

What is


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USP

Discussing megatrend intersections and organizing projects in a trans-disciplinary and international way.


Megatrends

Demographic Change 


Demographic change describes changes to the size and structure of a country's population through rises and falls in the birth rate and mortality rate as well as by migratory movements of people.

Migration 


The concept of migration designates moving a person's domicile within one country or over a country's borders permanently or temporarily. The reasons for migration can be of an economic, political, cultural or social nature.

Climate Change 


Climate change refers to the permanent changes in the atmosphere over a longer period of time. Although there have been changes in the earth's climate for millions of years, global warming in the 20th century must be predominantly attributed to human activity.

New Governance 

Broadly speaking, governance includes all forms of coordination among individual and collective players. Today's governance always functions in a globalized multilevel system among state and non-state actors.


Natural Resources + Biodiversity 

Biodiversity describes the totality of living organisms which can be measured by the number of species of animals, plants and microorganisms living in a particular region. Natural resources are raw materials provided by nature. People can mine but cannot manufacture them. This renders their sustainable use imperative.


Security + Anti-Terror Policy 

War and conflict have always been defining moments not just for international politics, but also for nation states. The global security architecture of the future must take account of new kinds of (international) threats such as cyber-terrorism, chemical-terrorism and bio-terrorism.

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Pandemics 

Pandemics refer to illnesses that occur not just locally or regionally, but globally. They represent the emergence of diseases new to a population and containing agents that infect humans, causing significant, persistent illness that spreads easily among humans.

Globalization 

Economic globalization basically describes the increasingly tight knit economic interdependence of all states with escalating exchange of goods, services, capital, technologies and workers. Globalization has accelerated enormously in recent decades.

Points of Entry

Learn – more about the megatrend correlations.

Engage – translate ideas into action.

Connect – with others to realize your project.

Who?

Bertelsmann Stiftung in collaboration with 50 international bloggers, scientists and everybody who wants to participate.

Why?

The idea is to foster “science as a public good” and initiate a broader dialogue between experts and non-experts. For us it is an obligation to make science public.

How?

The Bertelsmann Stiftung will become part of the Net. It will no longer provide ready-made solutions, but act as a moderator in establishing new forms of participatory culture.

When?

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