

## **Short CVs of the lecturers and roundtable participants**

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### **Dr. Urs Rügsegger, CEO SIX Group**

Dr Urs Rügsegger has been the CEO of SIX Group since beginning of 2008. Prior to this, he held the position of Head of the Executive Committee of St. Galler Kantonalbank. He joined the bank in 1993 as Head of Controlling, Accounting and Risk Management and was appointed to the Executive Committee in 1997. In 2000 he took charge of the IPO project, which was successfully launched in 2001. As Head of the Executive Committee of St. Galler Kantonalbank he also held various positions with the Association of Swiss Cantonal Banks since 2001. After completing his business studies at the University of St. Gallen, Urs Rügsegger started his career at Swiss Re in the area of IT. He was deeply involved in the development of commercial applications and the restructuring of Swiss Re's service branch. He transferred to St. Galler Kantonalbank in late 1993 after assuming financial responsibility for Audatex, the international subsidiary group

### **Peter Siegenthaler, Director of the Swiss Federal Finance Administration**

Peter Siegenthaler has been Director of the Federal Finance Administration since July 2000, where he has held various management positions since 1982. An economist by education, he has a firm grasp of financial policy and national economics. After the grounding of Swissair, he acted as a crisis-tested finance manager in the subsequent founding of Swiss International Air Lines. Recently, he has indicated on various occasions the need for reforms in the financial industry.

### **Rolf Schweiger, States Councilor**

Rolf Schweiger, an attorney, heads his own law firm in Zug and has represented the Canton of Zug in the States Council since 1998. In 1970, he was elected to the Zug Cantonal Council, a position he held for a total of 22 years and from which he presided over the FDP fraction between 1980 and 1994. As a States Councilman and member of various commissions, he gained prominence in financial, energy and legal policy issues. In April 2004, he briefly took over as president of the FDP. He is also a functionary of numerous foundations, associations and companies – for example as a management board member of economiesuisse as well as a director of Schindler, HOCHDORF (foodstuffs) and other enterprises.

### **Prof. Dr. Peter Gomez, Chairman of the Board, SIX Group**

Prof. Dr. Peter Gomez is Chairman of the Board of SIX Group as well as Dean of the Executive School for Management, Technology and Law at the University of St. Gallen (HSG). Following his studies in St. Gallen and a visiting professorship in the USA, he spent ten years in management positions at the Ringier Group, Distral Group and Valcor AG before returning to the HSG in 1990. Initially, he headed the University's Institute for Business Administration and then, from 1999 through 2005, was Rector of the HSG. He presides over or is a member of various corporate boards, foundations and university bodies.

## **Roundtable participants**

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### **Stefan Borgas, Chief Executive Officer, Lonza Group**

Stefan Borgas has been CEO of Lonza Group since 2004. As an economist, he previously held various management positions at BASF, among others in Germany, Ireland, China and the USA. He is a board member of Syngenta. In addition, he is a management committee member of the “Schweizerische Managementgesellschaft” continuing education platform, a judge on the panel that awards the “Lena Prize” (conferred by Switzerland’s “Business & Professional Women” association) as well as a board member of the Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce.

### **Rosmarie Michel, entrepreneur**

Rosmarie Michel was proprietor of family-owned Confiserie Schurter until 2006, and over the past forty years has held board seats at companies such as ZFV-Unternehmen, Valora and Credit Suisse. In an honorary capacity, she has been highly committed to the furtherance of women in business. At present, she is an advisory board member of responsAbility Social Investments AG and the HWZ, as well as a trustee of the Solidarität Dritte Welt foundation. A book about her (“Leadership with Traction”) was published in 2007).

### **Lena Schneller, president of the Young Liberals of Switzerland party**

Lena Schneller is president of the Young Liberals of Switzerland party as well as a member of the presidium and management committee of Switzerland’s Free Democratic Party (FDP), for which she currently also heads the “Foreign Policy and Foreign Economic Affairs” work group. Ms Schneller studied law in Zurich and Berlin, earning her doctorate as a part of the interdisciplinary National Fund research project “NCCR Democracy”, which focuses on the key challenges facing democracy in the 21st century.

### **Martin Werlen, abbot of the Einsiedeln monastery**

Martin Werlen is the 58th abbot of the Einsiedeln monastery. He was elected to that position by the monastic community in 2001 and confirmed by Pope John Paul II. His studies of philosophy, theology and psychology led him to the USA and Italy, among other countries. At the monastery’s theological seminary, he teaches developmental and religious psychology. The monastery in Einsiedeln is a territorial abbey; in other words, it is on a par with a bishopric. Thus as abbot of Einsiedeln, Martin Werlen is also an ordinary member of the Swiss Conference of Bishops.

### **Reto Brennwald, Moderation**

Reto Brennwald has been the moderator of Swiss Television’s political discussion broadcast “Arena” since 2008. In the ten preceding years, he moderated various special broadcasts, federal election coverage as well as the information program “Rundschau”. After concluding his journalism studies in 1987, he was an editorial staff member and moderator at a number of radio stations.