



Career Symposium
“The Impact of Transdisciplinarity”
at the
Alumni Homecoming 2015



September 25th 2015, 6.30 p.m.

Jacobs University
Campus Center
ICC Conference Hall



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Target Objective:

The opening evening of the yearly *Alumni Homecoming* is going to be all about employment and careers. A symposium, initiated by the Career Services Center at Jacobs University, will deal with a key challenge of the global job market. The target of this symposium is to start a professional discussion between Jacobs alumni from all over the world, faculty and representatives from external companies and institutions and offer a unique chance to network and establish new and meaningful contacts.

First conducted in 2014, the Jacobs Career Symposium will be a permanent feature of our Alumni Homecoming in the years to come.

Content:

Employees and managers from industry as well as graduates of Jacobs University will exchange ideas about a current topic.

The topic will first be discussed from the point of view of our invited speakers via a short presentation, half of whom are alumni who have gone on to take an integral role in an international company or organization. In our subsequent panel discussion the key issues will be discussed and questions from the audience will be taken up and answered.

An informal networking event will round up the evening and shall offer everyone the opportunity to continue the discussion individually and expand one’s network.

Guests of this event consist of interested alumni and students of Jacobs University, faculty and invited external guests.

Our Topic in 2015:

The topic of the Symposium “The Impact of Transdisciplinarity” deals with the strategies of companies and organizations with regards to the challenges they face in solving complex problems. These challenges, due to their functional interlacing, can often not be solved by one discipline or unit alone anymore.

Today, it is expected that graduates, apart from solid professional knowledge, have social skills, are capable of thinking outside the box and have the ability to change perspectives. Current global challenges are becoming more and more complex and make it a necessity to incorporate transdisciplinarity in research and work. Individuals who can offer this unique skill set are more and more sought after and are gradually becoming *Game Changers* in their respective areas.

Transdisciplinarity has been a key component of the future-oriented academic programs at Jacobs University Bremen. This symposium shall offer a basis for discussion about the necessity of transdisciplinarity in education, as well as depict the expectations of companies and institutions towards such graduates.

Program

25. September 2015

- 18:30 **Welcome**
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Katja Windt, President and Member of the Executive Board, Jacobs University Bremen
- 18:40 **Welcome from Alumni Association**
Peter Dabrowski, President, Jacobs University Bremen Alumni Association e.V.
- 18:45 **Keynote Speech**
Prof. Dr. Arvid Kappas; Dean Focus Area Diversity, Jacobs University Bremen
- Short Presentations**
- 19:00 **Airbus Operations GmbH**
Dr. André Walter, Plant Manager Bremen
- 19:10 **Google**
Mr. Momchil Ivanov, Software Engineer at Google, Zürich, Switzerland, Alumni Class of 2013
- 19:20 **ZIF – Center for International Peace Operations**
Dr. Astrid Irrgang, Deputy Director and Head of Human Resources, Berlin
- 19:30 **Lufthansa Consulting GmbH**
Mr. Henrik Maedler, Consultant, Frankfurt am Main, Alumni Class of 2007
- 19:40 **Fraunhofer Institute for Molecular Biology and Applied Ecology IME**
Dr. Philip Gribbon, Assistant Head of Department at Fraunhofer IME – ScreeningPort
- 19:50 **Univention GmbH**
Mr. Peter Ganten, CEO, Bremen
- 20:00 **Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A**
Moderation: Predrag Tapavicki, Head of Corporate Relations and Talent Management and Sebastian Blümmert, Lufthansa Cargo, Alumni Class of 2011
- 20:30 **Get-Together with Beck’s und Snacks**
We are very thankful to ABInBev for sponsoring the drinks this evening

The venue is the **Conference Hall** in the **Campus Center** at **Jacobs University Bremen**.
Please follow the signs from the main entrance of the campus.

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