

**stars Switzerland symposium 2026**  
**Unknown Unknowns: Prepare for Resilience!**  
**4-7 September 2026**  
**Wolfsberg, Ermatingen**

**Objectives:**

- Broaden the mindset to better understand major global trends which will impact business and society over the next couple of years, like **Disruptive Technological Developments, AI-Innovation, Geopolitics and Goeconomics, Circular Economy, Health and Leadership**
- Engage in interdisciplinary **dialogue across geographies, cultures and industries**
- Contribute to the **personal development to drive responsible and sustainable actions**

**Background Information: Link**

<b>Friday, 4 September 2026 - Wolfsberg</b>		
12:00	Opening of Conference Check-in	Lobby
15:30	Welcome Coffee	Foyer
16:30	Welcome Address	<b>Toni SCHOENENBERGER</b> Founder and Executive Chairman, stars Foundation, Weinfelden, Switzerland Auditorium
16:45	Complexity is Destiny - Orientation in Times of No Direction	<b>Peter MAURER</b> President, Basel Institute on Governance; Former President, International Committee of the Red Cross ICRC; Member, stars Global Advisory Panel, Berne, Switzerland
18:15	Cocktails hosted by the Canton of Thurgau	Foyer
19:00	Group Picture	
19:15	Dinner	Panoramasaal
	Dinner Speech	
	Night Cap	Remise Wolfsberg

## Saturday, 5 September 2026 - Wolfsberg

07:00 Breakfast Restaurant

### LEADERSHIP: SUCCESS IN BUSINESS AND BEYOND

08:30 Individual Interviews Auditorium

**John R. ALLEN** Strategic Advisor, Microsoft; Four-Star General (Ret.), United States Marine Corps; Member, stars Global Advisory Panel, Washington DC, United States  
**Misty COOK** CEO, Concierge on Call; stars Alumna, Washington DC, United States  
**LIM Siong Guan** Former Group President, GIC; Former Head of Singapore Civil Service; Member, stars International Board, Singapore  
**Fabian RUPPRECHT** CEO, Helvetia, Basel, Switzerland  
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10:00 Networking Coffee Auditorium Foyer

10:30 Leadership Dialogues (in Breakout Groups) Breakout Rooms

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12:00 Buffet Lunch Panoramasaal

### CIRCULAR ECONOMY (CE): FROM NET ZERO TO NET POSITIVE

Moderator Auditorium

**Gordana KIERANS** Circular Economy Consultant, Managing Director MGT OPEN; Supervisory Board Member, Circle Economy Amsterdam; President, stars South-East Europe Alumni Chapter, Grižane, Croatia

13:30 Secondary Materials Auditorium

**Agata FRANKIEWICZ** Founder and CEO, Deko Eko and Circular Consulting, Poland  
**Hilde VAN DUIJN** CEO, Circle Economy, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

14:45 Networking Coffee Auditorium Foyer

15:15 Financing Auditorium

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16:30 Time at your Disposal

17:00 Departure Auditorium Foyer

18:00 Visit of the Mainau Island (www.mainau.de) Mainau Island

## Saturday, 5 September 2026 - Wolfsberg

Welcome Address	<b>Countess Bettina BERNADOTTE af WISBORG</b> Mainau Island; stars Alumna, Mainau Island, Germany <b>Count Björn BERNADOTTE af WISBORG</b> Mainau Island; stars Alumnus, Mainau Island, Germany	Mainau Castle
Walk through the Mainau Island		Mainau Castle
Dinner Buffet		Palm House, Mainau
22:00 Night Cap		Remise Wolfsberg

## Sunday, 6 September 2026 - Wolfsberg

07:00 Breakfast Restaurant

### GEOPOLITICAL AND GEOECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE

08:30 A World Beyond Trump: Anticipating Geopolitical Futures (Plenary Discussion) Auditorium  
**John R. ALLEN** Strategic Advisor, Microsoft; Four-Star General (Ret.), United States Marine Corps; Member, stars Global Advisory Panel, Washington DC, United States  
**Volker PERTHES** Senior Advisor, German Institute for International and Security Affairs; Former Under-Secretary-General, United Nations; Member, stars Scientific Board, Berlin, Germany  
**Yanran YAO** Lecturer in Chinese Politics, International Development and Gender, The Lau China Institute, King's College London, United Kingdom

09:30 Anticipating Emerging Powers Futures (Plenary Discussion) Auditorium  
**Sarah MTHINTSO** Executive Director, SAB Foundation; stars Alumna, Johannesburg, South Africa  
**Saraban TURIN** CEO, Turtle Venture; stars Alumna, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
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10:30 Networking Coffee Auditorium Foyer

11:00 Deep Dive Breakout Group 1: A World Beyond Trump: Anticipating Geopolitical Futures Auditorium  
**John R. ALLEN** Strategic Advisor, Microsoft; Four-Star General (Ret.), United States Marine Corps; Member, stars Global Advisory Panel, Washington DC, United States  
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Deep Dive Breakout Group 2: Anticipating Emerging Powers Futures Breakout Room  
**Sarah MTHINTSO** Executive Director, SAB Foundation; stars Alumna, Johannesburg, South Africa  
**Saraban TURIN** CEO, Turtle Venture; stars Alumna, Dhaka, Bangladesh  
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**Moderator:**  
**Ueli FREI** Director, Fundes International, Frauenfeld, Switzerland

12:30 Buffet Lunch Panoramasaal

### THINK THE UNTHINKABLE: GLOBAL HEALTH MATTERS

15:30 Networking Coffee Auditorium Foyer

### PEERS-EXCHANGE

16:00 Breakout Groups Breakout Rooms

## Sunday, 6 September 2026 - Wolfsberg

Hollywood as a Laboratory for  
21st Century Leadership and  
Organization

**Roland DEISER** Senior Drucker Fellow, Professor for  
Organizational Politics, Founder and Chairman, Center  
for the Future of Organization, Drucker School of  
Management, Claremont Graduate University, Los  
Angeles, United States

Addicted by Design: AI,  
Persuasive Software, and  
Emerging Systemic Risks

**Sophia REICH** Head, Casualty Treaty Underwriting  
WSE and MEA, Swiss Re; stars Alumna, Zurich,  
Switzerland

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17:30 Time at your Disposal

18:30 Cocktails

Restaurant

19:00 Dinner

Restaurant

Night Cap

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## Monday, 7 September 2026 - Wolfsberg

07:00 Breakfast (Check-out till 8.15) Restaurant

### EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES RESHAPING POSSIBILITY

08:30 AI - Driven Change Management **Christian WESTERMANN** Partner and AI Leader, PwC Switzerland, Zurich, Switzerland Auditorium

09:00 Agentic AI and the Future of Work **Philipp AEBY** Co-Founder and CEO, RepRisk, Zurich, Switzerland

09:30 Internet or Inter-Threat: Cybersecurity and the Next Generation of the Internet **Martin BOSSHARDT** CEO, Anapaya Systems; Member, stars Scientific Board, Zurich, Switzerland

10:00 Networking Coffee Auditorium Foyer

10:30 Co-Creating the (AI)Agentic Enterprise **Roland DEISER** Senior Drucker Fellow, Professor for Organizational Politics, Founder and Chairman, Center for the Future of Organization, Drucker School of Management, Claremont Graduate University, Los Angeles, United States Auditorium

11:00 Plenary Discussion **Philipp AEBY** Co-Founder and CEO, RepRisk, Zurich, Switzerland  
**Martin BOSSHARDT** CEO, Anapaya Systems; Member, stars Scientific Board, Zurich, Switzerland  
**Roland DEISER** Senior Drucker Fellow, Professor for Organizational Politics, Founder and Chairman, Center for the Future of Organization, Drucker School of Management, Claremont Graduate University, Los Angeles, United States  
**Christian WESTERMANN** Partner and AI Leader, PwC Switzerland, Zurich, Switzerland

12:00 Concluding Remarks **Toni SCHOENENBERGER** Founder and Executive Chairman, stars Foundation, Weinfelden, Switzerland

12:15 Buffet Lunch Restaurant

13:30 Shuttle to the Airport or to the Railway Station Meeting Point: Lobby

Moderation:

**Mark DITTLI**, Co-Founder and Financial Journalist, The Market, Zurich, Switzerland

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