

Mobile Akademie Berlin, Licence No. 14  
Market for Useful Knowledge  
and Non-Knowledge

**Bankless River**

Mülheim an der Ruhr  
February 03, 2024



# 90 experts conduct 190 individual conversations.

Each of the conversations can be booked at the venue for 1 Euro.

Live broadcast through Market Radio on 8 channels

**Saturday, February 03, 2024**

Open continuously from 19 to 23 h

Check-in from 18 h

Stadthalle Mülheim an der Ruhr

Entry is free of charge

## Bankless River

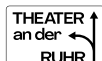
**On the speed of flow and regulation of water, bodies and ideas**

The Ruhr is one of the people in Mülheim's favourite places and an entire region is named after it. Flowing bodies of water create branched networks, shape local structures and open regions to the world. Mülheim harbour handles over 1 million tonnes of goods per year, while the inland port in Duisburg is one of Europe's most important logistics hubs, with containers here circulating between Germany, China and the rest of the world. The Ruhr region is familiar with processes of constant transformation. And the next great change is already underway. In periods of extreme heat, water evaporates from the rivers, leaving living creatures and ships high and dry. During heavy rains, rising waters flatten shorelines and flood entire tracts of land - creating bankless rivers. The migration flows prompted by climate change change the lives of people arriving and those who are already here, while both established and new species have to adapt to changing ecosystems. The river is a dynamic habitat that symbolises the flow of traffic like the bloodstream of a living organism. At the same time it also reminds us of stories and mythologies in which running water symbolises moments of transition and perpetual change.

In a series of 30-minute conversations, 90 experts share a variety of perspectives and stories about flowing water, bodies and ideas. The 'Market for Useful Knowledge and Non-Knowledge' is a site of knowledge transfer, an archive, a reading room, an exchange and advice centre all rolled into one. The Mobile Akademie Berlin's project has toured the globe for twenty years and can now be experienced in North Rhine-Westphalia for the first time. The market in Mülheim entitled 'Bankless River' will activate collective thinking, talking and (non-)knowledge.

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## Experts:

**Jabbar Abdullah**, author and archaeologist

**Ann-Kathrin Allekotte**, Deputy Mayor of the City of Mülheim an der Ruhr

**Lina Atfah**, poet and literary scholar

**Peter Bankmann**, local historian

**Fanti Baum**, artist and canoeist

**Lars Bickmann**, mechanical engineer

**Dietmar Bleidick**, historian

**Astrid Breuer**, artist

**Petra Büse-Leringer**, bookseller

**Olande Byamungu**, lawyer and activist

**Gabriel Carneiro**, theatremaker

**Christoph Clöser**, musician and composer

**Deniz Czempik**, artist

**DSCHIRI**, DJ and rave organiser

**Katharina El Fezazi**, pharmacist

**Joachim Exner**, Works Director for the City of Mülheim an der Ruhr's businesses

**Einar Fehrholz**, musician and sound designer

**Anne Fetscher**, communications manager

**Beate Fischer**, tourist guide and board member of Mülheim an der Ruhr Historical Association

**Bridget Fonkeu**, specialist in English linguistics

**Moritz Frischkorn**, dramaturg and choreographer

**geheimagentur**, artists' collective

**Gabriele Gillen**, author and dramaturg

**Matthias Götttert**, Evangelical priest

**Marcel Große**, sculptor

**Hasan M Hera**, IT engineer

**Ursula Hilberath**, Chair of Mülheim an der Ruhr Historical Association

**Kamil Hupalo**, molecular ecologist

**Gunnar Jacobs**, landscape ecologist

**Gerd Kampf**, paddleboarder and flood rescue worker

**Johanna-Yasirra Kluhs**, dramaturg

**Julia Klunker**, master goldsmith and special needs educator

**Daniel Kötter**, theatre- and filmmaker

**Stefanie Krohn**, environmental educator

**Beate Krok**, microbiologist and chemist

**Peter Leitzen**, philosopher

**Locuratolo**, artist

**Marijke Lukowicz**, curator

**Gilberte Raymonde Mandel-Driesen**, adviser on political development and diversity coach

**Ulrike Marx**, Head of the City of Mülheim a. d. Ruhr's Climate Protection and Climate Adaptation Unit

**Jörg Marx**, social planner for the City of Mülheim an der Ruhr

**Sarah Meyer-Dietrich**, author, editor and copy editor  
**Omar Mohamad**, cultural manager  
**Alia Mossallam**, cultural historian  
**Dagmar Mühlenfeld**, former Mayor of the City of Mülheim an der Ruhr  
**Isi Omari**, gastronome  
**Franziska Pierwoss**, artist  
**Petra Postert**, author of books for children and young people  
**Sebastian Prati**, ecologist  
**Markus Quirnbach**, Professor of Hydrology  
**Tobias Rautenberg**, ornithologist and biogeographer  
**Kai Rawe**, historian and former Head of Mülheim City Archive  
**Bastian Reker**, geoscientist  
**Dorothea Renckhoff**, author and dramaturg  
**Rani Daniel Reschke**, trans activist, educator and Chair of 1001plateau e.V.  
**Kathrin Röggl**, writer  
**Björn Roller**, chief fire fighter (HBMz) and senior diving instructor  
**Andreas Rossmann**, journalist  
**Peter E. Rytz**, photographer and blogger  
**Juliane Rytz**, cultural scholar and board member of Netz Bangladesch e.V.  
**Jaydeb Kurma Sadhu**, businessman  
**Helmut Schäfer**, dramaturg and Artistic Director  
**Elmar Scheuren**, historian and former Director of the Siebengebirgsmuseum  
**Miriam Schmalhaus**, engineer and museum specialist  
**Torsten C. Schmidt**, Professor of Water Chemistry and winner of the Ruhr Prize 2022  
**Olaf Schmidt-Rutsch**, historian  
**Michael Schmitt**, physical chemist  
**Alina Schmuch**, artist  
**Luca Schöneich**, lead fire fighter (OBM) and diver for emergency services  
**Christa Schragmann**, environmental educator  
**Nada Rosa Schroer**, curator and cultural scholar  
**Peter-T. Schulz (Petoschu)**, author, painter, poet and photographer  
**Christian Schulze**, historian of medicine  
**Robin Schütz**, biologist  
**Rupert Seidl**, actor, voice artist and former Artistic Director  
**Dirk Sondermann**, researcher of legends and author  
**Jana Kerima Stolzer and Lex Rütten**, artist duo  
**Ralf-Peter Stumme**, boat dealer  
**Su Yu Hsin**, artist and filmmaker  
**Nesrin Tanç**, author, literary and cultural scholar  
**Beate te Kloot**, museum education officer  
**Stephan Treuke**, water economist and urban sociologist  
**Leopold von Verschuer**, translator, author, actor and director  
**Verena Würz**, doctor