



JACOBS CAREER SYMPOSIUM

Ways of Innovation:
What is driving societal and
economic change today?

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HOMECOMING 2017

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Jacobs University Bremen
Campus Center, ICC Conference Hall

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GOAL

The opening event of the yearly Jacobs Alumni Homecoming is devoted to challenging issues in the fields of career development, world of employment, and interactions between higher education and society. The Jacobs Career Symposium is organized by Career Services Center at Jacobs University and aims to foster a constructive discussion as well as networking opportunities between alumni from all over the world, current students, professors, employers, and additional experts.

FORMAT

A selected panel of Jacobs University alumni is invited to contribute and to interact with a discussion on the basis of their diverse backgrounds and expertise. The reflection on the Symposium topic between the speakers is followed by an open debate with the audience, where further questions will be addressed and answered. The event ends with a socializing Get-together, giving all participants the opportunity to continue exchanging ideas as well as to expand their professional networks.

THEME

Innovation is a trending topic in current debates on the drivers and challenges of the changes that our societies and economies are facing today. Innovation hubs, labs, and study programs are popping up around the world, while companies and governments are hurrying to keep up the pace, ensuring or boosting their position in the global competition.

But what is innovation and what does it take to be innovative as an organization, a country, or as an individual? How is innovation impacting our life and work? Is it only about being “newer,” faster, and more productive, or can innovation contribute in achieving social fairness, sustainability and cohesion? What is the role of higher education in this dynamic context? Can we educate, prepare, or even “create” innovators?

The Symposium will approach these and further related key questions thanks to a selected panel of guests and Jacobs University alumni who will share their various professional experiences and insights. On the one hand, the focus will lay on the ways in which innovation is perceived and shaped by its different players, exploring the similarities and differences between innovation ecosystems on local, national, and international levels in a variety of sectors. On the other hand, the discussion will take into consideration the relevance of innovation for the personal and career development of students and alumni at Jacobs University.

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PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

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18:30

Welcome Address from Career Services Center

Predrag Tapavicki Head of Corporate Relations and Talent Management,
Jacobs University Bremen

Welcome Address from Jacobs University Alumni Association

Anne Valtink, Jacobs Alumni Class of 2013
Senior Consultant
Oliver Wyman – Munich

19:00

Panel discussion with Q&A

20:00

Get-Together with snacks and drinks

We thank AB InBev for sponsoring alcoholic and non-alcoholic beer for this event.

As Jacobs University is an international University, all speeches and the discussion are held in English.

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MODERATION



"I graduated from Jacobs University in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts in International Politics and History, followed by an MA in Global Studies at the Universities of Leipzig and Roskilde. In 2015, I joined Lufthansa Cargo's Innovation department and initially co-developed a cargo transport solution for private customers. As of this year, I am a part of the newly created Product Development department and involved in the development of new transport and handling services for the eCommerce industry."

Sebastian Blümmert

Jacobs Alumni Class of 2011
Senior Manager Product Development
Lufthansa Cargo AG – Frankfurt am Main

PARTICIPANTS



Tonalli Arreola

Jacobs Alumni Class of 2012
Business Designer
Polymath Ventures – Bogota/Colombia

Tonalli was most recently a Business Designer with Polymath Ventures, designing and building new startups for Latin Americas middle class. Prior to Polymath Ventures Tonalli was a consultant with Accenture in Germany and Asia, working primarily in the automotive and logistics practices. After graduating with a BS in Logistics Management and Engineering from Jacobs University in 2012 Tonalli co-founded a small tech company focused on the logistics real estate sector in Europe.



Mohsin Dar

Jacobs Alumni Class of 2013
Senior Technology Consultant
Supply Chain & Operations Accenture – Munich & Founder & CEO Enrive Pakistan

"I graduated from Jacobs University in 2013 with a bachelors in Logistics Management & Engineering. I am currently working as Senior Supply Chain Technology Consultant at Accenture and simultaneously have started my entrepreneurial journey in Talent Development sector with Enrive."



Mitul Jain

Jacobs Alumni Class of 2009
Vice President
r4 – Artificial Intelligence for the Enterprise – Berlin

Mitul Jain studied Bioinformatics and Computational Biology at Jacobs, and caught the consulting & entrepreneurship bug at university. After 7 years at Accenture including a break to found a social media analytics company, he is now VP at r4 Technologies, bringing AI to the internal processes and decision making of Fortune 500 Enterprises.

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Rebecca Löffler

Jacobs Alumni Class of 2011
Head of Learning, Entrepreneurial Culture, Intrapreneurship SAP Innovation Center – Berlin

Rebecca Löffler is Head of Education of the SAP.io Intrapreneurship Program – an internal accelerator that creates an empowering environment for innovators at SAP to build growth businesses in new markets. Rebecca believes that entrepreneurship can be learned, given the right mentoring and education. Rebecca designs the education program for world class intrapreneurs and coordinates the mentor network across all regions and board areas of SAP.



Anna-Lena Schindl

Jacobs Alumni Class of 2012
Project Manager Intrapreneurship
Fraunhofer Venture Lab – Munich

Anna-Lena graduated from Jacobs University in 2012 with a BSc in Physics and a desire to bring new ideas to life. A Master's degree in technology innovation and experience in various startups has brought her to Fraunhofer Venture Lab where she now finds and nurtures high tech startups - helping scientists bring their research to market.



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Ewa A. Treitz

Jacobs Alumni Class of 2007
Partner
Black Pearls VC – Munich

“I am a Partner at a seed stage venture capital fund based in Poland, which invests in tech startups across Central Eastern Europe. I graduated from Jacobs University in 2007 with a major in Integrated Social Sciences.”

REGISTRATION

For Jacobs Students: www.jacobs-career-symposium-2017-students.eventbrite.co.uk

For Jacobs Alumni and external guests: www.jacobs-career-symposium-2017.eventbrite.co.uk

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