

OPEN FORUM DAVOS 2017

The Swiss Alpine School Davos (SAMD)

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open forum/being human

What Is it to Be Human in the Fourth Industrial Revolution?

Tuesday, 12.30 - 14.00

The Fourth Industrial Revolution is radically changing how we interact and communicate, and the relationships we build with each other. How are human identities, ideologies, norms and values being reshaped?

Simultaneous interpretation in English and German

This session will be livestreamed on TopLink and the Forum's website.

open forum/women

Can Women Have It All?

Tuesday, 18.30 - 20.00

Growing evidence shows that reducing the employment gender gap is an important driver of economic growth and has a positive impact on inequality across societies. Yet, in Switzerland, only 15% of mothers are in full-time employment. What new policies and business models can help to get more women into the workforce?

Simultaneous interpretation in English and German

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open forum/leadership

Leading in Divided Times

Wednesday, 12.45 - 14.15

We are living in an era of social fragmentation, economic disruption and generational and political divides. What can leaders do to prevent conflict and bridge these growing differences?

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open forum/europe

New Models for Europe

Wednesday, 18.30 - 20.00

The UK's decision to leave the EU, prolonged economic crisis and rising anti-immigrant sentiment are challenging the traditional model of European integration. What alternative models to regional integration could mark the beginning of a new Europe?

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open forum/concert

Leadership beyond Borders: The Afghan Women's Orchestra "Zohra"

Thursday, 12.30 - 14.00

Join this unique performance by the Afghan Women's Orchestra "Zohra", a group of 30 brave young women who are the first to learn music in their country in more than three decades, including the country's first female conductors. They are joined by members of the youth orchestra of the Collège de Genève and demonstrate the power of cross-cultural dialogue through music. This performance launches a tour of Switzerland and Germany.

The session includes a performance, demonstrations and a discussion with the musicians.

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open forum/generation

Bridging Generational Differences

Thursday, 18.30 - 20.00

Life expectancy in Switzerland is one of the highest in the world – and 54% of the Swiss population is older than 40 years. As a consequence of this demographic shift, the younger generation risks living in a world decided by the older generation. How can we bridge the expectations of different generations to create a shared vision for the future?

Dimensions to be addressed:

- New models of intergenerational exchange
- Encouraging the participation of youth in democratic processes
- Leveraging technologies and digital platforms across generations

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open forum/racism

The Race against Racism

Friday, 09.00 - 10.30

The rise in hate crimes and racial abuse, activist movements like #BlackLivesMatter and a recent survey revealing that half of Europeans fear the arrival of refugees are all signs of societies becoming more divided. With the continued increase in international migration, what will it take to build more pluralism, tolerance and equality into our communities and societies?

Simultaneous interpretation in English and German

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open forum/mental health

Mental Health Matters

Friday, 12.30 - 14.00

Mental health issues are estimated to cost the Swiss economy around CHF 19 billion, equivalent to 3.2% of GDP, per year in lost productivity, healthcare and social spending. What can we do now to mitigate the consequences of mental illness?

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