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Biodiversity in Transition – Global Challenges

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. Volker Mosbrugger



Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. Volker Mosbrugger

former Secretary General of the Senckenberg Society for Nature Research.

He is an inspiring scientist whose work opens up new perspectives on the relationship between nature, society and global change. Volker Mosbrugger studied biology, marine biology and



chemistry at the Universities of Freiburg and Montpellier. He obtained his PhD in geology and palaeontology from the University of Freiburg in 1983 and completed his habilitation at the University of Bonn in 1989. From 1990 to 2005, he held the Chair of Palaeontology at the University of Tübingen before moving to Goethe University Frankfurt in 2005. There, he also took on the role of Director General of the Senckenberg Society for Nature Research.

Volker Mosbrugger has been retired since 2021 but remains active in research. Among other things, he is spokesperson for the research initiative on the conservation of biodiversity at the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR) and is President of the Polytechnic Society.

In his research, Volker Mosbrugger combines palaeontological research with key issues relating to global change. A particular focus of his work is on geo-historical analysis and the interactions between climate, geological processes, ecosystems and human activity. As a natural scientist, he attaches great importance to biodiversity and the preservation of natural capital. He advocates a systemic and transdisciplinary research approach that combines scientific findings, institutional responsibility and social dialogue.

Programm

15:30

Welcome Reception | Finger food

16:30

Official welcome

Opening Remark by the Vice President for Digitalization, Innovation, and Sustainability, Mrs Prof. Dr. Susanne Tittlbach

Opening Remark by the Elite Network of Bavaria, Senior Ministerial Advisor Mrs Beate Lindner

Opening Remark by the Friends of Global Change Ecology e.V., Mrs Elizaveta Shcherbinina

Musical Performance

17:00

Keynote

Prof. Dr. Dr. h. c. Volker Mosbrugger: Future Challenges for Global Change Ecology

Musical Performance

18:30

Closing Remarks

Prof. Dr. Carl Beierkuhnlein, Chair of Biogeography

Musical Performance

19:00

Informal Get-together | Standing reception with light refreshments

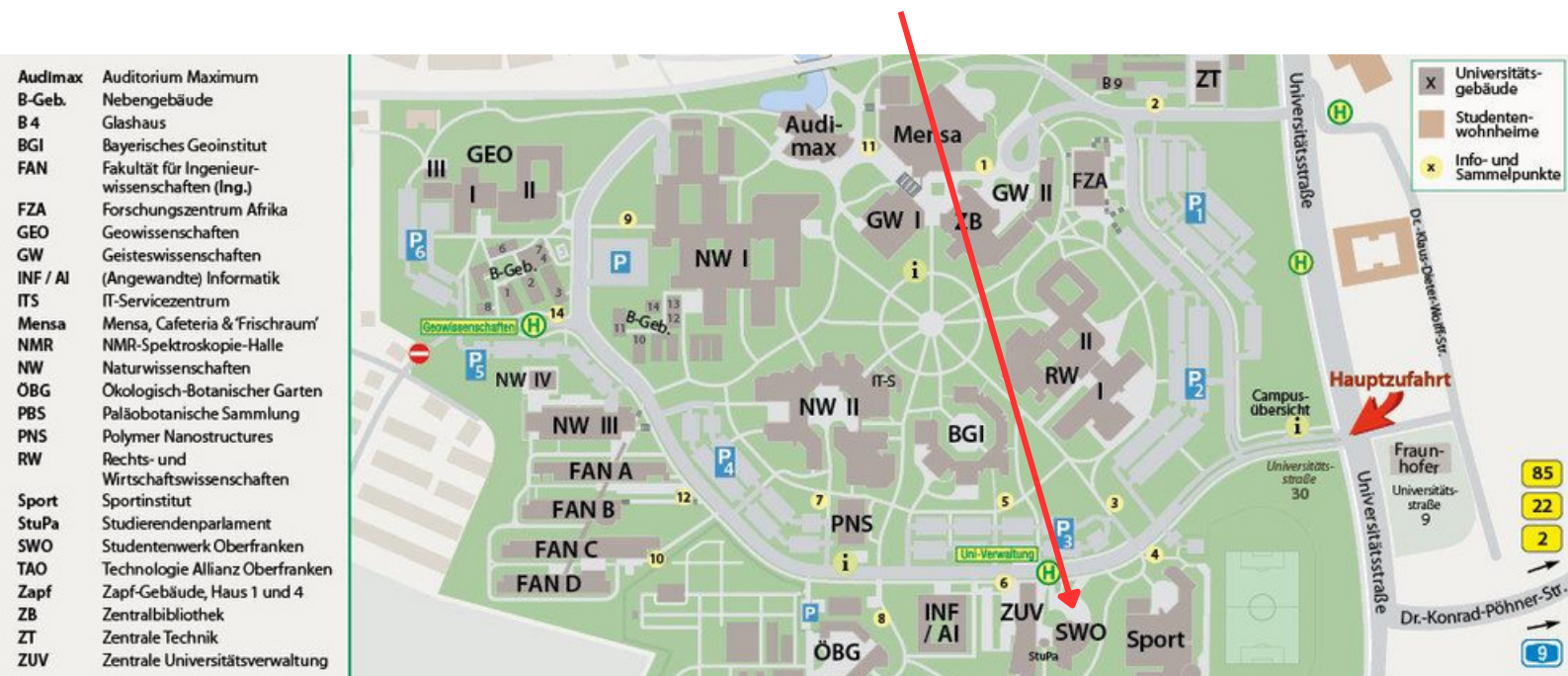


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