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The Zukunftszentrum presents:

Shift Change– The Future on Shaky Ground

Market for Useful Knowledge and Non-Knowledge, License No. 15

Around 300 metres from the *neues theater* runs the 'Hallesche Störung' (Halle Fault), also known as the 'Marktplatzverwerfung' (Market Square Fault). Different layers of rock meet at this fault line. It was here that salt once rose to the surface, laying the foundations for the city's wealth.

The history of Halle (Saale) is also characterised by ruptures and profound changes. Landscapes, industries, political systems and ways of life have become layered one on top of the other over the course of time, much like geological strata. Following the upheavals of 1989, work, neighbourhoods and people's lives were transformed here, as they were everywhere in eastern Germany. Every change left its mark – some visible, others hidden.

The market explores the framework for our future with the title 'Shift Change – The Future on Shaky Ground'. Which experiences and memories are passed on? What underlying tensions and conflicts are at play? Which changes are already on the horizon?

90 experts from everyday life, academia, culture and business share their knowledge. 180 one-to-one conversations connect people from different walks of life – a solicitor specialising in insolvency law explains what options are available when the burden of debt becomes too great; an urban planner discusses construction site logistics; a nurse describes how shift work shapes his family's life; and a literary scholar talks about the risks of nostalgia.

The Market for Useful Knowledge and Non-Knowledge is an extraordinary discussion format organised by the Mobile Academy Berlin. Since 2004, it has taken place 35 times across 13 countries – most recently in Mülheim (Ruhr), Frankfurt (Main), Milan and now in Halle (Saale). For one evening, the *neues theater* is transformed into a place of exchange – becoming an integrated hub that combines a marketplace, exchange, and advice centre.

CHECK-IN

Admission is free and open throughout the evening, subject to availability. From 5.30 pm on, you can book slots for the first round of talks. Every 30-minute talk costs one euro. You can register for a talk in the next round during the ongoing round of talks.

MARKET RADIO

You can listen to selected talks on the 'Market-radio' across six channels. You can borrow headphones free of charge from the foyer upon presentation of a valid photo ID.

LANGUAGES

Talks are in: German, English, Arabic, Estonian, Farsi, Finnish, French, Mongolian, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Thai, Czech and Ukrainian. The language in which a talk can be held is indicated next to each expert's name.

ADVICE

Come with a question and receive a personalized assessment. The expert will assess the situation, weigh up the options and make a recommendation – even in the absence of a clear-cut solution.

PRACTICE

This isn't just about talking; it's about practising together. The expert will guide you through a practice you can adopt – something you can take away with you and repeat on your own.

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**Saturday
17 October 2026**
neues theater | Halle (Saale)

From 6:30 to 10:30pm,
Admission open throughout the evening
Admission and Check-in from 5:30pm

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