

« Board Essentials » 2026 / 2027

Overview Program and Lecturers



Module	Timetable	Subject of the Lecture	Titel	First Name	Last Name
Module 1: Strategic Board Governance 23 October 2026	09:00 – 10:30	The Art of Good Corporate Governance	Prof. Dr.	Michèle	Sutter-Rüdisser
	11:00 – 12:30	Legal Environment in Switzerland I: Setting the Stage	Dr. Dr.	Daniel Mariel	Daeniker Hoch
	13:30 – 15:00	Legal Environment in Switzerland II: Board Matters	Dr. Dr.	Mariel Daniel	Hoch Daeniker
	15:30 – 17:00	Multistakeholder Governance Models		Fabienne-Anne	Rehulka
Module 2: Leadership & Board Dynamics 6 November 2026	09:00 – 10:30	CEO-Board Shift		Gilles	Andrier
	11:00 – 12:30	Board and Entrepreneurship		Claudio	Cisullo
	13:30 – 15:00	The Role of the Board During a Crisis Navigating Shareholder Activism: The Role of the Board	Prof. Dr. Prof. Dr. Dr.	Gilbert Marie-Noëlle Thomas	Probst Zen-Ruffinen von Planta
	15:30 – 17:00	Changing Board Dynamics in an Existential Crisis: Learnings from a Practice Case		Ralph	Siegl
Module 3: Board Performance & Impact 20 November 2026	09:00 – 10:30	Effective Board Composition	Dr.	Matthias Tobias	Oberholzer Blickle
	11:00 – 12:30	Board Assessment		Barbara	Heller
	13:30 – 15:00	Board Committees		Urs	Riedener
	15:30 – 17:00	Role of the Board Chair		Michel M.	Liès
Module 4: Finance & Remuneration 27 November 2026	09:00 – 10:30	Capital Markets and Strategic Financing		André	Helfenstein
	11:00 – 12:30	Effective Organisation of Auditors and Audit Committee		Alessandro Jan	Miolo Meyer
	13:30 – 15:00	Remuneration Strategy	Dr.	Stephan	Hostettler
	15:30 – 17:00	Impact Investing or Sustainability as a Competitive Advantage		Peter	Fanconi

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Module 5: Risk & Compliance 22 January 2027	09:00 – 10:30	Portfolio Strategy: M&A and Separations		Anna Gilbert	Mattsson Ghostine
	11:00 – 12:30	Strategies in White Collar Crime and Regulatory Investigations	Dr.	Roman	Huber
	13:30 – 15:00	Cybersecurity	Dr.	Maya	Bundt
	15:30 – 17:00	Board Decision Making Strategies		Hikmet	Ersek
Module 6: AI & Innovation 5 February 2027	09:00 – 10:30	Artificial Intelligence	Dr.	Christian	Westermann
	11:00 – 12:30	Innovation and Board-Level Tech Literacy	Prof. Dr.	Feiyu	Xu
	13:30 – 15:00	Negotiation Strategy		Matthias	Schranner
	15:30 – 17:00	Integrated Assurance: Ethics, Risk and Compliance	Dr.	Klaus	Moosmayer
Modul 7: Board Deep-Dive 26 February 2027	09:00 – 10:30	Global Trade and Demography Challenges	Dr.	Stefan	Legge
	11:00 – 12:30	Trust in the Boardroom	Prof. Dr.	Antoinette	Weibel
	13:30 – 15:00	What the Market Really Hears: The Strategic Logic of Market Communication	Dr.	Ursula	Nötzli
	15:30 – 17:00	Perspectives on Board Work with a Controlling Shareholder	Dr.	Zeno	Staub
Module 8: Board Engagement 12 March 2027, St. Gallen	09:00 – 10:30	Data-Driven Business Models and Ecosystems	Prof. Dr.	Oliver	Gassmann
	11:00 – 12:30	Relationship Switzerland-USA	Dr.	Rahul	Sahgal
	13:30 – 15:00	Stakeholder Engagement		Peter	Zollinger
	15:30 – 17:00	Shareholder Engagement		Giorgio	Pradelli



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