

Press Information, July 1, 2019

## Dr. Katja Naie appointed new Managing Director of the Schering Stiftung

**The Foundation Council of the Schering Stiftung has appointed the neuroscientist and foundation manager Dr. Katja Naie as Managing Director of the Schering Stiftung, effective July 1, 2019. Dr. Naie has worked at the Schering Stiftung since September 2015 as director of the Science Program and will continue to be responsible for this area. She will take over from Bernhard Sommer, who had served as interim director of the Foundation.**

“I look forward to the new challenges and in particular to bringing the Foundation’s two grant areas – art and science – even closer,” explains Dr. Katja Naie. “My work is driven by my fascination with science and my experiences of the fruitfulness of interdisciplinary cooperation. I am convinced that science and art need to enter into a very open and unbiased dialogue in order to engage with the important issues that we face in society today.”

In the future, Dr. Naie wants to use the synergies of the disciplines and, together with Christina Landbrecht, director of the Art Program at the Schering Stiftung, try out new concepts for an enriching interdisciplinary collaboration.



Dr. Katja Naie, Photo: Manuela Zydor

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Stefan H. E. Kaufmann, chairman of the Foundation Council of the Schering Stiftung, commented on the appointment decision as follows: “We are lucky to have Dr. Naie at the Schering Stiftung. She has excellent work experience and networks in science and society. As director of the Science Program, she has over the last three years enriched the Foundation with her energy, creative input, and the setting of strategic priorities. For example, Dr. Naie has increasingly realized event and funding formats that advance the equal dialogue between science and art. As new managing director, she thus offers the best conditions to pursue the mission of the Schering Stiftung at a high level and to make visible the results. At the same time I would like to thank her predecessor, Bernhard Sommer, for his valuable work and his commitment at a time that was crucially important for the strategic realignment of the Foundation.”

### **About Katja Naie**

Dr. Katja Naie has worked at the Schering Stiftung, Berlin, as director of the Science Program since September 2015, and as Managing Director since July 1, 2019. After studying biology and completing her PhD in neuroscience, she worked as a researcher at ETH Zurich. In 2007, she moved to the Hertie Foundation, where she initiated and directed the information portal [www.dasGehirn.info](http://www.dasGehirn.info). She is co-author of the children’s nonfiction book “Denkste?!: Verblüffende Fragen und Antworten rund ums Gehirn” (You think? Amazing Questions and Answers around the Brain) and a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the International Graduate School of Neuroscience in Bochum. Building bridges between science, art, and society is her personal passion, and she strives to achieve this goal in her daily work at the Schering Stiftung.



### **About the Foundation**

The **Schering Stiftung** promotes the life sciences, the contemporary arts, as well as scientific and cultural education. A key focus of the Foundation's activities is on projects at the interface of science and art. The Foundation aims to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and exchange. It wants to create a space for new ideas and inject creative ideas and inspiration into society. This also becomes visible in the Foundation's Project Space in the heart of Berlin: Here, the Foundation presents exhibitions of contemporary artists that are created in close cooperation and/or dialogue with life scientists. The Schering Stiftung is an operational foundation and develops its own projects and programs. The independent, nonprofit foundation was established in 2002 by Schering AG, Berlin. It has an endowment of 35 million euro.

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