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About the Erich Walser Generations Prize

The Erich Walser Generations Prize honors individuals who have made an exemplary international contribution to improving or advancing understanding between generations.

The Prize is awarded by the World Demographic & Ageing Forum jointly with Prof. Dr. Günter Müller-Stewens from the University of St. Gallen and sponsored by the Helvetia Insurance Company.

The jury consists of delegates of the Board of Directors of the World Demographic & Ageing Forum, Prof. Dr. Günter Müller-Stewens of the University of St. Gallen and Philipp Gmür, CEO of the Helvetia Group.

Previous prize winners include Helmut Schmidt, former German Chancellor (2005); Václav Havel, former President of Czechoslovakia (2006); Dirie Waris, social activist and UN Special Ambassador for the elimination of female genital mutilation (2007); Mary Robinson, former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (2008); the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement ICRC (2009); and Adolf Ogi, former President of Switzerland (2016).

The prize is worth CHF 20,000.00 (approx. USD 20,000.00). The award ceremony takes place in St. Gallen, Switzerland.

About the World Demographic & Ageing Forum

Population trends as well as ageing and generational issues are among the key challenges of the 21st century, but also a source of unique opportunities. With a vision of maintaining and enhancing welfare and prosperity in the future, the WDA Forum aims to address and research these demographic issues and their impact on the social, economic and political environment in the international context. To this end, it has defined five areas of action: work life, retirement plans, financial markets, health and digital ageing. As a think tank, the WDA Forum works closely with the Institute of Insurance Economics at the University of St. Gallen as well as other educational and research institutions including the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in Boston, Stanford University in California, and Fudan University in Shanghai. The WDA Forum was established in 2002 and is based in St. Gallen, Switzerland.

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