

Emotions – A missing link towards delivering the SDGs and long-term sustainability?

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Speakers' Biographies

Panelists



Tobias Brosch

Tobias Brosch is Associate Professor at the University of Geneva, where he holds the chair for Psychology of Sustainable Development. In his research, Tobias is interested in understanding how cognitive, affective, and social processes influence our environmentally relevant choices, and how this knowledge can be used to promote sustainable decisions and behaviors. His research has been published in more than 80 peer-reviewed articles in journals including PNAS, Nature Climate Change, and Nature Human Behavior. Tobias is associate editor for the journal Cognition and Emotion and member of the editorial advisory board of the Journal of Environmental Psychology. Tobias moreover actively engages with policy makers in the sustainability domain to bring insights from behavioral science into their work and to promote science-policy collaborations. He regularly consults for institutions such as the World Economic Forum, the Swiss Federal Office of Energy, or the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. He has recently been appointed representative of the American Psychological Association (APA), the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations (EFPA), and the Swiss Federation of Psychologists (SFP) to the United Nations.



Garrette Clark

Garrette Clark is the Sustainable Lifestyles Programme Officer, in the Industry and Economics Division of the UN Environment Programme in Paris. With a sustainability career spanning over 30 years, her expertise lies in promoting how we can live better and lighter. Technically referred to as 'sustainable consumption and production,' her team runs research on sustainably living in the context of sustainability trends, develops methodologies to support disruptive change and engages partners, including new wild cards like, youth activists, social media platforms and cultural influencers to communicate real, aspirational sustainable living messages. At 55 she took up distance running and now guides blind runners in half marathons. Showing that, as in life, the race goes to those who show up, help others and don't give up. She has a Masters degree from Goldman School of Public Policy (University of California, Berkeley) and a BA in Medieval History at Smith College in the USA.

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In Collaboration With :



Disa Sauter

Disa Sauter is Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. She did her first degree in Psychology and Cognitive Science at University College London, followed by a PhD in the same department. After post-doctoral positions at King's College and Birkbeck College in London, she took up a staff researcher position at the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. Since 2011, she has been based at the University of Amsterdam. Her work examines emotion with a focus on theory and functions, including the evolutionary mechanisms underlying emotions. She has a particular interest in positive emotions and distinctions between different positive affective states. Her research is funded by an ERC Starting grant and a Vici grant from the Dutch Science Foundation, and she holds editorial appointments at the journals *Emotion Review* and *Psychological Review*.



Branka Zei Pollermann

Branka Zei Pollermann is a linguist and a psychologist. Her academic credentials include: PhD in psycholinguistics (Geneva University), three MAS (general linguistics, cognitive psychology, languages and literature) and postgraduate studies in speech pathology, phonetics, philosophy and sociology. She held part-time teaching and research positions at: Geneva University (FPSE - 9 years), Geneva University Hospitals (psychosomatics 17 years), CERN (7 years), and Zagreb University (Phonetics 7 years.) She authored several multidisciplinary publications (reaching 1087 citations according to Academia). In 1988, in parallel to her scientific positions, she founded Vox Institute - a training and research institute specialized in speech communication and emotion psychology. In this capacity, Branka provided consultancy for WEF, EPFL, banks and pharma industries. She acts as trainer for United Nations OCHA, CERN, IMD - Institute for Management Development, UAE, ICRC and numerous Swiss training centres (Geneva, Lausanne, Fribourg, Berne, Neuchatel). Her research results are presented at international scientific meetings.



Moderator



Edward Mishaud

Edward Mishaud is the Senior Adviser of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Lab in the Office of the Director-General. He joined the SDG Lab in 2018 to advise on its policy approach with Geneva-based stakeholders and to lead its public diplomacy, communications, and advocacy function. He has in-depth expertise of the global governance system, having advanced the missions of five multilateral institutions. At the UN, Edward helped executives frame the public policy debate of high-impact development interventions that drive equitable human progress, including at WHO, UNAIDS, UNDP, and early on at UNCCD, the convention to combat desertification. Previously in South Korea, he joined the newly established Green Climate Fund (GCF) to communicate its early vision of re-directing global financial resources towards worthwhile climate investments. Edward started his career as an investigative journalist in Canada where he also worked with the CBC, the national public broadcaster.