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TITLE OF PRESENTATION: ***Environment and sustainability – Current Situation and Possible Future Directions of the Academia Europaea***

Abstract of presentation

The Panel Session will briefly report of the work of an AE Task Force set up by Academia Europaea. The panel members will give an overview of potentials and possibilities for involvement of AE in these topics, as well as of challenges that have to be addressed. The interactive session will leave ample room for suggestions from the floor.

Biographical note

Born 1961 in Vienna, engineer for technical chemistry, studied history and journalism, habilitated human ecologist, professor for environmental history at the Institute for Social Ecology at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences 2018-2022, previously in this position since 2007 at the Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt; co-founder of the Centre for Environmental History, founding president of the European Society for Environmental History, as well as of the International Environmental History Umbrella Association (until 7/19). She has chaired the Commission for Interdisciplinary Ecological Studies of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, of which she has been a full member since 2016. Since 2019, she is chairperson of the Council of Environmental Experts of the City of Vienna. Verena Winiwarter is the co-author of numerous publications on, among other things, the environmental history of Vienna (most recently 2019: *Wasser-Stadt-Wien*), together with Hans-Rudolf Bork, *Geschichte unserer Umwelt. 66 Reisen durch die Zeit*. This book was published in 2019 in a 3rd, expanded and updated edition, it was chosen in 2015 as Science Book of the Year in Austria as well as Environmental Book of the Year in Germany. Numerous awards including -2014: “Scientist of the Year 2013” (Club of Education and Science Journalists of Austria), 2015: Grand Decoration of Honor of the Province of Carinthia, 2019: Honorary Doctorate Aalborg Universitet, Denmark. Elected member of Academia Europaea since 2020.