VENUE & DIRECTIONS

We encourage all participants to use public transportation.

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Aula des Jeunes-Rives, Faculté des lettres
Université de Neuchâtel
Espace Louis-Agassiz 1
2000 Neuchâtel

By public transportation
The University of Neuchâtel is very easy to get to by public transportation. From the Station Neuchâtel-Gare, take the funicular to Neuchâtel-Université. Cross Avenue du Premier-Mars and continue on Rue Coulon, then cross Rue des Beaux-Arts and turn left into Quai Léopold-Robert. After the Faculty of Economics turn right onto Espace Louis-Agassiz. The Aula des Jeunes-Rives is the auditorium building on your left.

By car
When traveling on the A5, exit at Neuchâtel/Maladière and continue on Route des Falaises. At the roundabout, take the second exit and continue straight on Route des Falaises. Continue on Rue de la Pierre-à-Mazel and pass the two roundabouts. At the next roundabout, make a full round, returning onto Rue de la Pierre-à-Mazel and turn right into Rue Edouard-Desor. Continue straight until Quai Robert-Comtesse. Proceed on foot into Espace Louis-Agassiz (not accessible by car). The Aula des Jeunes-Rives is the auditorium building on your left. Because finding suitable parking is difficult, we recommend using public transport.

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Gianni D’Amato
Director, SFM and nccr – on the move, University of Neuchâtel

Gianni D’Amato is Professor at the University of Neuchâtel, Director of the nccr – on the move and of the Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies (SFM). He is also a member of the Expert Council of German Foundations on Migration and Integration (SVR). After his MA in Sociology at the University of Zurich, D’Amato focused his PhD thesis written at the University of Potsdam on citizenship, mobility, populism and the history of migration.

Daniel Kraus
Chair of Innovation Law, University of Neuchâtel

Professor Daniel Kraus holds the Chair of Innovation Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Neuchâtel. He teaches general intellectual property law, biotechnology and patents and leads a seminar on innovation law. A former head of international cooperation and training at the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, Daniel Kraus now heads, in parallel to his academic position, the law firm Kraus pro, active in legal and public affairs in civil and intellectual property law and in a part-time role as a judge at the Swiss Federal Patent Court and a WIPO domain name panellist and arbitrator.

Sandy Wetzel
CEO Neode Parc technologique et industriel SA

Sandy Wetzel is a business economist, specialised in tourism destination management. After his studies, he gained a first experience in the field of telecommunications, before rapidly joining the field of economic promotion and business support. From 2007 to 2012, he worked as a project manager in the Economic Promotion Department of the Canton of Vaud, where he focused mainly on Swiss and European research funding. After his studies, he gained a first experience in the field of telecommunications, before rapidly joining the field of economic promotion and business support. From 2007 to 2012, he worked as a project manager in the Economic Promotion Department of the Canton of Vaud, where he was in charge of a financial aid programme for start-ups and innovative SMEs, and of communications and public relations. In 2012, Sandy Wetzel joined Neode Parc, a business incubator in the field of micro and nanotechnology, as its CEO.

PROGRAMME

10:45 Registration
11:30 Welcome Words
Moderated by Mauro Moruzzi, Ambassador, International Relations, State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation

Sandra Sawatzky, President, Town of Neuchâtel

12:15 Networking Lunch
13:30 Panel Discussion
Moderated by Maria Conti, CEO swissnex Brazil

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14:45 Mobility Success Stories
15:15 Coffee Break and Networking
16:15 Panel Discussion
Moderated by Alessandra Apicella, Head of Science Office, Swiss Embassy in Seoul

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17:00 Apéritif and Networking

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Nicola Tibaudeau
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Nicola Tibaudeau graduated in Mechanical engineering from Ecole Polytechnique of the University of Montreal, Québec, Canada in 1984. She started as Junior Engineer for IBM Canada in its plant located in Brossard, Quebec. In this period, she expanded her training at HEC Montreal. In 1990, she joined the Ciconel flex print plant in La Chaux-de-Fonds as Plant Manager. She joined Mecanex in Nyon as General Manager in 1994 and a year later, became co-owner of the company. She left Mecanex in 2002 and, after a period as professional administrator and consultant, she joined MPS Micro Precision Systems AG in Biel at the end of 2003. In addition to her industrial activities, she was member of the boards of CSS health insurance Company from 1999 until 2013 and La Poste from 2006 to 2013. She is now member of the Board of La Coopérative Mobilière (since 2014), the Cantonal Bank of Jura since 2016 and Innosuisse since December 2018.

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