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Gerzensee Policy Dialogue

A conference of the Study Center Gerzensee · By invitation only

GERZENSEE POLICY DIALOGUE

The Economic Challenges of Demographic Change

A new conference bringing together leading economists and experts from international organizations, academia, think tanks and the federal administration to discuss the multifaceted challenges of demographic change in Switzerland.

TRENDS · MACROECONOMY · HOUSING · LABOR · HEALTH · PENSIONS

DATES

11 – 13 November 2026

VENUE

Study Center Gerzensee, Switzerland

SCHEDULE · PART I

Arrival & Day One

Wednesday 11 November 2026 — Arrival

14:00 – 20:35 Arrival & Shuttle Service
Complimentary shuttle from Wichtrach train station to Gerzensee

19:00 – 22:00 Welcome Buffet

Thursday 12 November 2026

09:30 – 10:30 Arrival & Welcome Coffee

SESSION 1 · 10:45 – 12:00

1. Demographic Trends in Switzerland and Abroad

Manuel Buchmann — Demografik
Ilka Steiner — BSV

FOCUS Birth rates · Migration · Outlook on other topics

12:15 – 13:45 Lunch

SESSION 2 · 14:00 – 15:30

2. Macroeconomic Effects of the Demographic Transition

Thomas Brändle — EFV
Nils Herger — Study Center Gerzensee
Carlos Lenz — Swiss National Bank

FOCUS Monetary and fiscal effects — low interest rates, secular stagnation, ageing and public debt

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

SESSION 3 · 16:00 – 17:30

3. Housing and Infrastructure

Hendrik Budliger — Demografik
Benedikt Lennartz — ZKB

FOCUS Housing · Traffic

18:30 – 21:00 Drink Reception & Dinner

SCHEDULE · PART II

Day Two

Friday 13 November 2026

07:00 – 08:25 Breakfast

SESSION 4 · 08:30 – 10:00

Moderator: Patricia Funk, USI

4. Labor Market

Andrea Bassanini — OECD
Axel Börsch-Supan — MEA
Michael Siegenthaler — KOF, ETH Zurich

FOCUS Ageing and productivity · Changing labor demand · Shortages of skilled workforce

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

SESSION 5 · 10:30 – 12:00

5. Health Care

Simon Wieser — ZHAW
Beatrix Eugster — University of St. Gallen
Melanie Häner-Müller — IWP
Christian Schmid — CSS Institute

FOCUS Demand side · Supply side · Funding issues

12:15 – 13:45 Lunch

SESSION 6 · 14:00 – 15:30

6. Social Security and Pensions

Tabea Bucher-Koenen — University of Mannheim
Monika Bütler — University of St. Gallen
Arthur Seibold — LMU Munich
Michaela Slotwinski — University of Neuchâtel

FOCUS Insurance and longevity · Transition from work into retirement · Gender and family

15:30 Departure of Participants — Conference Concludes

15:45 Transportation to Bern Train Station
Departure from Study Center Gerzensee

PEOPLE & THEMES

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CORE TOPICS

Macroeconomic & Demographic Trends
Shifts in Switzerland and abroad

Labor Markets
Productivity, changing demand and skilled labor shortages

Social Security & Health
Pension sustainability, longevity and healthcare funding

Infrastructure
The impact of ageing on housing and public services

GOOD TO KNOW

Practical Information

VENUE

Study Center Gerzensee
Dorfstrasse 2
3115 Gerzensee
Switzerland

GETTING THERE

Wed 11 Nov, 14:00 – 20:35: shuttle Wichtrach station → Gerzensee
Fri 13 Nov, 15:45: transport to Bern station

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HOST	Study Center Gerzensee, a foundation of the Swiss National Bank
FORMAT	Gerzensee Policy Dialogue — by invitation only
PARTICIPANTS	Economists and experts from international organizations, academia, think tanks and the federal administration
ACCOMMODATION	Full board at the Study Center throughout the conference

We look forward to welcoming you to Gerzensee.

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