In September 2015, countries agreed on a new sustainable development agenda in order to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all by the year 2030. In the lecture series, experts from a variety of academic disciplines will analyze the most important grand challenges involved in this ambitious agenda. They will explore trends with regard to social protection, greenhouse-gas emissions, land scarcity, inequality, IT-driven automation and employment as well as poverty and discuss what it takes to achieve sustainable development for all. The lecture series is organized by the Coordination Unit „Sustainable Development in International Cooperation“ of the University of Bonn and the German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE).

The Coordination Unit originated from a project funded by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Research of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (MIWF NRW). The goals of the Coordination Unit are to foster networks and synergies with stakeholders from Bonn and North Rhine-Westphalia in the field of sustainable development, to promote the topic of sustainable development in teaching and research at the University of Bonn, to pool and strengthen activities in the field of sustainable development at the University of Bonn and to support and coordinate cooperation with universities and research institutions in developing and emerging countries.

The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) is one of the leading think tanks for global development and international cooperation worldwide. It is located in the UN City of Bonn. DIE’s work is based on the interplay between research, policy advice and training. DIE is building bridges between theory and practice. Research at DIE is theory-based, empirically driven and application-oriented. It provides the basis for the consulting activities of the institute. DIE develops policy-relevant concepts, advises ministries, governments as well as international organizations, and refers to current policy issues. The training programs of DIE for university graduates and young professionals are integrated into the research and advisory process (see more on www.die-gdi.de).
# Program

**Thursday, October 20, 2016**

6 pm c.t. – 8 pm  
University of Bonn, Main Building, Lecture Hall VII

**The Agenda 2030 – Driver of Change Towards Global Sustainability?**

*Lecturers: Dr. Tilman Altenburg (Head of Department “Sustainable Economic and Social Development”) and Dr. Markus Loewe (Senior Researcher)*  
*German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)*

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**Thursday, November 3, 2016**

6 pm c.t. – 8 pm  
University of Bonn, Main Building, Lecture Hall VII

**Social Protection: How Can We Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Productive Integration and Enhance Social Cohesion?**

*Lecturer: Dr. Markus Loewe (Senior Researcher)*  
*German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)*

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**Thursday, November 17, 2016**

6 pm c.t. – 8 pm  
University of Bonn, Main Building, Lecture Hall VII

**Water – Land – Food: The Making and Unmaking of Scarcities**

*Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Detlef Müller-Mahn (Professor for Development Geography)*  
*Department of Geography, University of Bonn*

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**Thursday, December 1, 2016**

6 pm c.t. – 8 pm  
University of Bonn, Main Building, Lecture Hall VII

**Radical Decarbonization: What it Takes to Get to a Carbon-Free Economy**

*Lecturer: Dr. Tilman Altenburg (Head of Department “Sustainable Economic and Social Development”)*  
*German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)*

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**Thursday, December 15, 2016**

6 pm c.t. – 8 pm  
University of Bonn, Main Building, Lecture Hall VII

**Inequality: Strategies for Inclusion in a Polarizing World**

*Lecturer: Dr. Mario Negre (Senior Researcher)*  
*German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and The World Bank Research Department Poverty & Inequality Unit*
Thursday, January 12, 2017

6 pm c.t. – 8 pm
University of Bonn, Main Building, Lecture Hall VII

Machines Replacing People? Does the 'Internet of Things' Lead to Exclusive Societies?

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Daniel Buhr (Professor for Policy Analysis and Political Economy)
Institute of Political Science, University of Tübingen

Thursday, January 26, 2017

6 pm c.t. – 8 pm
University of Bonn, Main Building, Lecture Hall VII

Global Poverty: Recent Trends and Prospects for the Future – Will We Achieve to Eradicate Extreme Poverty by 2030?

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Michael Grimm (Chair of Development Economics)
University of Passau

Registration

The attendance of the lectures is only possible after registration. A binding registration for the lectures can be made via online form on http://www.nachhaltige-entwicklung.uni-bonn.de/vorlesungsreihen.

Please register until Friday before the respective lecture. The number of participants is limited. Registrations are processed in the order in which they arrive. We reserve the right to cancel lectures to the exclusion of claims for compensation in case of cancellations of speakers or an insufficient number of registrations.

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