

Online lecture series — Third edition

The World in 2050

Perspectives on Anticipation,
Innovation, Finance and Education

29 January – 18 June 2025



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

In a rapidly evolving world, preparing for the future demands innovative thinking and collaborative action. The third edition of the UNESCO Chair Lecture Series explores the critical challenges and transformative opportunities shaping our social, economic, political, and ecological systems. Through an interdisciplinary lens, the series brings together leading experts to address key issues such as anticipation, innovation, finance and education, while fostering a deeper understanding of how global and local transformations can shape a more equitable and resilient future.

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.

29.01.2025 14:00 – 15:00	Opening remarks Roland Benedikter , UNESCO Chair in Interdisciplinary Anticipation & Global-Local Transformation, Eurac Research Bolzano/Bozen, Italy How Can Futures Literacy and Anticipation Help Us Navigate an Uncertain Future? Christine Kavazanjian , Programme Specialist, A.I Futures Literacy & Foresight Programme, UNESCO Elif Çepni , UNESCO Chair on Anticipation Studies, Futures Literacy and Strategic Foresight, Karabuk University, Turkey
19.02.2025 14:00 – 15:00	How Can Socio-Technical Systems Shape Sustainable Futures? Julius Gatune , UNESCO Chair in Anticipatory Socio-Technical Systems, Dedan Kimathi University of Technology, Kenya
12.03.2025 14:00 – 15:00	How Can Futures Thinking Foster Innovation and Entrepreneurship? Antje Bierwisch , UNESCO Chair in Futures Capability for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Management Center Innsbruck, Austria
16.04.2025 14:00 – 15:00	How Can Finance Contribute to Future Values? Martin Calnan , UNESCO Chair for the Future of Finance, École de Ponts Business School, France
21.05.2025 14:00 – 15:00	How Can Generative Pedagogy Transform Education to Address Inequality? Emiliana Mannese , UNESCO Chair on Generative Pedagogy and Educational Systems to tackle Inequality, University of Salerno, Italy
18.06.2025 14:00 – 15:00	How Can We Envision Pathways to Sustainable Development in 2050? Nebojsa Nakicenovic , Distinguished Emeritus Research Scholar, Group of Chief Scientific Advisors (GCSA) and Deputy Chair, European Commission, Executive Director of the Initiative 'The World in 2050' Concluding remarks Roland Benedikter , UNESCO Chair in Interdisciplinary Anticipation & Global-Local Transformation, Eurac Research Bolzano/Bozen, Italy

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All lectures will take place online via Microsoft Teams. The Teams link will be sent to your email address **one week before** the first lecture.



To participate, please register [here](#).

A certificate of attendance is available upon request to participants who have attended **at least four** lectures and must be requested by **22.01.2025**. Please send your request to: chiara.paris@eurac.edu

Participation is free of charge.

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