

# The new multipolar global order and the challenge of the SDGs

ÖFSE 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The past two decades witnessed significant shifts in international power relations. The post war economic and political order is being replaced by new and more complex scenarios. At the same time, economic, social and ecological imbalances persist. While there has been tremendous technological progress and accumulation of wealth, many millions of citizens still have inadequate access to the most basic conditions of decent life. Thus, the challenges for realizing a socio-ecological transformation envisioned by the UN Sustainable Development Goals are tremendous.

The conference will analyse the changing geopolitical order from different viewpoints and address related potentials and challenges for advancing towards more sustainability and equity as articulated in the UN Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development. It will further discuss interfaces between research and policy implementation in this context.

The conference will start with an opening event on October 12 and continue with a conference on October 13.

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Sensengasse 3, 1090 Vienna



## Opening Event: 12.10.2017, 06.00 – 08.00 pm

### Welcome Address

Andreas Novy, *Chairman of the Board, ÖFSE*

### Introductory Remarks

#### The importance of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development for Austria

Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal, *Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs*

### Keynotes

#### The New Development Agenda – Reflections from different perspectives

Klaus Töpfer, *Founding Director, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Potsdam, and former Director Executive of UNEP*

Jayati Ghosh, *Professor of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*

### Panel Discussion

What does implementation of SDGs mean, where are key conceptual and practical obstacles?

- Ulrich Brand, *Professor of International Politics, University of Vienna*
- Jayati Ghosh, *Professor of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*
- Klaus Töpfer, *Founding Director, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Potsdam*
- Li Yong, *Director General UNIDO (tbc)*

Facilitation: *Werner Raza, Director ÖFSE*

### Celebrating 50 Years ÖFSE: Wine reception, buffet and life music.

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## Speakers:

### Ulrich Brand

Professor of International Politics at the University of Vienna and Member of the Board of ÖFSE.

### Jayati Ghosh

Professor of Economics at the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

### Peter Launsky-Tieffenthal

Director General for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs at the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs

### Andreas Novy

Head of the Institute of Multi-Level Governance and Development at WU and Chairman of the Board of ÖFSE.

### Klaus Töpfer

Founding Director of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Potsdam, former Executive Director of UN Environment (UNEP)

### Li Yong

Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

## Conference: 13.10.2017, 09.00 – 17.00

### 09.00 Opening

Ulrich Brand, *University of Vienna*  
Werner Raza, *Director, ÖFSE*

### 09.15 Opening Plenary

#### **The SDGs and their relevance for tackling the challenge of a socio-ecological transformation**

Jens Martens, *Global Policy Forum*  
Annelies Vilim, *Director of Global Responsibility, Austrian Platform for Development and Humanitarian Aid*  
Michael Obrovsky, *ÖFSE*  
Wolfram Schaffar, *University of Vienna*  
*Facilitation: Karin Küblböck, ÖFSE*

### 10.45 Coffee Break

### 11.15 Plenary

#### **From concept to practice: science-policy interfaces for promoting social-ecological transformation**

Daniel Barben, *University of Klagenfurt*  
Erwin Künzi, *Austrian Development Agency*  
Veronika Haschka, *Federal Chancellery of Austria*  
*Facilitation: Werner Raza, ÖFSE*

### 13.00 Lunch Break

### 14.00 Parallel Panels

### 16.00 Coffee Break

### 16.15 Wrap-Up & Closing

### 17.00 Wine reception

## Parallel Panels:

### Panel 1

#### **The social dimension of the SDGs: Focussing on poverty eradication, promoting skills, decent work and equity**

Simon McGrath, *University of Nottingham*  
Jörg Flecker, *University of Vienna*  
Johanna Mang, *Light for the World*

*Facilitation: Margarita Langthaler, ÖFSE*

### Panel 2

#### **Towards economic development within planetary boundaries**

Jayati Ghosh, *Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*  
Michele Clara, *UNIDO*  
Stefan Giljum, *Vienna University of Economics and Business*  
*Facilitation: Werner Raza, ÖFSE*

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## Speakers:

<b>Daniel Barben</b>	holds a Chair in Science, Technology and Society Studies at Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt.
<b>Ulrich Brand</b>	Professor of International Politics at the University of Vienna and Member of the Board of ÖFSE.
<b>Michele Clara</b>	Industrial Development Officer at United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).
<b>Jörg Flecker</b>	Professor of Sociology at the University of Vienna.
<b>Jayati Ghosh</b>	Professor of Economics at the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
<b>Stefan Giljum</b>	Head of the Research Group “Sustainable Resource Use” at the Institute for Ecological Economics of the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU), Vienna.
<b>Veronika Haschka</b>	Head of the department for OECD coordination and general coordination of Science, Research, Technology and Education in the Federal Chancellery of Austria.
<b>Karin Küblböck</b>	Senior Researcher at ÖFSE with focus on global economic policies.
<b>Erwin Künzi</b>	Head of the Unit Themes and Quality at the Austrian Development Agency (ADA).
<b>Margarita Langthaler</b>	Senior Researcher at ÖFSE with focus on education policies.
<b>Johanna Mang</b>	Head of Programmes at Light for the World Austria.
<b>Jens Martens</b>	Director of Global Policy Forum Europe, Bonn.
<b>Simon McGrath</b>	Professor of International Education and Development at the University of Nottingham.
<b>Michael Obrovsky</b>	Senior Researcher with a focus on development policy and Deputy Director of ÖFSE.
<b>Werner Raza</b>	Director of ÖFSE with a research focus on international trade and development.
<b>Wolfram Schaffar</b>	Professor for Development Studies and Political Science at the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Vienna.
<b>Annelies Vilim</b>	Director of Global Responsibility, Austrian Platform for Development and Humanitarian Aid