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Falling Walls Science Summit 2023: 1,300 guests and over 15,000 event visits from 149 countries via livestream

- The Falling Walls Science Summit 2023 took place for the 15th time from 7 to 9 November 2023
- 1,300 guests took part in the event on site
- Over 15,000 digital visits from 149 countries in the livestream
- Among the highlight speakers were the laureates of the Falling Walls Science Breakthrough of the Year 2023, this year's Nobel Prize winner Ferenc Krausz, 2023 Breakthrough Prize winner Thomas Gasser, Benoit Schillings, Tammy Ma, Alena Buyx, Johan Rockström and other speakers
- The Summit livestream is available at falling-walls.com/science-summit/
- Images for press use can be downloaded here

Berlin, 15 November 2023: Which are the next walls to fall in science and society? For the 15th time, the Falling Walls Science Summit brought together outstanding international scientists and decision-makers from politics, business, media, and society in Berlin. The renowned science conference, which has been organized by the Falling Walls Foundation since 2009, takes place annually from 7 to 9 November with the aim of showing society the potential of science in tackling the greatest challenges of our time.

This year, over 1,300 guests attended the Summit, while the digital livestream recorded a further 15,000 event visits from 149 countries. The Summit programme included almost 150 pitches from young scientists, science start-ups and science engagers on 7 November, 18 roundtable discussions and four symposia on 8 November, as well as 20 talks from the winners of this year's Falling Walls Science Breakthrough of the Year title and renowned international researchers on 9 November. Among the main topics of the programme were the future of climate policy, the impact of Al on science and education, the solar energy transition, the development of quantum technologies and founding from research. The laureates of the Falling Walls title presented solutions in the areas of food security, quantum technology, decarbonization, gender-based violence and democratization of Al.

About the Falling Walls Science Summit

The Falling Walls Science Summit is a leading international, interdisciplinary, and cross-sectoral forum for scientific breakthroughs and scientific dialogue between leading scientists and society worldwide. The event takes place every year from 7 to 9 November in Berlin to commemorate the fall of the Berlin Wall. Featuring 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, government, media, and civil society to discuss 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.

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About the Falling Walls Foundation

The Falling Walls Foundation was inspired by the fall of the Berlin Wall on 9 November 1989 and the dawn of a new era of freedom. The nonprofit foundation promotes breakthrough thinking and is building a growing network of leaders in academia, business, and the public sector to tackle grand challenges and bring groundbreaking ideas to society. <u>falling-walls.com/</u>

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