

Online lecture series

The World in 2050

March - July 2023



A Global UNESCO Chairs lecture series organized by the UNESCO Chair in Interdisciplinary Anticipation and Global-Local Transformation, Center for Advanced Studies, Eurac Research

The middle of this century will see a widely transformed globe – with newly structured economies, transformed energy grids, more and systemically competing grand political powers, evolved relationship between local and regional populations, nation-states and global institutions, more futuristic views on man-machine convergence and commercial uses of Space, newly composed demography, and profound cultural and religious shifts. One of the major players in looking ahead is the United Nation’s Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, UNESCO. Based on its 2022-29 strategy to accomplish the goals of the UN Decade 2030, UNESCO proposes innovative approaches to re-imagining inter- and trans-disciplinary views on what the future might hold. The global lecture series “The World in 2050” connects UNESCO Chairs from different disciplines and continents to provide a comprehensive joint vision of possible futures.

01.03.2023 13:00	Opening Roland Psenner , President of Eurac Research, Bolzano, Italy Harald Pechlaner , Head of the Center for Advanced Studies, Eurac Research, Bolzano, Italy Introduction: the World in 2050 Roland Benedikter , UNESCO Chair in Interdisciplinary Anticipation and Global-Local Transformation, Center for Advanced Studies, Eurac Research, Bolzano, Italy
07.03.2023 13:00	Learning from the Future: How We Use Futures to Rethink Education Loes Damhof , UNESCO Chair on Futures Literacy, Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen, the Netherlands
14.03.2023 13:00	Futures Studies: Used by Whom, Why and How? Roberto Poli , UNESCO Chair on Anticipatory Systems, University of Trento, Italy
27.03.2023 13:00	Complex Systems and Transformative African Futures Rika Preiser & Tanja Hichert , UNESCO Chair in Complex Systems and Transformative African Futures, Center for Sustainability Transitions, Stellenbosch University, South Africa
11.04.2023 13:00	On Peace: Future Visions of Liberation Rina Malagayo Alluri , UNESCO Chair for Peace Studies, University of Innsbruck, Austria
02.05.2023 16:00	The Persistence of Hate? Thinking Ahead Barbara Perry , UNESCO Chair in Hate Studies, Ontario Tech University, Canada
16.05.2023 13:00	The Need for a Transformative Blue Governance Pierre Failler , UNESCO Chair in Ocean Governance, Center for Blue Governance, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom
30.05.2023 13:00	On the Possibility of Responsible Futures Ted Fuller , UNESCO Chair on Responsible Foresight for Sustainable Development, University of Lincoln, United Kingdom

