Authors Publications

Günter Abel (Philosophy), TU Berlin (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Language philosophy, epistemology, theory of cognition, philosophy of the mind, semiotics and interpretational philosophy.

Selected publications:


John Agnew (Geography), University of California (USA)

Primary fields of study:


Selected publications:


Ash Amin (Geography), Durham University (UK)

Primary fields of study:

Democracy and citizenship, institutional and social economics, multiculturalism in Europe, regional development studies, urban theory.
Selected publications:


Christoph Antweiler (Cultural Anthropology), University of Bonn (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Southeast Asia, Pacific Asia, regional science, development process and social evolution, application-oriented social research, general ethnology, economic and environment.

Selected publications:

Jay Bargmann, Senior Vice President of Rafael Vinoly Architects PC (USA)

The New York based Vinoly Architects PC was founded in 1983 and provides services in building design, urban planning and interior design. The firm describes itself as a “thinking firm” that aims to create alternative options and labels “design intelligence” as its hallmark.

Selected projects:
Wageningen University and Research, Atlas Building, Wageningen, Netherlands, 2007
Founded in 1918, Wageningen University has evolved into one of the world’s leading education and research centers, focusing on the environmental, plant, animal, agrotechnological, and food sciences. The University has chosen to consolidate much of its activities onto a new campus, the Centrum de Born, north of the town of Wageningen. The location is a barren field and its development will contribute to the green corridor connecting the Rhine Valley and Hoge Velwe Park.

University of Arizona Science Center, Tucson, Arizona, 2008
The conceptual plan for the University of Arizona Science Center envisions the new facility as a bridge over Interstate 10 and the Santa Cruz River connecting the east and west sides of the Rio Nuevo District. This design distributes the various exhibits in a dramatic way along a graceful pedestrian bridge between the proposed Civic Plaza on the east side and the Cultural Plaza on the west side.

This "Bridge of Knowledge" is a dramatic new science-based destination and attraction which physically and conceptually links the University of Arizona and the Tucson community. The Bridge provides a two-way connection between science, technology, engineering and math and the unique cultures, history and arts of this community. The activities along the bridge will provide motivation for people to explore it from both east to west and west to east. It will provide a physical connection between the science-based activities on the east and the historical and cultural activities on the west.

The existence of a dynamic connection between the plazas will stimulate development along both plazas equally. The construction of the bridges and its associated structures will aspire to earn a Platinum rating from the US Green Building standards as a model of achievable environmentally responsible architecture. The Bridge of Knowledge is a totally new model and first step toward the next generation of science-based educational attractions.

Eileen Barker (Sociology), London School of Economics (UK)

Primary fields of study:

New Religious Movements, especially in Eastern and Western Europe and North America; religious situation in former communist countries.

Selected publications:


Trevor Barnes (Geography), University of British Columbia (Canada)

Primary fields of study:

Archaeology, economic geography and creative industries in Vancouver.

Selected publications:


Harald Bathelt (Political Science and Geography), University of Toronto (Canada)

Primary fields of study:

Industrial and economic geography, political economy and methodology, the analysis of long-term social and economic development, industrial clustering and the socio-economic impacts of regional and industrial change.

Selected publications:


Philippe Baumard (Management), Management Research Center of the Ecole Polytechnique (France)

Primary fields of study:

Innovation management, strategic analysis and positioning, strategic partnerships, disruptive technologies and business models.

Selected publications:


Ariane Berthoin Antal (International Relations), Social Science Research Center Berlin (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Artistic interventions in organizations, organizational learning and knowledge, organizational culture, designing and facilitating learning experiences.
Selected publications:


Beate Binder (Anthropology), University of Hamburg (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Cultural memory, gender studies, political anthropology, cultural history of technology.

Selected publications:

Margaret Boden (Cognitive Science), University of Sussex (UK)

Primary fields of study:

The nature of purpose and intentions, creativity, AI-models of mind, biological aspects of psychology.

Selected publications:


Ricarda Bouncken (Economics of Innovation), University of Greifswald (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Structures and processes of cooperation between companies, intercultural innovation management, collaboration of service companies.

Selected publications:

Ahmed Bounfour, Intellectual Capital Management, Paris-Sud University (France)

Primary fields of study:

Intellectual capital, industrial competitiveness, future socioeconomic systems, strategic planning.

Selected publications:


Michael Bravo (Geography), University of Cambridge (UK)

Primary fields of study:

Circumpolar governance, institutions and public policy in the field sciences, maritime geographies of science.

Selected publications:

Alex Checkovich (History and Sociology of Science), University of Virginia (USA)

Primary fields of study:

Environmental history, American technology, historical geography, history of cartography.

Selected publications:


Robert B. Cialdini (Psychology), Arizona State University (USA)

Primary fields of study:

Persuasion and compliance, altruism, and the tactics of favourable self-presentation.

Selected publications:


Patrick Cohendet (Economics), HEC Montréal (Canada)

Primary fields of study:

The economics and management of innovation, economics of knowledge, knowledge management and theory of organizations.

Selected publications:


Harry M. Collins (Sociology), Cardiff University (UK)

Primary fields of study:

Scientific knowledge, public understanding of science, skill and expertise, science, education.

Selected publications:

Jeremy W. Crampton (Geography), Georgia State University (USA)

Primary fields of study:

The politics of space and spatial identity, history of cartography, critical approaches to GIS and cartography, biopolitics and race, geosurveillance.

Selected publications:

Diana K. Davis (Geography), University of California (USA)

Primary fields of study:


Selected publications:


Lorne L. Dawson (Sociology and Religious Studies) University of Waterloo (Canada)

Primary fields of study:

New religious movements, theory and methods in the study of religion, religion and the Internet.

Selected publications:

George J. Sefa Dei (Sociology and Equity Studies), University of Toronto (Canada)

Primary fields of study:
The areas of Anti-Racism, Minority Schooling, International Development and Anti-Colonial Thought.

Selected publications:


David Demeritt (Geography), King’s College London (UK)

Primary fields of study:
Social theory and the environment.

Selected publications:


Caroline Desbiens (Geography), Université Laval, Québec (Canada)

Primary fields of study:
Historical geography of the North, cultural geography, and geography of the women.
Selected publications:

Sally Eden (Geography), University of Hull (UK)

Primary fields of study:

Environmental knowledge, Science and NGOs.

Selected publications:


Dale Eickelman (Anthropology), Dartmouth College (USA)

Primary fields of study:

Anthropological theory and the study of complex societies, the anthropology of Islam and the Middle East, the anthropology of knowledge, orality, literacy, and the “objectification” of the religious imagination; history in anthropological analysis; political authority and legitimacy and the symbolism of power.

Selected publications:


Dieter Ernst, Economics, East-West-Center Honolulu (USA)

Primary fields of study:

Global production networks and local capability clusters, industrial policy alternatives in the globalising economy.

Selected publications:

Jan Fagerberg (Economics), University of Oslo (Norway)

Primary fields of study:

The impact of innovation and diffusion of technology on trade, competitiveness and growth.

Selected publications:


Adam Fairclough (History), Leiden University (Netherlands)

Primary fields of study:
American Civil Rights Movement, Black schools and universities, Reconstruction, 1865-1880, Race and politics in Louisiana, Interracial relations in the U.S.

Selected publications:


Alexa Färber (Anthropology), University of Berlin (Germany)

Primary fields of study:
Knowledge anthropology, urban research, Islam in Europe.

Selected publications:


Lars Feld (Economics), University of Heidelberg (Germany)

Primary fields of study:
Finance, tax competition, international assessment, defraudation of tax, the effects of political institutions to public economics, especially the role of direct democracy and the independency of jurisdiction.

Selected publications:


Maryann Feldman (Higher Education), University of Georgia (USA)

Primary fields of study:
University technology transfer, entrepreneurship and cluster formation, geography of innovation, science and technology policy.

Selected publications:

Tim Freytag (Geography), University of Kiel (Germany)

Primary fields of study:
Social, cultural and economic geography in the context of cities and metropolitan areas; in particular: education, knowledge and tourism.

Selected publications:
Peter Fischer, Psychology, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, München (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Primary fields of study: selective search processes for supporting vs. conflicting information, biased cognition processes.

Selected publications:

Benjamin Forest (Geography), McGill University (Canada)

Primary fields of study:

The geographical nature of identity and identifications, the legal and political construction of race, ethnicity, and nationality.

Selected publications:


Jens Förster (Psychology), University of Bremen (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Creativity, human memory, idiosyncratic knowledge and memory, judgment and memory, stereotype threat.

Selected publications:

Victor Friedman, Sociology, Max Stern Academic College of Emek Yezreel (Israel)

Primary fields of study:
An "action science" approach to integrating research with practice in areas characterized by uncertainty, uniqueness, and conflict. Educational, social service, government, and business organizations, organizational learning, program evaluation, social entrepreneurship, and social inclusion.

Selected publications:


Martina Fromhold-Eisebith (Geography), University of Salzburg (Austria)

Primary fields of study:

Conceptualisation of collaboration based regional development, innovation/technology oriented regional development, technology regions; (EU) border crossing regional development and collaboration; new approaches in industrial geography; regional development in less developed countries, in particular in South, Southeast and East Asia.
Selected publications:


Joachim Funke (Psychology), University of Heidelberg (Germany)

Primary fields of study:
Complex problem solving, cognition psychology, internet/ new media, neuropsychology.

Selected publications:


Aileen Fyfe, History of Science and Medicine, National University of Ireland, Galway (Ireland)

Primary fields of study:

History of science, dissemination of scientific knowledge beyond the expert community: popular science, particularly in the nineteenth century, culture and science, science and beliefs.

Selected publications:

Peter Gärdenfors (Cognitive Linguistics), Lund University (Sweden)

Primary fields of study
Previous research focussed on philosophy of science, decision theory, belief revision and nonmonotonic reasoning. Main current research interests are concept formation (using conceptual spaces based on geometrical and topological models), cognitive semantics, models of knowledge and information and the evolution of cognition.

Selected publications


Werner Gamerith (Geography), University of Passau (Germany)

Primary fields of study:
Social, cultural and urban geography, Central Europe (the Alps), Southern Europe (Italy), North America (USA: New York, Los Angeles and Las Vegas).

Selected publications:

Hans Gersbach (Economics), ETH Zürich (Switzerland)

Primary fields of study:

Macroeconomic thinking and economic policy, innovation, the engines of growth and long-term well-being, the design of new organizations/institutions and their foundations.

Selected publications:


Thomas F. Gieryn, Sociology and Philosophy of Science, Indiana University, Bloomington (USA)

Primary fields of study:

Sociology of science – how can science be understood as a social, cultural, historical and human endeavor; the cultural authority of science as an institution; the epistemic significance of place – of what consequence are geographic location and even architecture for the process of knowledge-making?

Selected publications:

Johannes Glückler (Geography), Catholic University Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Geographical aspects of technological development, organization of innovation networks, international organization of services, analyses of knowledge networks between and within companies, reorganisation of value-added processes, relational economic geography.

Selected publications:


Peter Gollwitzer (Psychology), University of Konstanz (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Selected publications:

William Gould (Geography), University of Liverpool (United Kingdom)

Primary fields of study:
The field of Population/Development relationships in the Third World, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Selected publications:


Gernot Grabher (Geography), University of Bonn (Germany)

Primary fields of study:
Economic geography, economic sociology, network theories, social networking software, temporary and mobile organizations.

Selected publications:

Brian Graham (Geography), University of Ulster (Northern Ireland)

Primary fields of study:

Cultural and historical geography of Ireland and Europe, cultural heritage.

Selected publications:


Derek Gregory (Geography), University of British Columbia (Canada)

Primary fields of study:

Cultural and political geographies of (late) modern war.

Selected publications


Stephan Günzel (Philosophy), University of Jena (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Geop hilosophy, philosophy of space, topology, spatial theory, images of space, philosophy of the 19th and 20th century (Nietzsche, phenomenology, structuralism), aesthetics, philosophy of the media, cultural theory and history of knowledge.

Selected publications:

Wouter Hanegraaff (Religious Studies), University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

Primary fields of study:

History of religions, new age religion, esotericism, mysticism, gnosis, history of hermetic philosophy and related currents.

Selected publications:


Michael Heffernan (Geography), University of Nottingham, (GB)

Primary Fields of Studies:

Geography, citizenship and national identity in Europe and North America, 1870-1945; Landscape, war and memory, 1914-1940.

Selected publications:

Ernst Helmstädter (Economics), Institut Arbeit und Technik (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Economic theories, empirical economic studies, economic policy and ethics.

Selected publications:


Ralph Hertwig (Psychology), University of Basel (Switzerland)

Primary fields of study:

Bounded rationality: Cognitive heuristics for risky choice, inference (e.g., quantitative estimation), and multistep decisions (e.g., parental resource investment). The costs and benefits of cognitive limits for judgment and decision making (e.g., the impact of forgetting on inference accuracy). Ecological rationality: Adaptation of cognitive processes to the statistical structure of human environments past and present. Decisions from experience: How people make decisions when outcomes and probabilities are not given. Consumer choice: How the representation of information about food can promote healthy eating. Methodology in economics and psychology: Lessons for experimentation

Selected publications:


Jeanette Hofmann (Political Science), London School of Economics and Political Science (UK)

Primary fields of study:

Consensus building on the Internet; the institutional structure of ICANN, knowledge regimes in the context of digitisation and the Internet, Internet regulation, impending scarcity of Internet addresses.

Selected publications:


Oliver Ibert (Geography), University of Bonn (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Economic Geography, regional innovation policies, town and regional planning, planning theory and urban sociology.

Selected publications:


Scott G. Isaksen (Creativity and Innovation), Creative Problem Solving Group (USA)

Primary fields of study:

Creativity and innovation; Curricula for the development of creative-thinking and problem-solving skills; Ecological approach to creativity research. Special interest in linking aspects of the person with process and climate.

Selected publications:

Lost Prizes: Talent Development and Problem Solving with at Risk Populations. Sarasota, FL, pp. 25-36

Robert Jewett (Theology), Garrett/Northwestern University Evanston (USA)

Primary fields of study:

Selected publications:


Heike Jöns (Geography), University of Loughborough (GB)

Primary fields of study:

Geographies of knowledge, transnational academic mobility and collaboration, geographies and politics of higher education, theories and practices of representation, actor networks and related geographic thought.

Selected publications:


Brian D. Josephson, Physics, University of Cambridge, Cambridge (UK)

Primary fields of study:

Mind-matter unification, quantum mechanics and the paranormal, quantum mechanics and mind processes, physics and the paranormal.

Selected publications:

James C. Kaufman (Psychology), California State University (USA)

Primary fields of study:

Creativity (including creative writers, cross cultural issues in creativity, gender/ethnicity differences in creativity, mental illness and creativity), intelligence and IQ testing, motivation, personality, emotional intelligence, thinking styles, and other 'non-cognitive' constructs that may affect learning and performance.

Selected publications:


Christian Ketels (Economics), Harvard Business School (USA)

Primary fields of study:

Competitive strategy, economic development, foreign direct investment, government and business, life sciences.

Selected publications:


Rob Kitchin (Geography), National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis (Ireland)

Primary fields of study:
Social and cultural geography, with particular interests in the geographies of disability, sexuality, cyberspace and software.

Selected publications:

Nina Kivinen, Management, Åbo Akademi University (Finland)

Primary fields of study:
Entering organizations: Essays on image, space and difference, consumption, department stores and memory.

Selected publications:
Markus Knauff (Cognitive Science), University of Freiburg (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Biological and cognitive foundations of human thought and behaviour, cognitive and neuroanatomical correlates of reasoning, problem solving, working memory, and visual mental imagery; spatial cognition; neural foundations of social cognition; brain processes underlying cooperation, altruism, and social interaction.

Selected publications:


Hans-Jürgen Krysmanski (Sociology), University of Münster (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Power Structure Research

Selected publications:

Rainer Kuhlen (Information Science), University of Konstanz (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Knowledge management over distributed cooperative forms of production and acquisition of knowledge to the formation of conceptual information skills through the use of heterogeneous information resources.

Selected publications:


Klaus R. Kunzmann (Spatial Planning), University of Dortmund (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Creativity and spatial planning, knowledge cities, creative governance, space and knowledge, space and culture, urban planning.

Selected publications:

Dieter Läpple (Economics), HafenCity University Hamburg (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Urban development, structural changes in socio-economic societies, "global-local-interplay" in urban regions, sub- and reurbanisation, urban employment markets.

Selected publications:


Sarah de Leeuw (Geography), University of Northern British Columbia (Canada)

Primary fields of study:

Colonialism in British Columbia, social determinants of indigenous health, impact of medical programs in northern and rural geographies in partnerships with health care providers who think about doctor-patient relationships with Aboriginal peoples.

Selected publications

- DE LEEUW, S. (forthcoming, 2009): If Anything is to be Done with the Indian, We Must Catch Him Very Young: Colonial Constructions of Aboriginal Children and the Geographies of Indian Residential Schooling in British Columbia, Canada. Children’s Geographies.

Stephen Legg (Geography), University of Nottingham (GB)

Primary fields of study:

Social and cultural theory (Postcolonialism, Post-structuralism, Governmentality studies, memory studies), colonial India and colonial urbanism more generally, nationalism and urban social movements, the colonial origins of “development”.

Selected publications:


Wolf-Andreas Liebert (Linguistics), University of Koblenz-Landau (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Semantics of action, linguistics of discourse, collaborative writing with new media, theories of metaphor, linguistical hermeneutics.

Selected publications:

David Livingstone (Geography), The Queen’s University of Belfast, (Ireland)

Primary fields of study:

History and theory of geography, cartography, scientific culture.

Selected publications:

Sabine Maasen (Sociology), University of Basel (Switzerland)

Primary fields of study:

Sociology of knowledge, sociology of science, sociological discourse analysis, scientification of everyday knowledge, inter- and transdisciplinarity, governmentality studies, science management.

Selected publications:


Edward Malecki (Geography), The Ohio State University (USA)

Primary fields of study:

Urban, rural and regional economic development, technological change, regional policy, research and development, technology policy, telecommunications, corporate location and behaviour.

Selected publications:


Julian Marewski (Psychology), Max Planck Institute for Human Development Berlin (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Selected publications:


Stefan Maul (Assyriology), University of Heidelberg (Germany)

Primary fields of study:
Cultural and religious history of the Ancient Orient, Divination, Ancient oriental healing rituals and the History of writing.

Selected publications:


Ulf Matthiesen (Sociology), Leibniz-Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Metropolitan-cultural science, sub-urbanisation, post-socialist transformation, learning regions, coevolution of knowledge, knowledge-based cities.

Selected publications:


Peter Meusburger, Geography, Lehrstuhl für Wirtschafts- und Sozialgeographie, University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Geography of knowledge, education and skills.

Selected publications:


Ikechi Mgbeoji (Law), York University, Toronto (Canada)

Primary fields of study:

Selected publications:

David Middleton (Social Psychology), University of Loughborough (UK)

Primary fields of study:
Work based learning in multi-agency service provision for children and young people; social practices of remembering and forgetting in organizational settings; parent - professional communication in neonatal intensive care.

Selected publications:

Arthur I. Miller (Physics), University College London (UK)

Primary fields of study:
Creativity - from Einstein and Picasso to black holes; creativity in art and science.

Selected publications:

Ramesh C. Mishra (Psychology), Banaras Hindu University (India)

Primary fields of study:
Cross-Cultural Psychology.

Selected publications:
Marcus Nüsser (Geography), University of Heidelberg (Germany)

Primary fields of study:
Human-Environment-Interaction, Development research, High mountain research, Political Ecology, Land use systems and resource management, South Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa.

Selected publications:


Gunnar Olsson (Geography), Uppsala University (Sweden)

Primary fields of study:
Human geography, human interaction.

Selected publications:


Otto Gerhard Oexle (History), Max Planck Institute for History, Göttingen (Germany)

Primary fields of study:
Epistemology, medieval society, cultural memory, history of science.

Selected publications:

Bronwyn Parry (Geography), University of London (UK)

Primary fields of study:

Economic and cultural geography, re-casting of human-environment relations by technological, economic and regulatory changes, the rise and operation of the life sciences industry, informationalism, the commodification of life forms, posthumanism, bioethics and systems for knowing, disciplining and governing nature.

Selected publications:


Anssi Paasi (Geography), University of Oulu (Finland)

Primary fields of study:

Social construction of regions and territorial identities, Theories of region place and regionalism, The links between territories, boundaries and individual/social consciousness, The rhetoric of globalization and geopolitical imagination and The Europe of regions/ regional planning and development.

Selected publications:


Detlef Pollack (Sociology), Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder (Germany)

Primary fields of study:
Sociology of religion, new social movements, political cultures, German Democratic Republic, systems theory.

Selected publications:


Francois-Regis Puyou, Management, Audencia - School of Management Nantes (France)

Primary fields of study:
Organizational and social aspects of management control, governance of subsidiaries, sociology of organizations and phenomenology of financial IS.

Selected publications:

Ortwin Renn, Sociology, University of Stuttgart (Germany)

Primary fields of study:
Sociology of risks and environment, risk management, risk regulation and risk communication, participation research, technology foresight, public understanding of science.

Selected publications:


Waltraud Ritter (Information Science), The Hong Kong Knowledge Management Society (Hong Kong)

Primary fields of study:
Knowledge management, communication infrastructure, exchange of knowledge in science and the analysis of knowledge assets.

Graham Rowles (Geronotology), University of Kentucky (USA)

Primary fields of study:
Interest in the humanistic tradition: geography of aging and the aged. A primary emphasis of this work has been exploration of the changing relationship between elders and their environment.

Selected publications:

Nicolaas A. Rupke (History of Science), Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, (Germany)

Primary fields of study:
Bio- and geo-sciences/ late modernity, history of science (Germany, Great Britain), natural sciences and ideology (A. V. Humboldt, C. Darwin).

Selected publications:

Dirk Rupnow (History), APART Fellow/Institute for Human Sciences IWM, Vienna (Austria)

Primary fields of study:
Holocaust studies.

Selected publications:
Kerstin Sailer, Architecture, University College London (UK)

Primary fields of study:

Workplace environments, social and intra-organizational networks.

Selected publications:


Günther Schlee (Anthropology), Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Identity and difference, Changes of alliances, Kinship and friendship; Germany, Blue Nile Region (Sudan), South Ethiopia, Kenya, Somaliland, Somalia.

Selected publications:

Wolfgang Schluchter (Sociology), University of Heidelberg (Germany)

Primary fields of study:
Sociological theory, sociology of religion, comparative analysis of cultures, political sociology.

Selected publications:


Ursula Schneider, International Management, University of Graz (Austria)

Primary fields of study:
Knowledge management / intellectual capital, globalisation, organization of networks, project management.

Selected publications:

Wolfgang Scholl, Psychology, Humboldt-University Berlin (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Processes of power and social influence, group research, innovation and of information, mobility.

Selected publications


Hubert Seiwert (Religious Studies), University of Leipzig (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Religious history of China, theory and methodology of the Religious Sciences, new religious movements, religion and cultural dynamics.

Selected publications:


Gunter Senft (Linguistics), Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, Nijmegen (Netherlands)

Primary fields of study:
Austronesian and Papuan languages, nominal classification, categorization, conceptualization of space, semantics and pragmatics, typology, anthropological linguistics, language/culture/cognition, endangered languages.

Selected publications:


Paul Sillitoe (Anthropology), Durham University (United Kingdom)

Primary fields of study:
Development and social change, Economic anthropology and tribal socio-political orders, Environmental anthropology and natural resources management, Human ecology and ethnosciences, Indigenous knowledge and participating development, Livelihood and technology, Melanesia and South Asia.

Selected publications:


Eric Stewart Sheppard (Geography), University of Minnesota (USA)

Primary fields of study:
Trade and uneven geographies of globalization, geography of economic development, the spatial dynamics of capitalism, neoliberalism and its contestations, livelihood struggles in the third world, geographic information, technologies and society, environmental justice in the Twin Cities, urban policy and urban development.

Selected publications:

Wesley Shrum (Sociology), Louisiana State University (USA)

Primary fields of study:

Sociology of science and technology, Sociology of culture, Scientific communication networks, in particular the role of the Internet in Africa and Asian science

Selected publications:

- SHRUM, W. (2003): Science and Story in Developing Countries: The Emergence of Nongovernmental Organizations in Agricultural Research
  URL: http://worldsci.net/story.pdf
  Published as
  URL: http://worldsci.net/reagency.pdf

Dean Keith Simonton (Psychology), University of California (USA)

Primary fields of study:

Genius, creativity, leadership, talent, and aesthetics; relation between age and achievement; personality traits and societal context behind presidential leadership; developmental and career factors underlying scientific creativity; content analytical attributes of masterworks in music and literature: the determinants of military genius; factors responsible for multiple discoveries and inventions; effects of role models and mentors on personal development.

Selected publications:

Gregory Smith (Education), Lewis & Clark College, Portland (USA)

Primary fields of study:
The practice of place-based education: using local knowledge, phenomena, and experience as the foundation for teaching and learning.

Selected publications:

Manfred Spitzer (Psychology), Universitätsklinikum Ulm (Germany)

Primary fields of study:
Cognitive neuroscience and psychiatry

Selected publications:

Nico Stehr (Sociology), Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen (Germany)

Primary fields of study:
The Knowledge Society, The Modern Economy, Knowledge as Medium of Exchange, Globalization, Cultural Studies.

Selected publications:

Mikael Stenmark, Philosophy of Religion, Teologiska Institutionen, University of Uppsala, Uppsala (Sweden)

Primary fields of study:

Place of ideology of science; neuroscientific explanations of religious experience; Christian-Muslim relations.

Selected publications:


Rudolf Stichweh (Sociology), University of Luzern (Switzerland)

Primary fields of study:
Sociological theory, Sociology of science and of the universities, Socio-cultural evolution, Sociology of economics, Historical macro-sociology.

Selected publications:

Fritz Strack (Psychology), University of Würzburg (Germany)

Primary fields of study:
Social cognition, emotion, behaviour.

Selected publications:

Roger W. Stump, Geography and Religious Studies, University of Albany, Albany, NY (USA)

Primary fields of study:

Cultural geography, contextuality and spatiality of religions, comparative analysis of religious fundamentalism.

Selected publications:

Klaus Tanner (Systematical Theology), University of Heidelberg (Germany)

Primary Fields of Research:

Protestantism and political culture in the 19th and 20th century, the history of ethics, basic questions of ethics and medical and bioethics

Selected publications:


Robert Tonkinson (Anthropology), University of Western Australia (Australia)

Primary Fields of Research:

Aboriginal Australia, identity, Melanesia, politics of tradition, religion, social change

Selected publications:

Stefan Troebst (History, Slavic Studies), Geisteswissenschaftlichen Zentrums Geschichte und Kultur Ostmitteleuropas (GWZO) and University of Leipzig (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Collective identities in Eastern Europe, international organizations and ethno-political conflicts on present-day Eastern Europe, Southeast Europe in international relations of the interwar period, nationalism and historiography in the Balkans.

Selected publications:

Alexander Vasudevan (Geography), University of Nottingham (GB)

Primary fields of study:

Cultural geography of modern cities, German cultural geographies, modern German history, history and philosophy of geography, performance studies.

Selected publications:


Russ Vince (Leadership and Change), University of Bath (UK)

Primary fields of study:

Organizational behaviour, organizational learning and learning processes, management research.

Selected publications:

Barney Warf (Geography), Florida State University (USA)

Primary fields of study:

Political economy (of regional development); producer services; financial markets; telecommunications; international trade; social theory and philosophy; geography of cyberspace, military spending.

Selected publications:


Ingo Warnke (Linguistics), University of Bern (Switzerland)

Primary fields of study:

German linguistics, Sociolinguistics, Textual and Discourse linguistics, Language and Urban Space and the History of the German language.

Selected publications:

Jürg Wassmann (Anthropology), University of Heidelberg (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Oceania, cognitive ethnology, ethnopsychology, space and time, ethnology and cognitive science.

Selected publications:


Peter Weichhart (Geography), University of Vienna (Austria)

Primary fields of study:


Selected publications:

Michael Welker (Theology), University of Heidelberg (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Religion, the churches and the pluralistic society, religion and (post-)modernity, abstractions of modern thought: person, trinity, creation, nature and history.

Selected publications:


Harald Welzer (Social Psychology), Center for Interdisciplinary Memory Research (Essen) and University of Witten / Herdecke (Germany)

Primary fields of study:

Memory, group violence, and research methods.

Selected publications:


Alexander G. Welzl (Economics), ECONOMICA – Institute of Economic Research (Austria)

Primary fields of study:

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