

FALLING WALLS FOUNDATION

Breakthrough Conversations: Engage with Global Science Leaders in Real-Time

- The Falling Walls Science Summit introduces a new interactive interview series on 8 and 9 November with breakthrough thinkers about their research, career paths and experiences.
- Among the guests are Nobel Prize winner 2021 Benjamin List, Fields Medal laureate Maryna Viazovska, Millennium Prize winner Shankar Balasubramanian.
- The online audience can participate in live Q&A sessions and join Breakthrough Conversations via the free livestream.
- 25-minute-interviews moderated by Springer Nature editors will run between 9AM and 5 PM CET parallel to the main Falling Walls Science Summit programme.
- The new interactive format in partnership with Springer Nature is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research.
- Find out more about the Science Summit three-day programme and the speakers here: [Falling Walls Science Summit 2022](#).

Berlin, Germany, 11 October 2022 – Which are the next walls to fall in science and society? On 8-9 November, the online audience of the Falling Walls Science Summit 2022 can join the new interview series **Breakthrough Conversations** via free livestream and participate in live Q&A sessions with the most outstanding breakthrough thinkers of our time.

Among the guests are Nobel Prize Winner 2021 Benjamin List, Fields Medal laureate Maryna Viazovska, Millennium Prize Winner Shankar Balasubramanian, John Jumper of DeepMind as well as Science Breakthrough of the Year 2022 laureates and other high-level guests. Funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and in partnership with Springer Nature, the interactive format offers an exclusive programme of in-person conversations with focus on individual research, career paths, and experiences.

Moderated by Springer Nature science editors, the 25-minute interviews will run between 9AM and 5 PM CET on 8 and 9 November parallel to the main Science Summit programme. All sessions will be recorded and made available online after the Summit.

Bart Verberck, Regional Executive Editor, Springer Nature, commented "*Since the global pandemic - the role of and importance of science, scientific communication and discussion has become increasingly understood. As such the 2021 Edelman Trust Barometer showed that the greatest request from the public was to increase their science literacy. As an academic publisher, we have a large role to play in this - supporting our next generation of, and current, researchers in making scientific discoveries accessible, discoverable and understandable. Our partnership with the Falling Walls Foundation is a key example of that commitment - each year we see what pivotal work the Falling Walls Science Summit enables by engaging scientific thinkers and wider society from across the globe in exploring scientific breakthroughs, collaborating on ideas, and communicating science. The launch of the Breakthrough Conversations, is a great extension to this and we look forward to being a part of what will no doubt be some engaging conversations that continue to bring down walls in science.*"

More about Breakthrough Conversations: falling-walls.com/conversations/

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About the Falling Walls Science Summit

Falling Walls Science Summit is a leading international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral forum for scientific breakthroughs and science dialogue between global science leaders and society. The event takes place every year from 7–9 November in Berlin, commemorating the fall of the Berlin Wall. With formats Falling Walls Pitches (7 November), Falling Walls Circle (8 November) and Falling Walls Science Breakthroughs of the Year (9 November), the Falling Walls Science Summit is the leading forum for global science leaders from academia, business, politics, the media, and civil society to debate the potential of scientific breakthroughs to solve grand challenges and shape a sustainable future. The Falling Walls Science Summit is organised by the non-profit Falling Walls Foundation. More: www.falling-walls.com

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