

« Board Essentials » 2024 / 2025

Overview Program and Lecturers



Module	Timetable	Subject of the Lecture	Titel	First Name	Last Name
Module 1: Board Fundamentals 25 October 2024	09:00 – 10:30	Good Corporate Governance: Where Board Focus goes, Energy flows	Prof. Dr.	Michèle F. Christian	Sutter-Rüdisser Reuss
	11:00 – 12:30	Legal Environment in Switzerland I: Setting the Stage	Dr. Dr.	Mariel Daniel	Hoch Daeniker
	13:30 – 15:00	Legal Environment in Switzerland II: Board Matters	Dr. Dr.	Mariel Daniel	Hoch Daeniker
	15:30 – 17:00	Corporate Engagement in Politics	Prof. Dr.	Hans-Ueli	Vogt
Module 2: Board Leadership 8 November 2024	09:00 – 10:30	Challenging Key Leadership Principles	Prof. Dr.	Michèle F.	Sutter-Rüdisser
	11:00 – 12:30	Board Decision Making Strategies		Hikmet	Ersek
	13:30 – 15:00	Orchestration of Board Processes and Relationships	Prof. Dr.	Thomas D.	Szucs
	15:30 – 17:00	Virtual General Assembly	Dr.	Felix	Horber
Module 3: Board Technology 22 November 2024	09:00 – 10:30	Robotics and Artificial Intelligence	Dr.	Hanspeter	Fässler
	11:00 – 12:30	Blockchain, Tokenization, Metaverse and Web3	Dr.	Daniel	Diemers
	13:30 – 15:00	Decentralised Autonomie Organisation (DAO)	Dr.	Luka	Müller
	15:30 – 17:00	How Platforms Disrupt Markets	Prof. Dr.	Miriam	Buiten
Module 4: Board Human Capital 29 November 2024	09:00 – 10:30	Board Succession and Board Evaluation		Armin	Meier
	11:00 – 12:30	Human Resources Group Strategy and Management Succession	Dr.	Hannah	Zaunmüller
	13:30 – 15:00	Diversity and Inclusion Strategy		Marion	Leslie
	15:30 – 17:00	Trust and Uncertainty in the Boardroom	Prof. Dr.	Antoinette	Weibel

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Module 5: Board Sustainability Strategy 24 January 2025	09:00–10:30	Sustainability Strategy and Targets: A Perspective on Current Implementation Status		Jannik	Leiendecker
	11:00–12:30	Global Tax and Climate Risk	Prof. Dr. Dr.	Peter Mark	Hongler Veser
	13:30–15:00	Stakeholder Engagement	Dr.	Romeo	Lacher
	15:30–17:00	Litigation in Non-Financial Reporting		Matthias	Gstoehl
Module 6: Board Innovation and Resilience 7 February 2025	09:00–10:30	Organizational Distress	Dr.	Thomas	Wellauer
	11:00–12:30	M&A Integration and Divestment		Anna Gilbert	Mattsson Ghostine
	13:30–15:00	Data-Driven Business Models and Ecosystems	Prof. Dr.	Oliver	Gassmann
	15:30–17:00	Board Committee Structures	Dr.	Annette	Schüller
Modul 7: Board Risk Strategy 28 February 2025	09:00–10:30	Rethinking Enterprise Risk Management	Prof. Dr.	Michèle F.	Sutter-Rüdissler
	11:00–12:30	Global Trade and Demography Challenges	Dr.	Stefan	Legge
	13:30–15:00	Challenges and Strategies for a Company in White Collar Crime and Regulatory Investigations	Dr.	Roman	Huber
	15:30–17:00	Directors and Officers Insurance (D&O)		Markus	Haefeli
Module 8: Board Finance and Remuneration 14 March 2025	09:00–10:30	Capital (Re)Allocation		Marcel	Meyer
	11:00–12:30	Impact Investing		Peter	Fanconi
	13:30–15:00	The Future of Assurance	Dr. Prof. Dr.	Marius Reto	Klauser Eberle
	15:30–17:00	Remuneration Strategy	Dr.	Stephan	Hostettler



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