The new multipolar global order and the challenge of the SDGs

ÖFSE 50th anniversary

The past two decades witnessed significant shifts in international power relations. The postwar 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.

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