includes developing projects and establishing strategic partnerships with cultural institutions from all sectors in Hamburg. The foundation's topics also involve cultural aspects: by discussing forms and perspectives of living together, they touch on questions that are linked to our involvement in culture.

Stay up to date on Twitter @KoerberKultur (in German)

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Paul Behren (left) at the award ceremony in Thalia Theatre

Boy-Gobert-Prize

Since 1981, Körber-Stiftung has awarded the annual Boy-Gobert-Prize to young, outstanding actors who are part of Hamburg's theatre scene. The prize, which is endowed with €10,000, is aimed at further promoting Hamburg's stage culture. Kurt A. Körber established this award when Boy Gobert, who had been in charge of Thalia Theatre since 1969, finally left his position. In late summer, a jury of experts decides which young actor is to receive the prize. Previous winners have included Susanne Lothar (1981), Ulrich Tukur (1985), Martin Wuttke (1992), Fritzi Haberlandt (2001), Lisa Hagmeister (2008) and most recently Paul Behren (2018) and Merlin Sandmeyer (2019).

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Photo session in the foyer of Hamburg State Opera

International Opera Studio

Since 1994, the International Opera Studio, in cooperation with Hamburg State Opera, has offered young singers the opportunity to complement and complete their training within the conditions of a working theatre. The International Opera Studio provides highly gifted vocalists with a two-year scholarship. After completing a university degree, the scholarship enables vocalists to prepare for major opera houses and the international stage through on-the-job training. The members of the opera studio appear in performances at Hamburg's State Opera and develop their own production at opera stabile.

Körber Studio for Young Theatre Directors

The festival Körber Studio for Young Theatre Directors invites students from German-speaking drama schools to present their productions at Thalia Gaussstrasse in Hamburg. At the end of the festival, a jury of theatre professionals chooses the work, that they consider the best one. The festival illustrates the level of diversity among the next theatre generation in terms of their creativity and aesthetics.

Körber Studio for Young Theatre Directors is held by Thalia Theatre, Körber-Stiftung and Theatre Academy Hamburg under the auspices of the Deutscher Bühnen-

verein. We provide the winner with €10,000 towards the costs of their next production at a city, state or independent theatre.



Summer atmosphere at Thalia Gaussstrasse in Hamburg



Felix Krakau, prize-winner 2019, staged "Peer Gynt"

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Körber Resonanz Lab

Concert halls will have to be organised in a more international and multi-diverse manner if they are to consolidate their position in urban societies in the future. So far, the conventional (classical) concert business offers very little space to develop an alternative repertoire to the highest level. This is where the Lab comes in: in cooperation with Ensemble Resonanz, we experiment with innovative programmes and formats and perform them in European concert halls.



My Perspective takes cultural participation seriously. We enable people from Hamburg to participate actively in exhibitions and art education. Together with Hamburger

Kunsthalle, we invite very different people to contribute to the museum by providing us with their views of art and then integrate these aspects temporarily into the permanent exhibition.



Mind mapping in Hamburger Kunsthalle



TAOME: music and debate

The Art of Music Education

The Art of Music Education (TAOME) consists of a series of international symposia focused on the future of concert halls. It takes place at KörberForum every two years. In cooperation with Hamburg's Elbphilharmonie and accompanied by the European Concert Hall Organisation, the symposia have established themselves as a central discussion forum for the European music industry. The debates focus on issues relating to music education and the role of concert institutions in contemporary society.

"It's really motivating to experience an audience's desire for something new!"

Kai-Michael Hartig, Head of the Department of Culture

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Up for Debate

Körber-Stiftung's projects make a difference. In order to have a social impact, we place communication at the heart of our work. We not only aim to present the foundation's work to the outside world but also to initiate debates that contribute to social development. We use very different formats and media to do so; our brochures and books set the tone in the reader market, and we regularly organise forums for debate with our authors. Our website provides rich, structured information for specialist target groups and people interested in socio-political issues. With our social media channels that are connected to our website, we encourage younger and older people to participate in thematic discussions. KörberForum provides the people of the metropolitan region of Hamburg with the opportunity to follow and to contribute to the debates.

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Körber Topics

The Körber Topics document the operational results of our work in a variety of ways. They include surveys, studies, recommendations for action, readers and thesis papers. These publications are aimed at specialist target groups, network partners and journalists as much as the public. They are freely available for download on our website and are also available in printed form. The Körber Topics are aimed at inspiring further work and discussions and contribute to an objective and informed culture of debate.

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Edition Körber

Since 1996, Edition Körber has accompanied and supported the work of Körber-Stiftung through its nonfiction publications on political issues. The publishing house focuses on authors and topics that are at the heart of current debates. Our books are primarily distributed through the bookselling trade because we want the foundation's work to reach a broad audience and to further discussions about socio-political issues.



"As self-proclaimed old-age revolutionaries, let's break out into the prime of our lives. Before us lie beautiful, exciting, active lives: welcome aboard!"



"Virtues are like glowing coals – they need to be rekindled. Doing so requires practice, training in saving friendships, respect, forgiveness and generosity."



"June 2014. It's my first summer in Germany. I'm walking through the city with my eyes wide open: I want to see and understand everything."



"The attitude expressed here involves viewing a farewell as something that constantly happens in every moment of our lives and with every day that passes. In this way, goodbyes continually turn the present into the past – understanding this no longer leads us to despair."



"Instead of finding people work, the aim of resilience is to free them from work."



"The people of the Middle East are not only victims that are thrown back and forth by worldwide historical forces. They also take their fate into their own hands, and they have always been able to find pragmatic solutions."

Get Involved!

We encourage political discussions together with committed 'literature houses' and public libraries. The authors at Edition Körber conduct constructive debates in selected cities in Germany with personalities from politics, culture, science and business. The events put into practice the 'Get Involved!' motto, as they encourage the audience to refine their views and strengthen their readiness to participate in democracy.

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Social Web

Körber-Stiftung comes into contact with people who make a difference and have an impact on us every day – both during project work and at events. We ensure that their expertise, positions and ideas flow into debates by publishing their views online. In addition to texts, we are increasingly relying on videos. We use interviews, event clips and video reports to make our topics more understandable and to give issues a human face.







Website and Media Library

Our website publishes the foundation's latest news as well as a diverse magazine

with background information, opinion papers, interviews, surveys and picture galleries. Our events can also be followed online via live stream, and all of our videos and podcasts are available in our media library.

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Our social media accounts

Follow us on Facebook:

facebook.com/KoerberStiftung (in German)

Watch us on YouTube: youtube.com/KoerberStiftung
Subscribe to us on Instagram: @koerberstiftung (in German)

Details about further Twitter, Facebook and Instagram accounts can be found alongside the respective projects and focus topics.

All our accounts are listed on koerber-stiftung.de/social-media

Our English accounts are listed on koerber-stiftung.de/en/our-channels-and-profiles

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KörberForum

Our work is defined and accompanied by a multitude of events. Since 2005, KörberForum – located at the gateway to Hamburg – has acted as the central venue at our headquarters. Every year, we offer around 100 public events at KörberForum. The intention is to bring experts and networks together and to seek dialogue with an audience that is as diverse as our programme of events. Our events include panel discussions and debates, concerts and talks with artists, lectures, readings and film premieres. KörberForum, a glass-cubed structure located between Hamburg's natural canals, therefore, is not only a showcase for our work, but also a forum for new impulses. We also welcome expert audiences to regular meetings and conferences. All of this makes KörberForum an open, transparent and inspiring space for people to



The KörberForum's foyer after an event

share their ideas about issues that affect the future of society. Stay up to date on Twitter @KoerberForum (in German)





A room full of possibilities: KörberForum at Kehrwieder 12, Hamburg

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One Foundation – Three Locations

We are active at the local, national and international level through our projects and events. The foundation's headquarters and its event venue KörberForum are located at the gate to Hamburg's HafenCity. Here, we provide insights into our topics. In Hamburg-Bergedorf, Haus im Park offers space for culture, encourages

people to meet each other, and provides space for people to get involved in society – particularly for people aged 50 or above. Finally, we also organise dialogues for decision-makers at our office at Pariser Platz in the German capital.





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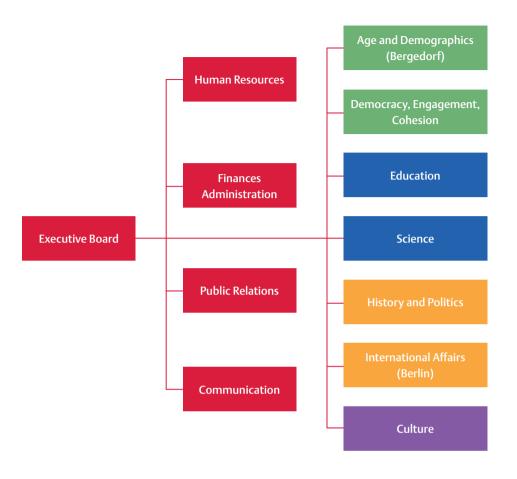
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Organisation

Our staff carry out our project work in seven operational departments, all of which are closely linked. 'Education' and 'Science' complement each other as part of the area of activity 'Innovation'. The area 'International Dialogue' includes 'History and Politics' and 'International Affairs'; whereas 'Vibrant Civil Society' encompasses 'Age and Demography' and 'Democracy, Engagement, Cohesion'. Finally, 'Culture' not only provides impulses for Hamburg, but also for all of the foundation's work.

Our Foundation

Our foundation was established in 1959 by entrepreneur Kurt A. Körber (1909–1992). By the end of the 1940s, Körber had not only built a technology group that was active throughout the world, but had also begun applying his entrepreneurial creativity to society. Körber believed in the viability of social change and in problem-oriented solutions. We see ourselves as part of this same tradition.

Around 19 million Euros are made available every year for the foundation's non-profit work. The foundation employs around 130 full-time and part-time members of staff in Hamburg and Berlin, who are supported by about 90 volunteers.

Körber-Stiftung is a company shareholder foundation with assets totalling 560 million Euros. One of our assets is Körber AG, to which Körber-Stiftung is the sole shareholder. Körber AG is the holding company of an international technology group that employs 10,000 people throughout the world. The foundation receives an annual dividend from Körber AG that is exclusively used for non-profit purposes.

Our Executive Bodies

The Advisory Board, which meets twice a year, oversees the activities of the Executive Board. In particular, it approves the annual budget and advises the Executive Board on strategic questions.

Dr Klaus Wehmeier Chairman of the Advisory Board

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Richard Bauer, Prof Dr Ute Frevert, Dr Peter Frey, Peter-Matthias Gaede, Christian Wriedt

The Financial Board oversees the foundation's asset management. It also decides on how rights are to be exercised in the companies in which the foundation holds shares amounting to over 20 per cent.

Christian Wriedt
Chairman of the Financial Board

Richard BauerDeputy Chairman of the Financial Board

Dr Lothar Dittmer, Stefan Kirschke, Dr Thomas Paulsen, Stephan Seifert, Dr Klaus Wehmeier

The Executive Board

Körber-Stiftung's Executive Board is responsible for asset investment and for ensuring that the foundation's operational work, promotion and funding fulfils the duties set out in our statutes.



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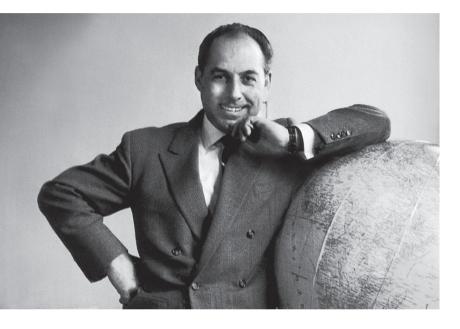
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Kurt A. Körber



As a successful industrialist, Kurt A. Körber not only wanted to give something back to society; he wanted to shape it at the same time. As an instigator, he became a model of lived social responsibility. His undisputable instinct for the pressing issues of his time and the purposeful activities he undertook enabled him to convince decision-makers in Germany and abroad as much as the people who were committed to change on the ground.

Youth and Study

Kurt A. Körber was born in Berlin on 7 September 1909. In the 1920s, his family moved to Chemnitz. Körber became interested in technical issues early on and, as a 15-year-old, invented an automatically controlled radio transmitted reading scale: it became the first of over 200 patents that Körber registered in his life. After an apprenticeship as an electrician at the General Mechanical Engineering Company in Chemnitz, he began a degree

in electrical engineering in Mittweida. In 1933, he married his childhood sweetheart, Anna-Katharina Hiller.

Wartime

In 1935, Körber joined the Universal Werke JC Müller & Co. in Dresden. The machine-building factory also produced armaments. As the factory was regarded as essential for wartime production, it took on 3,000 foreign and forced labourers. In 1940, Körber became a member of the NSDAP. However, he viewed his membership of the party as a formal compromise, and never linked it to support for National Socialism. Until 1944, Körber worked at Universelle as technical director.

From New Beginnings to a Global Corporation

In 1946, Körber decided to seek his luck in the West. In 1947, he founded Hauni Maschinenfabrik Körber & Co KG in the district of Bergedorf in Hamburg. The company prospered, in part because of the massive expansion in tobacco consumption during the post-war period. By 1954, Hauni already had over 1,000 employees. Körber expanded abroad, and bought and diversified companies. In 1987, Körber pooled his companies and the Hauni factories and merged them into Körber AG. By 1992, Körber had developed his company into an international group with just under 6,800 employees and a turnover of 1.5 billion Deutsch Mark. Today, Körber AG is the holding company of a technology group with around 10,000 employees throughout the world. The

group unites leading technology companies with more than 100 production, service and sales locations.

Instigator and Philanthropist

From an early age, Körber balanced entrepreneurialism and profit-making with investment in the common good. In 1957, he founded the Foundation for the Reconstruction of Thalia Theatre in Hamburg. In 1959, he established the Kurt A. Körber Stiftung, with the aim of building a technical academy to train executives for industrial practice. The Hauni Foundation was founded in 1969. In 1981, the two foundations were merged to form Körber-Stiftung. Between 1959 and 1992, Körber provided more than 200 million marks for the promotion of culture and science. Kurt A. Körber was repeatedly honoured for his commitment as a benefactor and a citizen of Hamburg: in 1960 he gained an honorary doctorate from Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen; in 1965, he received the Diesel gold medal from the German Institute for Invention. In 1983, the German Federal President, Karl Carstens, presented him with a medal for services to foundations as part of the Association of German Foundations. The awards he received in later life returned Körber to his beginnings: in 1989, he was awarded an honorary doctorate from Technical University, Dresden, and, in 1991, Mayor Henning Voscherau granted him honorary citizenship of the city of Hamburg.

Kurt A. Körber died in Hamburg on 10 August 1992.

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