



19 – 20 November 2020, University of Göttingen

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A Europe of Sustainability – Challenges and Perspectives
Göttingen 2020

Programme

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Thursday, Nov 19th

1.00 pm (CET)

Welcome

Prof. Dr. Reinhard Jahn

President, University of Göttingen

Björn Thümler

Minister of Science and Culture of the State of Lower Saxony

Prof. Dr. Helge Braun

Federal Minister for Special Affairs (Video statement)

1.20 pm (CET)

Keynote and Discussion

Mariya Gabriel

European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

in Conversation with

Prof. Dr. Hiltraud Casper-Hehne

Vice-President for Internationalisation, University of Göttingen

Prof. Dr. Peter-Tobias Stoll

Jean Monnet Chair for “European Union and Global Sustainable Development Through Law”, University of Göttingen

2.30 – 3.45 pm

Panel Discussion

Prof. Jean-Pierre Bourguignon

President ad interim, European Research Council

Prof. Dr. Reinhard Jahn

President, University of Göttingen

Dr. Georg Schütte

Secretary General, VolkswagenStiftung

Björn Thümler

Minister of Science and Culture of the State of Lower Saxony

Host:

Prof. Dr. Peter Strohschneider

Chairman of the Foundation University of Göttingen /
Former President of the German Research Association

Thursday, Nov 19th

4.30 – 6 pm (CET)

Parallel Workshops

1. Sustainable Land Use, Forestry and Agriculture: Local and Global Challenges

Host

Prof. Dr. Stefan Scheu

Animal Ecology, University of Göttingen

Speakers

Prof. Dr. Christian Ammer

Silviculture and Forest Ecology of Temperate Zones, University of Göttingen

Prof. Dr. David Kleijn

Plant Ecology and Nature Conservation, Wageningen University and Research

Stephanie Franck

President of the German Federal Association for Plant Breeding (Bundesverbandes Pflanzenzüchtung e.V.)

Comments

Prof. Dr. Christiaan Both

Faculty for Science and Engineering, University of Groningen (invited)

Prof. Kevin Bishop, PhD

Department of Earth Sciences, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Closing Remarks

Viola von Cramon-Taubadel

MdEP (Greens/EFA) (invited)

2. The Social Pillar of Sustainable Development and its Global Dimensions

Host

Prof. Dr. Andreas Fuchs

Development Economics, University of Göttingen

Speakers

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Prof. Dr. Anna-Katharina Hornidge

Director of the German Development Institute (DIE), Bonn

Prof. Olivier de Schutter, PhD

UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights (video statement)

Comments

Harald Hartung

Head of Fair Societies & Cultural Heritage, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission (invited)

Prof. Dr. Robert Lensink

Finance and Financial Markets, University of Groningen (invited)

Closing Remarks

Bernd Lange

MdEP (S&D / SPD)

Friday, Nov 20th

9 – 10.30 am (CET)

Parallel Workshops

3. Inclusive Societies: Democracy and the Rule of Law in Europe

Host

Prof. Dr. Anna Jonsson Cornell

Comparative Constitutional Law, Uppsala University

Speakers

Prof. Veronika Bílková, PhD

Institute of International Relations, Charles University Prague / Vice-President of the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe

Prof. Ran Hirschl, PhD

Political Science and Comparative Constitutionalism, University of Göttingen

Comments

Prof. Dr. Pál Sonnevend

Public International Law, Eötvös Loránd University Budapest

Márta Pardavi

Co-Chair Hungarian Helsinki Committee

Prof. Dr. Marie-Bénédicte Dembour

Law and Anthropology, Human Right Centre, Ghent University (invited)

Closing Remarks:

Konstantin Kuhle

MdB (FDP) (invited)

4. From Plastic Waste to Circular Economy – Challenges for Oceans, Biodiversity and Humankind

Host

Prof. Dr. Thomas Friedl

Experimental Phycology, University of Göttingen

Speakers

Prof. Dr. Helmut Hillebrand

Helmholtz Institute for Functional Marine Biodiversity, University of Oldenburg

Prof. Dr. Daniel Goldmann

Mineral and Waste Processing, Clausthal University of Technology

Dr. Barbara Scholz-Böttcher

Institute for Marine Chemistry and Biology, University of Oldenburg (invited)

Comments

Dr. Ingo Sartorius

Managing Director PlasticsEurope Germany

Prof. Dr. Linda Steg

Environmental Psychology, University of Groningen (invited)

Friday, Nov 20th

11 – 12.30 am (CET)

Parallel Workshops

5. Digitization as an Opportunity for Sustainable Development

Host

Prof. Dr. Marcel Broersma

Journalistic Culture and Media,
University of Groningen

Speakers

Rafael Laguna de la Vera

Director of the Federal Agency for Disruptive
Innovation, Leipzig

Prof. Javier Del Ser, PhD

Joint Research Lab on Artificial Intelligence,
University of the Basque Country

Prof. Rodolphe Thiebaut, PhD

Deputy Director of the INSERM Research Centre
“Bordeaux Population Health”,
University of Bordeaux

Comment

Prof. Raul Vicente Zafra, PhD

Data Science, University of Tartu

6. Education for Sustainable Development and the Grand Transformation

Moderation

Dr. Katrien van Poeck

Centre for Sustainable Development,
Ghent University

Speakers

Sophia Eriksson Waterschoot

Director for Youth, Education and Erasmus+ in the
Directorate General of the European Commission

Prof. Dr. Charlotte Platzer Björkmann

Centre for Sustainable Development,
Uppsala University

Prof. Dr. Gjalt de Jong

Sustainable Entrepreneurship in a Circular Society,
University of Groningen

Comment

Dr. Aune Valk

Vice Rector for Academic Affairs,
University of Tartu

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A Europe of Sustainability – Challenges and Perspectives

To address the major societal challenges and make a contribution to overcoming them, a close dialogue between science, business, politics and society is necessary. Therefore the University of Göttingen, together with its partners in the European University Network ENLIGHT is organising a European conference to discuss the challenges of sustainable development of our society and possible contributions of science to this, whether by communicating relevant research results or developing new research questions and projects. The conference is part of Germany's Presidency of the Council of the European Union: eu2020.de

The event will be conducted as a virtual conference. Please visit www.uni-goettingen.de/sustainableeurope for all information on registration and schedule details.

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