

# Short biography of Luc E. Weber

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Founding President “The Glion Colloquium”

A Swiss citizen born in Lausanne, Luc Weber studied both economics and political science, gaining in 1971 a Ph.D. in economics at the University of Lausanne. He was a full professor of public economics at the University of Geneva from 1975 to 2006 and a visiting professor at the universities of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Lausanne and Fribourg. As a trained economist, he has published five books and advised the Swiss federal government and various canton governments; from 1977 to 1980, he was a member of the Swiss Council of Economic Advisers.

From 1982 onwards, Dr Weber spent almost 15 years in university administration and higher education and research policy in Switzerland. He was Vice-Rector (Vice-President), then Rector (President) of the University of Geneva, as well as President and then Consul for international affairs of the Swiss Universities Rectors’ Conference.

Since the end of this double mandate, Luc Weber has served multiple governmental organizations and international associations active in the field of higher education and research. He is often invited to advise national governments and to evaluate research universities or faculties, as well as university networks; he also contributes to books and journals and delivers talks about his areas of interest.

He was a founding member of the European University Association (EUA) and a member of its first bureau from 2001 to 2005. He also served for eight years on the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Higher Education and Research (CDESR) of the Council of Europe, the last four years as Vice-chair and then Chair. He was Vice-President and Treasurer of the International Association of Universities (IAU) from 2002 to 2008. Professor Weber was a member of the Strategy Committee of the German Science Council in charge of selecting elite universities in the framework of the first round of the German excellence initiative. He was for more than ten years a member of the Austrian Accreditation Council for private universities and carries out missions and expertise for the World Bank, in particular in Tunisia and Vietnam. He was also a member of the Administrative Board and later of the Strategic Council of the University of Strasbourg. He is presently chairing the Council. In 1998, he co-founded with Werner Hirsch et Jim Duderstadt— and, until 2021, has been the leader of — the Glion colloquia, a respected think tank dedicated to the future and responsibilities of research universities in a knowledge-driven global economy.

For his dedication to higher education and research, he was received as associate member in the Belgian Royal Academy in 2011 and awarded a first Doctorate *honoris causa* by the Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve in 2006. He was awarded a second Doctorate *honoris causa* by the University of Neuchâtel in November 2021.

As part of his personal and social commitment within his own region, the French-speaking part of Switzerland, he has been a member, since its creation until 2018, of the executive committee of the Jean Monnet Foundation for Europe, based in Lausanne. He was also a member of the Foundation Board of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum, in Geneva. Dr Weber has also served as chair of the Foundation Board of the autonomous Faculty of Protestant Theology of the University of Geneva.

# MAIN PUBLICATIONS

## 1) MONOGRAPHS

- 1971 *Pour une politique conjoncturelle en Suisse*, Presses centrales, Lausanne
- 1978 *L'Analyse économique des dépenses publiques*, Presses Universitaires de France, Paris
- 1984 (avec B. Dafflon), *Le financement du secteur public*, Presses Universitaires de France, Paris
- 1987 *L'Etat, Acteur économique*, Economica, Paris, 1<sup>st</sup> edition in 1987, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition in 1997
- 2015 *L'Université au XXI<sup>e</sup> siècle : innovante, internationale et volontaire*, Economica, Paris, Geneva and London
- 2016 *The University in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century : Innovative, International and Pro-active*, The Glion Colloquium, (translation of the original french edition *L'Université au XXI<sup>e</sup> siècle : innovante, internationale et volontaire*, Economica, Paris, Londres, Genève, 2015
- 2017 (with Milad Zarin-Nejadan et Alain Schönenberger), *Economie et finances publiques*, Economica, Paris, Londres, Genève

## 2) EDITED BOOKS

- 1992 *Les Finances publiques d'un Etat fédératif*, Economica, Paris et Genève
- 1999 (coedited with Werner Hirsch): *Challenges facing Higher Education at the Millennium*, ACE/Oryx Press, Phoenix, vol. 1, The Glion Colloquium
- 2001 (coedited with Werner Hirsch), *Governance in Higher Education: The University in a State of Flux*, Economica, London, Paris and Geneva, vol. 2, The Glion Colloquium
- 2002 (coedited with Werner Hirsch), *As the Walls of Academia are Falling Down*, Economica, London, Paris and Geneva, vol. 3, The Glion Colloquium
- 2004 (coedited with James J. Duderstadt, *Reinventing the Research University*, Economica, London, Paris and Geneva, vol. 4, The Glion Colloquium
- 2005 (coedited with Sjur BERGAN), *The Public Responsibility for Higher Education and Research*" Council of Europe higher education series No. 2, Strasbourg
- 2006 (coedited with James J. Duderstadt, *Universities and Business; partnering for the Knowledge Society*, Economica, London, Paris and Geneva, vol. 5, The Glion Colloquium
- 2007 (coedited with Katia Dolgova-Dreyer) *The legitimacy of quality assurance in Higher Education: The role of Public Authorities and Institutions*, Council of Europe higher education series No. 9, Strasbourg
- 2008 (coedited with James J. Duderstadt) *The Globalization of Higher Education*, Economica, London, Paris and Geneva, vol. 6, The Glion Colloquium
- 2010 (coedited with James J. Duderstadt) *University Research for Innovation*, Economica, London, Paris and Geneva, vol. 7, The Glion Colloquium
- 2012 (coedited with James J. Duderstadt) *Global Sustainability and the Responsibilities of Universities*, Economica, London, Paris and Geneva, vol. 8, The Glion Colloquium
- (2014) (coedited with James J. Duderstadt) *Preparing Universities for an Era of Change*, Economica, London, Paris, Geneva, vol. 9 The Glion Colloquium
- (2015) (coedited with James J. Duderstadt) *University Priorities and Constraints*, Economica, London, Paris and Geneva, vol. 10 The Glion Colloquium
- (2018) (coedited with Howard Newby) *The Future of the University in a Polarizing World*, vol 11, The Glion Colloquium, Geneva
- (2020) (coedited with Bert van der Zwaan) *The University at the Crossroads to a Sustainable Future*, Vol 12, The Glion Colloquium, Geneva

## 3) PUBLISHED EXPERT REPORTS

- 1978, 1979 and 1980: (with G. Bombach, H. Kleinewefers or H. Würzler) *Situation et problèmes de l'économie suisse*, three expert reports written for the Federal Department of Economic Affairs and the Swiss Central Bank by the Expert group « Economic situation»