

THURSDAY 28 JUNE 2007  
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AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TECHNOLOGY,  
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# *FULL SPEED TO THE FUTURE? PERSPECTIVES FOR HIGH SPEED RAIL*



## *THEME*

WHAT ARE THE IMPACTS – ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL AND SPATIAL – OF HIGH SPEED RAIL? UNDER WHAT GEOGRAPHICAL, URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING CONDITIONS DOES HIGH SPEED RAIL MAKE SENSE? WHY DID TODAY'S CONVENTIONAL WHEEL/RAIL TECHNOLOGY BECOME GENERALLY ACCEPTED? HOW DOES HIGH SPEED TRAVEL CHANGE THE HUMAN SPATIAL REFERENCE FRAMEWORK? AND, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE LONG TERM FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF RAIL-WAYS AND OTHER TRANSPORT SYSTEMS IN SWITZERLAND AND EUROPE? THESE ARE SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED AT THIS INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE.

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## ***PROGRAM***

08.15 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

09.00 WELCOME BY HANS EISENRING, FORMER CEO SWISS NATIONAL RAILWAYS

### ***THE NEED FOR SPEED***

09.15 – IDEAS, THESES AND QUESTIONS FROM SOCIOLOGY, SPATIAL PLANNING AND ECONOMICS.  
11.00

UNDERWAY ON THE TIME EXPRESS – A SOCIOLOGICAL EXPLORATION OF THE  
VALUE OF SPEED IN SOCIETY. (German)

Nadine Schöneck, Social Scientist, FernUniversität in Hagen

HIDDEN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT – METROPOLITAN REGIONS, TRANSPORT HUBS  
AND CONNECTIVITY (German)

Alain Thierstein, Professor of Urban Planning, TU München

IN WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES IS THERE AN ECONOMIC CASE FOR INVESTING IN HIGH  
SPEED RAIL?

Chris Nash, Professor of Transport Economics, University of Leeds

Moderator: Paul Schneeberger, Neue Zürcher Zeitung

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### ***HIGH SPEED RAIL HISTORY***

11.15 – EUROPEAN HIGH SPEED RAIL HISTORY AND BAHN 2000  
12.30

DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH SPEED RAIL IN FRANCE AND GERMANY: SAME IDEA, DIFFERENT  
IMPLEMENTATION. (German)

Babette Nieder, Historian/General Secretary «Génération Europe 21» Paris

FROM HIGH SPEED RAIL TO «RAIL 2000» – A TALE FROM SWISS TRANSPORT HISTORY  
IN THE EUROPEAN CONTEXT (German)

Gisela Hürlimann, Historian, University of Zürich

Moderator: Paul Schneeberger, Neue Zürcher Zeitung

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### ***PANEL: MAGLEV, CONVENTIONAL HIGH SPEED RAIL, OR AIRLINES?***

13.30 – WHAT CONCEPTS MAKE SENSE FOR HIGH SPEED TRAVEL TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE?  
15.15

MAGLEV TRAINS: VISION OR FICTION? – SWISSMETRO CASE STUDY (German)

Ulrich Weidmann, Professor for Transport Systems, ETH Zürich

25 YEARS OF HIGH SPEED RAIL EXPERIENCE

Roberto Rinaldi, Director, High Speed Train Technology, Alstom

HIGH SPEED RAIL – MOBILITY FOR A GLOBALIZED FUTURE (German)

Stefan Hofsäss, Head, Turnkey Transportation Systems, Siemens

AIR TRANSPORT – HIGH SPEED AND LOW PRICES CREATE NEW TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR (German)

Lars Ottmer, Leader Market and Fleet Planning, Lufthansa  
(formerly of Swiss)

Moderator: David Gugerli, Professor History of Technology, ETH Zürich

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## ***FROM DREAMS TO REALITY: WHICH TECHNOLOGIES WILL CARRY US INTO FUTURE?***

15.30 – LEADERS FROM POLITICS, BUSINESS AND SCIENCE WILL DISCUSS THE CHANCES AND  
17.00 QUESTIONS FACING RAILROADS IN EUROPE AND SWITZERLAND. (German)

ROUNDTABLE WITH Martin Bäumle, National Counciller and Verkehrsclub der Schweiz  
Paul Blumenthal, Division Leader, SBB Passenger Transport  
Toni Eder, Federal Department for Transportation  
Gisela Hürlimann, University of Zürich  
Alain Thierstein, Professor of Urban Planning, TU München

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17.00 CLOSING REMARKS: JAKOB TANNER, PROFESSOR FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HISTORY,  
UNIVERSITY OF ZÜRICH

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[http://www.ivt.ethz.ch/news/20070628\\_seminar/index](http://www.ivt.ethz.ch/news/20070628_seminar/index)

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Normal Price CHF 150.–  
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### LOCATION

ETH-Zentrum, Old Chemistry Building (CAB), Room G 61, Universitätsstrasse 6  
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