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# Opening Ceremony of the 2016 International Year of Global Understanding (IYGU)

2 p.m., February 2, 2016 — Volkshaus Jena

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## INTRODUCTION

Volker Wieprecht & Benno Werlen

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14:00 — 15:30

## WELCOME SPEECHES

**Prof. Walter Rosenthal** (Germany)

President of the Friedrich-Schiller-University

**Wolfgang Tiefensee** (Germany)

Thuringian Minister of Economy, Science & the Digital Society

**Vladimir Kolossov** (Russia)

International Geographical Union (IGU)

**Adama Samassékou** (Mali)

International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH)

**Mathieu Denis** (Canada)

International Social Science Council (ISSC)

**Martin Visbeck** (Germany)

International Council for Science (ICSU)

**Paul Shrivastava** (India)

Future Earth: Research for Global Sustainability (ICSU/ISSC)

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## OPENING ADDRESS

**Neun Milliarden Menschen im Anthropozän.**

Herausforderungen für das International  
Year of Global Understanding

Prof. Klaus Töpfer (Germany),

former Executive Director of UNEP and

Federal Minister of Environment

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## BREAK

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## KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

**The Tyranny of Pedagogies: Changing Mindsets  
to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals**

Anantha Duraiappah (Malaysia), Director of the UNESCO  
Mahatma Gandhi Institute New Delhi

**Our World is Increasingly Challenging**

Jack Dangermond (USA), Founder and CEO of ESRI

**Watching the Earth Breathe**

Julia Marshall (Canada), Max Planck Institute  
for Biogeochemistry Jena

**Governing a Warmer Planet: Climate Change,  
Inequality, and Democracy**

Nico Stehr (Germany), Director of the European Center for  
Sustainability Research, Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen

**Social Acceleration and De-Synchronization:  
Key Concepts for Global Understanding**

Hartmut Rosa (Germany), DFG-Research Group on  
Post-Growth Societies

**Primers for Everyday Life – The IYGU Publications**

Allen J. Scott (USA), University of California,  
Los Angeles/UCLA

**Role and Potential of IYGU Regional  
Action Centers**

Luiz Oosterbeek (Portugal), University of Tomar,  
Helena Henriques (Portugal), University of Coimbra

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## RECEPTION