

ALUMNI EVENT

UNIVERSITIES ACROSS CULTURES - PRESENT AND FUTURE

January 18th 2017 - Reception 6 p.m. - Discussion 6.30 p.m.

JKU, Keplergebäude Halle C

KICK-OFF SPEECH BY

Univ.-Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Leitner,

University Graz and Austrian Institute of Technology about
„Past, Present and Future of Universities: A Comparison of different
National University Systems“

FOLLOWED BY A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH

- Univ.-Prof. Dr. Hans Bacher,

Dean for Social and Economic Sciences at JKU

-Assoc.-Prof. Jennie Sumelius,

Department of Management
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-Prof. Jay Rubin,

Adjunct Instructor of Management Communication
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For the kick-off speech we were able to win Prof. Karl-Heinz Leitner, who is professor at the University of Graz and Senior Scientist at the Austrian Institute of Technology. He was involved in European-funded projects about the future of research and innovation but has also conducted several studies for the Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy about funding and governance of Austrian universities. Based on his insights, he will provide comparative data about the evolution and policies of and challenges for university systems in different countries.

Representatives from the US, Finland and Austria will afterwards discuss about the future of those systems with him.