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John F. Welch COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

*Conference cycle*

*“Luxembourg: where we came from;  
where we are;  
where lies our possible future?”*

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| <b>Target audience:</b>     | Open audience, Luxembourg residents (domestic and foreign) with an interest in understanding the country, its success and a vision for the future for Luxembourg at a time of dramatic uncertainties and change.   |
| <b>Language:</b>            | English or French (with simultaneous translation- for some conferences only)   |
| <b>Timing:</b>              | A cycle of 9 conferences starting in October 2012 and finishing with the final panel roundup in June 2013.   |
| <b>Venue:</b>               | Various  |
| <b>Topics and speakers:</b> | Given the relevance of the issues discussed, the presentations will be recorded and available for reviewing on the University’s website: <a href="http://www.shu.lu">www.shu.lu</a> . Each conference will address two/three subjects as indicated in the program. |

## Conference 1 – Looking back with satisfaction

**Date:** Wednesday, 24 October 2012; 6:30-8:00 pm

**Venue:** BGL BNP Paribas

### **A historic/institutional look back: From 1815 to 1956**

Emile Haag, Professor of history, Miami University Differdange; former Director of Athénée Luxembourg

Denis Scuto, Professor of history, University of Luxembourg

### **Immigration: For 100 years a source of growth**

Serge Kollwelter, Founder and past President, ASTI

### **Is there poverty in Luxembourg?**

Antoine Haag, Professor of economics, Université de Paris Ouest - Nanterre La Défense

## Conference 2 – Statistics do not always lie

**Date:** Thursday, 15 November 2012; 6:30-8:00 pm

**Venue:** Hôtel Le Royal, Luxembourg

### **What do the statistics say about Luxembourg?**

Guy Schuller, Member of the Executive Committee, STATEC

### **A sharp eye on the public sector budget**

Carlo Thelen, Chief Economist, Chamber of Commerce of Luxembourg

### **What are the main favorable factors of the pension scheme at present? Are these factors due to prevail in the future?**

Robert Kieffer, President, Caisse Nationale d'Assurance Pension

## Conference 3 – The European destiny of a small country

**Date:** Thursday, 13 December 2012; 6:30-8:00 pm

**Venue:** Jean Monnet Building, European Commission

### **Luxembourg's role in building Europe**

Jacques Santer, former Prime Minister of Luxembourg and former President of the European Commission

### **The advantages of being small**

Mario Hirsch, Visiting Senior Research Fellow, European Union Institute for Security Studies

Wolfgang Lorig, Professor of political science, University of Trier (t.b.c.)

## Conference 4 – Industry means steel in Luxembourg. Still true?

**Date:** Thursday, 17 January 2013; 6:30-8:00 pm

**Venue:** ArcelorMittal

### **The historic role of industry for Luxembourg's economy and society**

Charles Barthel, Director, Centre Robert Schuman

### **The past and future importance of the steel industry**

Michel Wurth, Member of Executive Committee, ArcelorMittal

### **Industry does have a future in Luxembourg!**

Guy Harles, Partner, Arendt & Medernach

## Conference 5 – Finance & Technology: Two pillars of the Luxembourg Economy

**Date:** Thursday, 21 February 2013; 6:30-8:00 pm

**Venue:** SES in Betzdorf

### **The finance industry**

Alfred Steinherr, Professor of economics and finance; Academic Director, Sacred Heart University

Ernst Wilhelm Contzen, CEO Deutsche Bank; Chairman, ABBL

### **High tech industry and services**

Mark Tluszczy, Co-Founder & CEO, Mangrove Capital Partners

Romain Bausch, President & CEO, SES

## Conference 6 – Champions League: Regional and urban development

**Date:** Thursday, 14 March 2013; 6:30-8:00 pm

**Venue:** European Investment Bank

### **Urban and regional development**

Markus Hesse, Professor of urban studies, University of Luxembourg

Paul Helminger, former Mayor of Luxembourg City

### **Luxembourg: The epicenter of the “Grande Région”**

Claude Gengler, Director, Forum EUROPA Foundation, Luxembourg

### **The long-term competitive position of Luxembourg**

Lionel Fontagné, Professor of economics, Université Paris I, Panthéon Sorbonne

### Conference 7 – Brain-driven future?

**Date:** Thursday, 18 April 2013; 6:30-8:00 pm

**Venue:** University of Luxembourg

**Human capital as a driving force of future wealth**

Nicolas Schmit, Minister, Ministry of Labor, Employment & Immigration

**The significance of the University for Luxembourg's society**

Rolf Tarrach, Rector, University of Luxembourg

### Conference 8 – The beauty and the beast

**Date:** Thursday, 16 May 2013; 6:30-8:00 pm

**Venue:** Palais épiscopal

**The evolution of moral values on the way to a cosmopolitan society**

Father Jean Ehret, Professor of theology, Sacred Heart University

**A recent cultural history of Luxembourg with a speculation about the future**

Paul Bertemes, mediArt

### Conference 9 – Summing up: A tentative sketch of Luxembourg in 2030

**Date:** Wednesday, 12 June 2013; 6:30-8:00 pm

**Venue:** Chamber of Commerce of Luxembourg

A panel including some of the previous speakers will be communicated at a later stage

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