

How can we anticipate and shape the transformations that will define our future?

In a rapidly changing world, preparing for 2050 requires new ways of thinking, interdisciplinary perspectives and collaborative action. The 4th edition of the international lecture series brings together UNESCO Chairs from across disciplines and continents to explore the social, economic, political and ecological transformations shaping our shared future. The series addresses key themes such as **anticipation and foresight, innovation, finance and education**, connecting global perspectives with local challenges and opportunities. It invites participants to critically engage with possible futures and to explore pathways towards more equitable, sustainable and resilient societies.

The lecture series is part of the module **"Designing Futures: Themes, Methods and Technics of 'Futures Studies'"** at the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt. It is organized by the **UNESCO Chair in Interdisciplinary Anticipation and Global-Local Transformation at Eurac Research Bolzano/Bozen, Italy**, in cooperation with the **School of Transformation and Sustainability at the the Catholic University Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany**, and **UNESCO's Futures Literacy and Foresight, Management of Social Transformations Programme**.

All lectures will take place online via Zoom. To participate, please register here:

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Programme | Global UNESCO Chair Lecture Series IV: The World in 2050

Date	Speakers on the topic: "Imagine the World in 2050 and Design the Future Towards It"
15.10.2026 12:00 – 14:00	**Opening remarks** **Professor Harald Pechlaner**, Founding Chair of the School of Transformation and Sustainability, Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany **Roland Benedikter**, UNESCO Chair in Interdisciplinary Anticipation and Global-Local Transformation, Eurac Research Bolzano/Bozen, Italy **Clare Stark**, Head of UNESCO Futures Literacy and Foresight, Paris, France **Inaugural Lectures:** **Professor Andrea Lenzi**, UNESCO Chair on Education and Research for Urban Health, Sapienza University Rome, Italy **Professor René Rohrbeck**, UNESCO Chair for Organizational Anticipation, Resilient Leadership and Educational Innovation, EDHEC Business School, Paris, France
22.10.2026 12:00 – 14:00	**Professor Adam Gordon**, UNESCO Chair in Anticipatory Leadership and Futures Capabilites, Aarhus University and Copenhagen Institute for Futures Studies (CIFS), Denmark
29.10.2026 12:00 – 14:00	**Professor Aleksandra Temenugova**, UNESCO Chair in Futures, Media and Information Literacy at the Institute of Communication Studies (ICS) Skopje, North Macedonia **Professor Felipe Koch**, UNESCO Chair on the Futures of Education for Health and Living Well, Université Paris-Est Créteil (UPEC), Paris, France
05.11.2026 12:00 – 14:00	**Professor Benno Werlen**, UNESCO Chair on Global Understanding for Sustainability, Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany **Professor Kewulay Kamara**, UNESCO Chair in Futures Studies, Story-telling and Anticipation: Living Traditions, Transitions, and Resilience at the University of Makeni, Sierra Leone
12.11.2026 12:00 – 14:00	**Professor Jorge Saavedra Utman**, UNESCO Chair in Mass Media and Citizen Participation, Universidad Diego Portales UDP, Santiago de Chile, Chile
19.11.2026 12:00 – 14:00	**TBA**, UNESCO Chair in Religious Studies and Comparative Study of World Religions, International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan, Tashkent **Professor Fabio Scarano**, UNESCO Chair on Futures Literacy, Planetary Wellbeing and Regenerative Anticipation at the Museum of Tomorrow, and Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
26.11.2026 12:00 – 14:00	**Professor Cornelius Holtorf**, UNESCO Chair in Heritage Futures, Linnaeus University, Kalmar, Sweden
03.12.2026 12:00 – 14:00	**Professor Claudia Roda**, UNESCO Chair in Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Director MSc Human Rights and Data Science, American University of Paris, France **Professor Carmen Sippl**, UNESCO Chair in Learning and Teaching Futures Literacy in the Anthropocene, Head of the Centre for Futures Literacy, Pädagogische Hochschule Niederösterreich / University College of Teacher Education Lower Austria
10.12.2026 12:00 – 14:00	**Professor Steven Shankman**, UNESCO Chair in Transcultural Studies, Interreligious Dialogue, and Peace, Co-Director of the UNESCO Crossings Institute for Conflict-Sensitive Reporting and Intercultural Dialogue, University of Oregon, USA
17.12.2026 12:00 – 14:00	**Professor Saied Reza Ameli**, UNESCO Chair on Cyberspace and Culture, University of Tehran, Iran
07.01.2027 12:00 – 14:00	**Professor Mario de Caro**, UNESCO Chair in Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and Practical Wisdom, University Rome, Italy **Professor Pietro Daniel Omodeo**, UNESCO Chair in Water Heritage and Sustainable Development, University of Venice, Italy
14.01.2027	**On-campus week: student presentations** On-site in Ingolstadt
04.02.2027 12:00 – 14:00	**Concluding session: Summary, Teachings and Perspectives and Panel Discussion** **Professor Harald Pechlaner** (Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany), **Roland Benedikter** (Eurac Research Bolzano/Bozen, Italy), **Clare Stark** (Head of UNESCO Futures Literacy and Foresight, Paris, France) and **Professor Elyés Jouini**, UNESCO Chair on Women and Science at Université Paris Dauphine–PSL, Director of the Institut Universitaire de France, Paris, France