



## INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT EDUCATION AT THE CROSSROADS



### HOW A SOCIETY'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE HUMAN BEING AND ITS EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM CORRELATE

Viewing the system of education as a reflection of the prevailing sociopolitical paradigm allows us to draw conclusions about the image of man that dominates mainstream society. A well-founded discussion on education requires an assessment of the situation that reaches deep into the foundations of life. If life is no longer a gift, then it is replaced by “doing”; if life is no longer a gift, then a “wanting to have” takes its place. But everything that is made can also be destroyed.

## Focus on Skills versus Formation of the Person

The classical humanistic principle of education, based on the formation of the whole person, is being replaced by an orientation towards skills in order to be compatible with the Internet and the economy. Thus, this classical principle of education is being overwritten by a technology-based system. One would think that the main goal of learning is to maximize production and consumption competency and the ability to work in groups so as to form a generation that is easily integrated into the world of work and that is politically assimilated. Education – to perceive life, human beings, reality – is no longer seen as a value in itself. Education serves merely to acquire competencies that make a person a functioning part of society, of the economy. The more the Christian-humanistic image of the human being disintegrates, the more the classical concept of education also disintegrates.

## Friday, May 5, 2023

**8.45 h:** Registration opens

**9.30 h: Welcome**

Prof. Dr. Christiaan Alting von Geusau, Rector

**Opening remarks**

3 Representatives of Public Institutions

**10.00 h: Opening Lecture**

**„Familie – Schule – Gesellschaft: Wer Rettet Uns aus der Bildungskrise?“**

Univ. Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Mazal

**11.15 h:** Coffee break

**11.45 h: Kunst und Schönheit: „Widerstand gegen die Große Entzauberung“**

Dr. Johannes Hartl, Theologian, Gebetshaus Augsburg

**ca. 13.00 h:** Lunch in the Schloss

**14.30 h: Bildung in Totalitären Systemen**

*Von der Indoktrination, Anpassung und Formatierung zu Kritikfähigkeit, Herzensbildung und Kreativität*

Dr. Gudula Walterskirchen, Historian and Journalist, Vienna

**15.15 h:** Coffee break

**ca. 15.45 Uhr – 17.00 h: Panel**

*Moderation: Dr. Maria Harmer, ORF-Journalist*

**Schulen als Spielball von Ideologien: Sind Bildungsideale noch Gefragt?**

**Heidi Burkhart** (Stella International School, Vienna), **Andreas Salcher** (Co-

founder of the Sir Karl Popper School, Vienna), **Gabriele Rapp** (Digital Health, Luxembourg), **Thomas Kubelik** (Stiftsgymnasium Melk), **Andrea Pinz** (Schulamtsleitung, Archdiocese of Vienna)

**ca. 17.00 h:** Coffee break

**17.30 h: Integrating Collectives into Education: An Agenda for Human Flourishing**

Dr. Peter Kahn, Professor of Digital Education, University of Manchester

**19.00 h:** Cold buffet, snacks, and drinks

**Film screening and discussion**

## **Saturday, May 6, 2023**

**9.30 h: Greeting**

H.E. Cardinal Christoph Schönborn, ITI Grand Chancellor, Archbishop of Vienna

**9.45 h: Universities Today: Technocracy and Truth**

Dr. Edward Hadas, Fellow of Blackfriars Hall, Oxford

**10.45 h:** Coffee break

**11.15 h: Geschlecht: Zugang zum Leben**

*Kann man zum Mannsein/Frausein erziehen?*

Prof. Dr. Hanna Barbara Gerl-Falkovitz, Philosophy of Religion, Ratzinger Laureate, Philosophical-Theological University of Benedict XVI, Heiligenkreuz near Vienna

**Questions**

**13.00 h:** Lunch in the Schloss

**15.00 h: Jüdische Geistesgröße: Ergebnis einer Bildungstradition**

*Bildung aus jüdischen Quellen vorgestellt: Martin Buber – Abraham Heschel*

Prof. Dr. Bernhard Dolna, Judaist and Theologian ITI Dean, Trumau

**Questions**

**16.30 h:** Coffee break

**17.00 h:** Closing Words and Future Prospects

**The Congested Crossroads of Education: What Are Our Choices?**

Prof. Dr. Christiaan Alting von Geusau, Rector

Note: Program is subject to change



### **Conference fees**

Entire conference incl. lunch and coffee breaks: € 90,-

For students: € 50,-

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