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Overview of Facts about the Karl-Marx-Haus in Trier and the 2018 Marx Anniversary

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The Trier Karl-Marx-Haus Museum

The birthplace of Karl Marx, built as a baroque residence around 1727, was purchased by the German Social Democratic Party in 1928 and has been conducted as a museum by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) since 1968. On the occasion of the 200th anniversary of Marx's birth, the new permanent exhibition with the title **"From Trier out into the World: Karl Marx, His Ideas and Their Impact to the Present"** will open in this place of learning about political history. Along with the permanent exhibition on the life, works and impact of this universal scholar, the Karl Marx Haus offers a programme of events on both historical and current socio-political questions. The constantly large number of about 40,000 interested visitors annually from Germany (40%) and abroad (60%) attests to the museum's appeal and its international drawing power. Detailed information on the Karl Marx Haus is available on the museum's website at <u>www.fes.de/Karl-Marx-Haus</u>.

Activities of the FES for the 2018 Marx Anniversary

For the 200th anniversary of the birth of Marx, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation will focus on activities concerning the concept of the **new permanent exhibition**; with its reorientation on educational methods, the exhibition takes into consideration the view points of the 21st century and demonstrates the impact of Marx's ideas up to the present. The museum will develop new **educational offers** parallel to this reorientation. Since the museum's administration moved to a new accommodation diagonally across from the birthplace in 2016, a large room is available for events and workshops.

The accompanying **programme** of the Karl Marx Haus for the anniversary began back in May of 2016 with the unveiling of a new bust of Marx in the inner courtyard. During 2018, the FES will participate in the supporting programme of its on-site cooperation partners, the "2018 Karl Marx Exhibition Association, Ltd." (KAMAG) and the Trier Catholic Diocese.

Furthermore, the Foundation offers a worldwide supporting programme, which began with conferences in Vietnam and Great Britain in 2017. The Foundation will address a wide audience with greatly varied formats, including staged readings, podium discussions, lecture courses and talks and a series of six lectures by renowned experts. Information is available on the **anniversary website** www.KarlMarx2018.de and the hashtag **#marx2018** on the social networks <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

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