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«Engelberg Dialogues 2018» successfully opened

Everything revolves around the topic of labour migration for four days in the monastery village of Engelberg. Around 100 personalities from business, science, politics and society discuss the positive and negative aspects of migration on politics, economy and society.

Since Sunday, twelve young scientists from Belgium, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Norway and Switzerland have been working on various topics. They deal with issues such as the exodus of highly skilled workers from poor countries in industrialized nations, free movement of persons versus regulators or the effects of family reunification on the situation of migrants in the labor market.

Who wins, who loses?

Today's public evening in Engelberg discusses the impact of internal migration on the example of the Canton of Obwalden. The evening will be opened by Prof. George Sheldon. Under moderator Prof. **Ivan Rickenbacher Daniel Wyler**, Councilor Canton Obwalden, Prof. **Peter Uebersax**, University of Basel, **Frédéric Füssenich**, tourism director Engelberg, and **Erwin Schaller**, CSEM Alpnach, debate about winners and losers of the steadily growing commuter flows to Lucerne, Zurich, Basel or Bern.

In the half-day workshop on the following day, the young scientists, together with economic and scientific representatives, deepen fundamental questions of migration to the economy, politics and society. **Prof. Dr. George Sheldon**, University of Basel, **Dr. Giovanna Davatz**, Arktis Radiation Detectors Zurich and **Prof. Dr. Michael Ambühl**, ETH Zurich, will introduce the topics.

The renowned migration expert **Prof. Christian Dustmann**, University College London, also joins, on the last day of the «Engelberg dialogues 2018», besides other participants. In the course of the day, the findings from the workshop will be further condensed and enhanced with new aspects. At the end of the conference, the Academia Engelberg will award the three best works of the autumn academy participants.



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With the Autumn Academy, the Academia Engelberg Foundation launches the «Engelberg Dialogues 2018». Twelve young scientists from five countries hope to win the «Best Paper Award» for their work.

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Note for media professionals: You can also participate in individual days of the «Engelberg dialogues 2018» or just conduct interviews with the speakers.

[The complete program can be found here.](#)

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