

Press Release – Announcing the 2019 Verbier Art Summit theme

The Verbier Art Summit is proud to announce its 2019 theme and partnership with acclaimed museum director Jochen Volz of Pinacoteca de São Paulo, Brazil. The next Summit will take place on 1–2 February 2019 in Verbier, Switzerland, and will be curated by Jochen Volz around the theme:

**WE ARE MANY
ART, THE POLITICAL AND MULTIPLE TRUTHS**

In times of increasing uncertainty, we are in need of a deeper understanding of the multiplicity of narratives around us. Art has the potential to give voice to forgotten and silenced narratives, but also to envision entirely new possibilities. By bringing together artists, museum directors, activists and academics, the Verbier Art Summit will engage the art world in critical reflection on their social and political responsibilities. Together, we will explore the political power of art.

The annual Verbier Art Summit connects thought leaders to key figures in the art world and creates a platform for discourse, innovation and change in a non-transactional context. It is an independent initiative organised by a non-profit association in partnership with a yearly rotating international museum director. The 2019 Summit will welcome speakers from diverse backgrounds to contribute to its programme. Each speaker demonstrates leadership and innovation at the intersection of society, politics, and art. They will come together in Verbier, Switzerland, for a weekend of dialogue to ask how we might shape and define a progressive role for art in our uncertain times.

Museum director Jochen Volz writes on his choice for the theme in the latest Summit publication:



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“For the 2019 Verbier Art Summit, I propose to explore themes that have been present in artistic and institutional practices for decades, but that have gained additional urgency in recent years: concepts of many histories, of plural forms of knowledge, and of contradicting narratives and multiple truths.

We are many and we can shape and direct the things that are happening. Art can and should be a means by which to challenge prevailing thinking and spur individual and collective action.”

The Verbier Art Summit provides a free two-day talks programme which can be attended in Verbier and online via live-broadcasting by anyone with a passion for art and innovation. The Summit speakers and members participate in an extended debating programme to generate further initiatives and visions in relation to this important topic. Follow us on social media for updates on the 2019 speakers and programme.

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