



## Facing the Future: Human Ecology & Higher Education General Invitation

Have you ever asked yourself what young generations should learn in higher education, what preparation is needed for future careers, and whether we need a transformation of our education systems?

Young generations' criticisms of current educational concepts and higher education structures are abundantly clear and more than justified given the challenges and existing threats.

We want to not only test our understanding of learning and teaching, but to incorporate new concepts. Higher education, or to use the German term "Bildung" should equip generations to deal with and change the present in order to shape a sustainable future for the Earth.

That is what we want to talk about and discuss at the conference "Facing the Future: Human Ecology and Higher Education" in Potsdam from August 31 to September 3, 2022.

We invite you to be part of this conference and transformation: [Register Now!](#) Become a member of this community facing the future.

More than 60 contributions from a wide range of countries and perspectives from our global societies in 16 different thematic areas come together live and virtually in this hybrid organized conference in Potsdam. Notable key speakers include:

- *Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker*, Co-Chair, International Resource Panel, former Co-President of the Club of Rome;
- *Richard Borden*, COA's Academic Dean for twenty years, past-President/Executive Director of the Society for Human Ecology, and founding member of the Ecological Society of America human ecology section;
- *Lene Rachel Andersen*, economist, author, futurist, Bildung activist, and a full member of the Club of Rome;
- *Jennifer Amparo*, Associate Professor at the College of Human Ecology, Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor for Administration at the University of the Philippines Los Banos;
- *Thomas Schmaus*, Professor of Philosophy at Alanus University in Bonn, past Dean of the department Philosophy and Social Innovation;
- *Johan Rockström*, Professor at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, chair of the advisory board for the EAT Foundation and the Earth League, appointed as chair of the Earth Commission.

We thank all who contribute to our conference program. Thanks to you, we have a broad range of different and exciting topics. Do you want to know more?

Have a look at our [Conference Program](#).

We look forward to welcoming you to the conference (live or virtual) in Potsdam.

You are very welcome to forward this conference invitation to your friends, networks and universities.

With warm regards

Co-Presidents of the Conference

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