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**PROGRAM ESSEN**

**16/10/2018 17:00 - 20:00**

**Opening Session RUHR LECTURE 18/19** (in German) afterwards get-together with snacks and drinks

**Venue**
University of Duisburg-Essen - Campus Essen
Glaspavillon - R12 S00 H12

**Agenda**
Welcome address: Prof. Eberhard Schmitt
Director of Communication and Sustainability (CR) of the RAG-Stiftung

Zollverein – Welterbe als Zukunftsstandort

**Topics**
- Zollverein – Welterbe als Zukunftsstandort
- Zur gesellschaftlichen Rolle von Universitäten in der postindustriellen Wissensgesellschaft
- Prof. Dr. Barbara Buchenau
  Vice-Rector for Social Responsibility, Diversity and International Affairs, University of Duisburg-Essen

**06/11/2018 17:00 - 20:00**

**Venue**
University of Duisburg-Essen - Campus Essen
Glaspavillon - R12 S00 H12

**Topics**
- Triggering New Urban Mobility Patterns: Applied Interdisciplinary Research for the Ruhr Region
- Sustainable Urban Mobility
- Dipl.-Ing. Michael Kopp
  büro stadVerkehr, Urban, Regional and Mobility Planning, Hilden

**27/11/2018 17:00 - 20:00**

**Venue**
TU Dortmund University - Campus-Süd
Rudolf-Chaudoire-Pavillon

**Topics**
- Polycentric Metropolitan Areas in Transition: Challenges and Opportunities
  Prof. Dr.-Ing. Stefan Siedentop
  Faculty of Spatial Planning, TU Dortmund University
- Pathways Towards Regeneration: Liverpool, Manchester and the Spatial In-Between?
  Dr. Sebastian Dembski
  School of Environmental Planning Sciences, University of Liverpool
- Spatial Strategies Ruhr 2035+: Transforming City Regions: Dimensions of Urban Design and the Role of Integration
  Prof. Christa Reicher
  Department and Institute of City Planning, RWTH Aachen

**11/12/2018 17:00 - 20:00**

**Venue**
TU Dortmund University - Campus-Süd
Rudolf-Chaudoire-Pavillon

**Topics**
- Spatial Strategies Ruhr 2035+: An Urban Landscape with European Cities and Industrial Heritage in a Science Society
  Prof. Dr. Christoph Zöpel
  Faculty of Spatial Planning, TU Dortmund University

**PROGRAM DORTMUND**

**08/01/2019 17:00 - 20:00**

**Venue**
Ruhr-University Bochum, HZO 100

**Topics**
- Digital Transformation of the Economy – Challenges in the Ruhr Valley and Beyond
  Prof. Dr. Marianne Saam
  Faculty of Management and Economics, Ruhr-University Bochum
- NEXT NATURE – How Technology becomes Nature
  Dr. Koert van Mensvoort
  Director of the Next Nature Network, Amsterdam

**22/01/2019 17:00 - 20:00**

**Venue**
Ruhr-University Bochum, HZO 100

**Topics**
- Regional Planning and Regional Management – Orientation in Increasing Complexity
  Michael von der Mühlen
  Former State Secretary at the Ministry of Building, Housing, Urban Development and Transport of North Rhine-Westphalia
- From Start-Ups to Public Administration: How modern Leaders unlock Agile Collaboration
  Ulf Brandes
  Agile Transformation Coach, BRANDES & PARTNER, Berlin

**PROGRAM BOCHUM**

**08/01/2019 17:00 - 20:00**

**Venue**
Ruhr-University Bochum, HZO 100

**Topics**
- Digital Transformation of the Economy – Challenges in the Ruhr Valley and Beyond
  Prof. Dr. Marianne Saam
  Faculty of Management and Economics, Ruhr-University Bochum
- NEXT NATURE – How Technology becomes Nature
  Dr. Koert van Mensvoort
  Director of the Next Nature Network, Amsterdam

**22/01/2019 17:00 - 20:00**

**Venue**
Ruhr-University Bochum, HZO 100

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