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Dr. Rüdiger Krech obtained a Master of Public Health (MPH) and a Doctor of Public Health (Dr. PH) from the University of Bielefeld. From 1993 to 2003 he occupied various management positions at the Regional Office for Europe of the WHO, and then became Head of the Section Social Protection and the Director of the Social Security Program in India within the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) up to 2009. In 10/2009 he joined the WHO Headquarters in Geneva where he first acted as the Director for Ethics, Equity, Trade and Human Rights and led about 70 scientists and health professionals whose role was to develop innovative programs in these areas. Since 11/2013 he is the Director, Health Systems and Innovation, Office of the Assistant Director-General at the WHO in Geneva where he oversees the WHO's work in the areas of safe and effective medicines and health technologies, integrated people-centred health services, health financing and governance, health workforce, knowledge management, information, policy and research with 450 staff in Geneva and 1.100 staff in the Regions and a budget of app. 540 Million USD. In 2010 he was also appointed Professor for Global Health at the College of Europe in Brugge, Belgium. He is married and has 3 children.

The seminar series “Academia meets Industry” aims at stimulating interdisciplinary discussions between university members and high profile managers from industry and public health organizations. It addresses the complex challenges in science, management, politics and society which are promoted by both university and industry in a concerted action. At these seminars the practical perspective of the guest speakers encounters the education and research priorities of the university and thus allows an unprecedented dialogue on chances and risks of current and future research developments in life sciences.



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