

SYMPOSIUM

"Cope with the Stress of Future Changes – Preparing States, Regions, Cities, Organizations, Families and People for the Ongoing Transition"

September 10, 2014
Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Kassensaal
Otto-Wagner-Platz 3, 1090 Vienna

8.30 – 9.15	Arrival
9.15 – 9.45	Welcome and Introduction Peter Mooslechner (Club of Rome) Hermann Knoflacher (Club of Vienna) Wolfram Tertschnig (BMLFUW)
9.45 – 10.45	Possible Shapes and Rates of Change in Austria in the Next 30 Years Dennis Meadows (United States)
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.00	Sustainable Japan and Fukushima Junko Eda (Japan)
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 14.00	Evolution – Model or Fate for Human Long Term Development? Markus Knoflacher (Austria)
14.00 – 15.00	Sustainable Development and Mainstream Policy Chirapol Sintunawa (Thailand)
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee Break
15.30 – 16.30	Plenary Discussion
16.30 – 17.00	Concluding Remarks

The linear development of the last two decades will no longer continue, but rather lead to fundamental changes. Climate change, limited resources and land capability are indicators for this alteration of the ecological system. The problems that are experienced by an urban society will also cause unknown challenges. Our style of life already exceeds the Earth's life-sustaining capacity.

Dennis Meadows was one of the first who pointed at the "Limits to Growth" and has described precisely the trends of the most important parameters up to the present situation.

The symposium aims to show possible developments for Austria in the next decades, with some additional inputs of Japan and Thailand broadening our mind.

Speakers

Dennis Meadows studied Chemistry in Minnesota and Economy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Meadows becomes internationally known as one of the authors of the study for the Club of Rome „Limits to Growth“, that emphasized the limitation of natural resources based on computer models. He is professor emeritus of Systems Policy and Social Science Research at the University of New Hampshire, USA.

Junko Edahiro is one of most prominent environmental journalists in Japan. She promotes and facilitates environmental communication and dialogue among governments, corporations, and citizens. In 2008 she was appointed to advise Japan's Prime Minister at the "Climate Change Roundtable". In 2011 she founded the Institute for Studies in Happiness, Economy and Society (ISHES).

Markus Knoflacher studied Zoology and Botany. He also passed a professional training in engineering. He spent his career in extra faculty research institutes. He is working on interdisciplinary issues from a systemic point of view. He is the author of numerous scientific papers and books.

Chirapol Sintunawa wrote his PhD thesis about energy system analysis. He is currently Assistant Professor at Mahidol University in Thailand. He also serves as the Vice President and Secretary General of the Green Leaf Foundation. He is the leading person to bring sustainability into practical use in companies and tourism in Thailand.

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