

## **OSKAR VON MILLER FORUM**

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### **Globalization – Urbanization – Future. Is there still hope for us?!**

**A lecture by Franz-Josef Radermacher / University of Ulm on February 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Oskar von Miller Forum**

Whether we will be able to face up to the global challenges is one of the key questions of our time. In his lecture, globalization expert Franz-Josef Radermacher looks into international developments, exploring two major problem areas. Firstly, against the background of rapid world population growth, increasing conflicts for resources and the problem of increasing environmental pollution, and its impact on the climate, for example, and secondly considering the current global economic crisis, which is the result of a global financial crisis.

The question of sustainable development is drastically compromised by these problem areas. This applies both to ecological problems and to questions of social balance and equity and, hence, global ethical orientation, both from an intra- and intergenerational point of view. Particularly the global cultural problems are identified as crucial factors that further aggravate the eco-social issues.

The lecture illustrates that the current trends for the future produce three potential scenarios for future development: collapse, eco-dictatorship/Brazilianization, or a worldwide eco-social market economy. Only the latter is compatible with sustainability. The current developments at G-20 level are interpreted in this context; a Global Marshall Plan is presented as a possible step in the required direction.

#### **About**

Prof. Dr. Dr. Dr. h.c. F. J. Radermacher is Director of the Forschungsinstitut für anwendungsorientierte Wissensverarbeitung (Research Institute for Applied Knowledge Processing) and at the same time Professor of Informatics at Ulm University. Additionally, he is President of the Senat der Wirtschaft e. V. association (Bonn, Germany), Vice President of the Ecosocial Forum Europe (Vienna, Austria), and a member of the Club of Rome.

The economist and mathematician is one of the leading representatives of the global eco-social market economy and advocates for a balanced world with his Global Marshall Plan initiative. His research activities focus on global issues, learning organizations, risk management, questions related to responsibilities of persons and systems, environmentally compatible mobility, sustainable development, overpopulation problems, world food supplies, climate and energy, and regulation of the global financial system.