



FRANKLIN
UNIVERSITY
SWITZERLAND

SPEAKER SERIES 2016-2017

The Franklin University Switzerland Speakers Series brings renowned experts to Lugano to discuss topics of high relevance in the contemporary world. All guest lectures in the series are in English and are fully open both to the Franklin community and to the general public.

Thurs., Sept. 1, 2016
7:00 pm
FUS Nielsen Auditorium

AMBASSADOR PIO WENNUBST

Assistant Director General and Head of the Global Cooperation Department at the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation

Pio Wennubst (Lugano, 1961) has extensive experience in development diplomacy. Prior to his current role the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, he was Deputy Permanent Representative of the Swiss Mission to the Rome-based UN agencies, and Head of the Economic and Social Development team of the Swiss permanent mission to the UN in New York.

Tues., Nov. 22, 2016
7:00 pm
FUS Nielsen Auditorium

DR ROBERTO BALZARETTI

Head of the Directorate of International Public Law, Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Roberto Balzaretti (Mendrisio, 1965) has worked in a variety of top level roles in the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to his role as Head of the Mission of Switzerland to the European Union, he was Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director of the Cabinet of Minister of Foreign Affairs Micheline Calmy Rey, and Special Representative of Switzerland to the Human Rights Council and Deputy Permanent Representative for the Swiss Mission to the UN Office in Geneva.

Tues., Jan. 31, 2017
7:00 pm
FUS Nielsen Auditorium

DR ROGER FAYET

Director of the Swiss Institute for Art Research (SIK-ISEA)

Roger Fayet (Zurich, 1966) has extensive expertise in the arts sector. Prior to directing SIK-ISEA, he was Assistant Curator at the Johann Jacobs Museum in Zurich, Head Curator of the Museum Bellerive and the applied arts collection of the Museum für Gestaltung in Zurich, and Director of the Museum zu Allerheiligen in Schaffhausen. From 2009 to 2015 he was also President of the Swiss National Committee of the International Council of Museums.

Tues., Mar. 28, 2017
7:00 pm
FUS Nielsen Auditorium

DR THOMAS GIRST

Head of Cultural Engagement, BMW Group

Thomas Girst (Trier, Germany, 1971) is a German author and cultural manager with extensive experience in history, arts and German literature. As a curator, he organized numerous exhibitions at both the Scene Gallery in New York and the Lenbachhaus in Munich. In 2008 and 2009 he was nominated "Cultural Manager of the Year" by Causales, a leading agency for cultural marketing and cultural sponsorship in Europe.

Sign up for regular updates and information on these and other public events at Franklin at fus.edu/friends

FUS.EDU