

Short CVs of speakers, moderators

Franco Gervasoni obtained a Diploma in Civil Engineering at the Federal Polytechnic of Zurich in 1991. In 2001 he was appointed as Director of the Department of Environment, Construction and Design (DACD) at SUPSI - University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland. In 2003 he was awarded the title of SUPSI Professor. Since 2008 he is General Director of SUPSI. In 2015 he was elected member of the Board of Swissuniversities and since January 2016 he is Chairman of the Strategic Planning delegation of Swissuniversities.

Laurent Goetschel is director of swisspeace and professor of political science at the University of Basel. His research concentrates on peacebuilding and on foreign policy analysis. He has been a visiting scholar and a fellow at Columbia and Harvard University and at the European Institute of Peace in Brussels. He is currently president of the Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries (KFPE).

Mohomodou Houssouba is an author and literary scholar based in Basel. He studied at the teachers' college in Bamako, Mali's capital and earned a PhD in English Studies (with emphasis on African American Literature) at Illinois State University in 1998 where he taught for several years. He currently chairs the Malian Society of Applied Sciences and coordinates the development of an online platform for digital resources on the Songhay language.

Andreas Heinimann is an Associated Director of the Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) of the University of Bern, responsible for the guidance of five regional offices of CDE in the Global South as well as a senior lecture in Geo-informatics. Andreas has worked in development contexts since almost 25 years. He lived six years in Laos leading various projects at the science-policy-development interface. He takes up manifold functions in the international science community, for example as Lead Author of the IPBES Global Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, or as member of the NASA science team.

Barbara Moser-Mercer is Professor of conference interpreting and founder and Director of InZone, University of Geneva. Her research focuses on cognitive and cognitive neuro-science aspects of the interpreting process and on the human performance dimension of skill development and expertise, and on pedagogical approaches to digital learning in fragile contexts.

Julia Tischler is Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of African History at Basel University. Before, she worked as postdoc at Humboldt University in Berlin and completed her PhD in Cologne in 2011. In her first book, she looked at the Kariba Dam in today's Zambia and Zimbabwe as a case study of late-colonial development and nation-building. Her ongoing second book project is a transnational history of race relations and agricultural development in South Africa before 1950.

Dr. Srikanth Mutnuri has 12 years of post-PhD research experience in the area of bioremediation and wastewater treatment. He has successfully demonstrated pilot scale anaerobic digesters and empowered septic tanks as decentralized treatment systems. He has several projects from various funding agencies like DST, DBT, CSIR, DBT BIRAC and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He was Associate Dean International Programs and Collaboration division at Goa campus till Nov 2017 and currently he is Head of the Department of Biological Sciences.

Dimitrios Noukakis is heading the programme "MOOCs for Africa", a capacity building initiative, promoting innovative educational methods in Africa. Between 2005 and 2012, he built and headed the marketing unit for EPFL's graduate programs. Previously, he worked as a publisher for Elsevier and co-founded FontisMedia and N!light, two companies providing marketing and communication services. Dimitrios holds a PhD in Physical Chemistry from the University of Fribourg and an MBA from Business School Lausanne.

Christoph Pimmer, PhD, is a researcher at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland FHNW. Christoph has been working in the fields of digital global learning and knowledge management for more than 15 years, inter alia as visiting researcher at the UCL Institute of Education and at the Columbia University New York.

Eveline Steinger is head of the Institute of International Cooperation in Education at University of teacher education Zug (PH Zug). Its key areas focus on the international dimension of educational issues and in particular interculturality and internationalisation in education as well as education in development collaboration. Eveline has a Master's degree in Education, Sociology and Psychology from the University of Bielefeld, Germany with a focus on adult education and intercultural education.