Opening Ceremony of the 2016 International Year of Global Understanding (IYGU)
2 p.m., February 2, 2016 — Volkshaus Jena

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INTRODUCTION
Volker Wieprecht & Benno Werlen

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14:00 — 15:30
WELCOME SPEECHES

Prof. Walter Rosenthal (Germany)
President of the Friedrich-Schiller-University

Wolfgang Tiefensee (Germany)
Thuringian Minister of Economy, Science & the Digital Society

Vladimir Kolossov (Russia)
International Geographical Union (IGU)

Adama Samassékou (Mali)
International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH)

Mathieu Denis (Canada)
International Social Science Council (ISSC)

Martin Visbeck (Germany)
International Council for Science (ICSU)

Paul Shrivastava (India)
Future Earth: Research for Global Sustainability (ICSU/ISSC)

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OPENING ADRESS
Neun Milliarden Menschen im Anthropozän.
Herausforderungen für das International Year of Global Understanding
Prof. Klaus Töpfer (Germany),
former Executive Director of UNEP and Federal Minister of Environment

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BREAK

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15:45
KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

The Tyranny of Pedagogies: Changing Mindsets to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals
Anantha Duraiappah (Malaysia), Director of the UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute New Delhi

Our World is Increasingly Challenging
Jack Dangermond (USA), Founder and CEO of ESRI

Watching the Earth Breathe
Julia Marshall (Canada), Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry Jena

Governing a Warmer Planet: Climate Change, Inequality, and Democracy
Nico Stehr (Germany), Director of the European Center for Sustainability Research, Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen

Social Acceleration and De-Synchronization: Key Concepts for Global Understanding
Hartmut Rosa (Germany), DFG-Research Group on Post-Growth Societies

Primers for Everyday Life – The IYGU Publications
Allen J. Scott (USA), University of California, Los Angeles/UCLA

Role and Potential of IYGU Regional Action Centers
Luiz Oosterbeek (Portugal), University of Tomar, Helena Henriques (Portugal), University of Coimbra

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17:30
RECEPTION