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Bard College Berlin Appoints New Managing Directors

Dr. Florian N. Becker and Taun N. Toay are the new Managing Directors of Bard College Berlin, A Liberal Arts University. Bard College's Board of Trustees approved their appointment as of July 1, 2015. They succeed Professors Thomas Rommel and Dimitri B. Papadimitriou, who stewarded the college from 2011 to 2015.

"Becker and Toay have been involved in running Bard College Berlin over the past three years and are familiar with its approach to international liberal arts education. They have the experience and commitment needed to build on past accomplishments and to secure the college's unique educational mission in the future," said Leon Botstein, President of Bard College, Annandale (USA).

Dr. Florian N. Becker has been teaching at Bard College Berlin and working in the university leadership since 2012. He is Associate Professor of German and Comparative Literature at Bard College (USA), where he taught from 2005 to 2012. Becker's research focuses on twentieth-century German theater, Anglo-American philosophy, and Critical Theory.

Taun N. Toay is Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Chief of Staff at Bard College, and Managing Director of the Levy Economics Institute. His main areas of expertise are macroeconomic modeling, gender-aware analysis, and the economy of Greece. In 2005-2006, he was a Fulbright scholar at the University of Piraeus in Greece.

Bard College Berlin is a state-recognized liberal arts university in Berlin, Germany. It offers German and US BA degrees in Economics, Politics, and Social Thought, and in the Humanities, Arts, and Social Thought. With its challenging interdisciplinary curriculum, students from nearly forty different countries, and a world-class teaching faculty, Bard College Berlin provides a range and depth of education that is unique.

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