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About the symposium

The symposium *Philanthropy in Education: Global Trends, Regional Differences and Diverse Perspectives* is the inaugural symposium of a series of symposia on the topic of philanthropy in education.

The series of symposia provides a forum to discuss empirical research on philanthropy in education and a space to share studies that explore socially responsive and effective giving of individuals, corporations and foundations.

The inaugural symposium will be held at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva on 22-24 November 2017.

This 3-day event will be divided into plenary and parallel sessions providing participants with the opportunity to focus on specific areas from different perspectives and experiences.

The symposia series is being launched and co-sponsored by NORRAG, the Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research, the Open Society Foundations and the Graduate Institute, Geneva.

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Key themes

- Philanthropy and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- The private sector and philanthropy
- Innovative financing for education
- Philanthropic and government engagement across the North-South divide
- Future challenges and opportunities for philanthropy in education
- Multilateral agencies and philanthropic engagement
- Fostering collaboration between stakeholders (philanthropic organizations, national policymakers, international organizations and academia)
- The emergence of new philanthropy actors in emerging economies
- Individual giving in support of schools and higher education (including alumni giving)

Future symposia in the series

Following the November 2017 inaugural symposium in Geneva, other regional symposia in the series *Philanthropy in Education* are scheduled to take place in Francophone Africa, India, People’s Republic of China, North America, Anglophone Africa and Brazil.

The series will conclude with a symposium held in Ras Al Khaimah, UAE in 2019.

In addition to the overall symposium theme, the regional symposia will address topics that are relevant for that specific region.

Keynote speakers

Stephen Ball, Distinguished Service Professor of Sociology of Education, Institute of Education, University College London

Noah Drezner, Associate Professor of Higher Education, Program Director for Higher and Postsecondary Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, USA

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