



Press release

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Civilisation at the Crossroads – Response and Responsibility of the Systems Sciences

International systems researcher and practitioner showcase impact in Vienna

The 22nd European Meetings on Cybernetics and Systems Research take place from April 22nd to 25th, 2014 in the building of Communication Studies, University of Vienna, Währinger Straße 29, 1090 Vienna.

More than 170 contributions from international scientists and practitioners and more than 200 guests are expected in the second year of the organization by the Bertalanffy Center for the Study of Systems Science.

The meeting in 2014 unites again the renowned organizations in this field of research with the support of the International Federation for Systems Research and the Vienna University of Economics and Business, with the participation of representatives of all the universities of Vienna, Medical University of Vienna, University of Applied Arts Vienna, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) Vienna, University of Vienna, Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU) and Vienna University of Technology (TU Wien).

Three central themes "Sustainability & Development", "Emergence & Design" and "Strategy & Complexity" draw the bow of the current transdisciplinary approaches of systems sciences with contributions from the natural sciences, social sciences and technical sciences.

System scientists, philosophers, social scientists, economists, biologists, engineers and designers followed the call for a showcase of the most innovative solutions to the current global complex problems under the title "Civilisation at the Crossroads - Response and Responsibility of the system sciences".

The meetings 2014, organized in 22 thematic symposia, include theoretical and practical reflections on: "Disasters prevention, Economic systems change, Impacts for sustainability, Corporate social responsibility, Social and environmental responsibility; Architectural ecologies, Urban systems research, Sustainability, ethics and the cyberspace, Game-based learning, Game Design, Emergent Design, Improving systemics for a better future, Ethics from systems, Emergence in social systems; Systemic consulting, Systemic project management, Country development, Risks in supply chain networks, Social and technical "volatility" in energy systems, Professional Systemics, Learning in a complex world, Transdisciplinary responses to global challenges, Crossroads of civilization."

Mario Bunge from the McGill University, Montreal, Canada will be honored with the 2014 Ludwig von Bertalanffy Award in Complexity Thinking. Markus Schwaninger from the University of St.Gallen holds the Ross Ashby Memorial Lecture on Organizing for Sustainability.



Impactful systems science is demonstrated by outstanding examples, including through case studies of policy advice by the prestigious International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) from Austria and the Evolutionary Learning Labs supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and their successful projects in Southeast Asia and Africa.

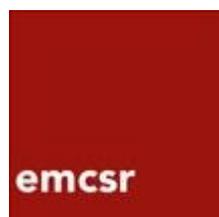
Furthermore the promotion of young scientific talents and the possibility of networking with the living founders of the system sciences are at the core of the meeting. In 2014 the organiser Bertalanffy Center sponsors again a special competition for outstanding research by doctoral students.

In 2012 the Bertalanffy Center set the goal to create a strong European hub for the international system sciences in Vienna, building on the EMCSR 40 years of tradition. Two years later this objective is achieved. We are pleased to welcome this year guests from 24 European countries (Albania, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Macedonia, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK, and Ukraine), and from all regions of the world, like Asia (China, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Nepal, Taiwan), Africa (South Africa), Australia, New Zealand and Americas (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, USA).

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The center conducts research in the fields of systems thinking, system design and general system theory, which was founded by the biologist Ludwig von Bertalanffy. The main focus of research is the re-evaluation of this theory and the recent developments of systems theory in the light of today's global developments.

The BCSSS connects different research approaches in a dialogue and offers several platforms of exchange. The value of the systemic approach should be elaborated with and for all systemic as well as non-systemic scientists and practitioners.

The BCSSS is member of the International Federation for Systems Research, represented by its President Wolfgang Hofkirchner. The Scientific Council has internationally distinguished scientists such as Mario Bunge (Canada), Klaus Kornwachs (Germany), Ervin Laszlo (Hungary), Gerald Midley (UK), Edgar Morin (France), and Rainer Zimmermann (Germany) among its members. The Bertalanffy Center, founded in 2004, is located in Vienna.

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