

RISK - Walking a tightrope between chance and responsibility

DocNet, the club for doctoral students at HSG, annually organizes the DocNet Symposium – a one-day event where young scientists, students and practitioners have the opportunity to meet and discuss with experts a current topic which is of high relevance for society.

This year, the 13th DocNet Symposium focuses on the topic "Risk" and addresses the question how companies and societies can cope with the tightrope walk between chance and responsibility. "No risk is the highest risk of all" wrote Aaron Wildavsky in 1979. An observation which could be not of more relevance today in a society where risk is increasingly perceived as an "evil". While it feels good to avoid risk and to live in a world of - potentially alleged - security, what does this mean for prosperity, technological development or entrepreneurship in our society? DocNet invites everyone who is interested in discussing those and other questions to join the 13th DocNet Symposium. The event will explore social, institutional, and personal requirements to take conducive risk under the general constraint of responsibility.

The symposium hosts keynote speeches by experts from science and business. They cover amongst others a philosophical introduction to risk and responsibility, first-hand experiences from dealing with regulation that targets risk mitigation for consumers or lessons learned from personal risk-taking by launching a venture in the field of pharmaceutical research. Above all, an extreme athlete will illustrate the risky tightrope walk between chance and responsibility – in the truest sense of the word. Workshops, a panel discussion as well as Q&A sessions ensure the right atmosphere for the exchange of ideas among participants and experts.

Sign up and be part of this inspiring event!

Programme

Time	Content	
08:30	Registration	
09:00	Welcome address Prof. Dr. Thomas Bieger & DocNet University of St.Gallen	
09:15	Dr. Martin Booms "Risk and responsibility: companions or contrahents?"	
	Patrick Scherrer "M&A in terms of risk, chance and responsibility – the Nationale Suisse acquisition"	
	Andy Habermacher "Greed, hubris and the perfectly rational brain"	
11:00	Coffee Break	
11:30	n.n.	Prof. Dr. Tami Dinh University of St.Gallen
	"Structural breaks in business: Moving forward or wait and see?"	"Rule breaker in science: Do we need more brave hearts?"
12:15	Lunch	
13:15	Niklas Winter "Analyzing risk through the eyes of an extreme sports athlete"	
	Dr. Ludger Dinkelborg "Piramal Imaging: A journey along a tightrope - with a twist"	
	Prof. Dr. Dieter Thomä "Securing sustainability, embracing risk: A contradiction?"	
	Jason M. Schupp "Risk mitigation through regulation – is it effective?"	
15:15	Coffee Workshop	
15:45	Panel discussion Moderation: Prof. Dr. Claude Siegenthaler , Hosei University, Tokyo Lukas Reichel , University of St.Gallen	
16:30	Apéro	

Keynote Speakers



Dr. Martin Booms
 Founder and Managing Director
 Academy of Social Ethics and Public Culture



Dr. Ludger Dinkelborg
 Chief Executive Officer
 Piramal Imaging



Andy Habermacher
 Expert on Neuroleadership
 Leading Brains (Founder)



Patrick Scherrer
 Head of Strategy & Communications
 Helvetia Insurance



Jason M. Schupp
 Head of Regulatory
 Zurich Insurance Company



Prof. Dr. Dieter Thomä
 Professor of Philosophy
 University of St.Gallen



Niklas Winter
 Extreme Sports Athlete
 One Inch Dreams

Date: 2nd of October 2015

Place: WBZ, St.Gallen

Fee: 15,- CHF **early bird fee** payable until 25th of September - exclusively for DocNet
 20,- CHF **students and DocNet**
 60,- CHF **other**

Sign up:
<http://docnet-hsg.ch/symposium>

How to get there

Arriving by public transport

St.Gallen is located on the Swiss east-west axis on the main line of the Swiss Railways (SBB). There are direct trains from Zurich Main Railway Station and from Zurich Airport to St.Gallen every 30 minutes. The local bus (VBSG lines 5 and 9) from St.Gallen's Main Railway Station take 10 minutes to the Convention and Executive Education Center (WBZ). Get off at the "Rotmonten" stop. The journey takes 10 minutes.

Arriving by car and parking

Take motorway exit St.Gallen-Kreuzbleiche, towards "Zentrum", follow the "Universität" and "WBZ Holzweid" signs. If you have a navigation system, enter "Holzstrasse 15".

The underground garage has a limited number of parking spaces. For hotel guests, parking costs CHF 10.00 for 24 hours and CHF 1.00 per hour for all other visitors. Otherwise you can also park for CHF 8.00 per day in the blue zone in Rotmonten district. You can obtain permits at the reception.

Location

Weiterbildungszentrum Holzweid (WBZ)
Holzstrasse 15
9010 St.Gallen

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