

Per Bergamin appointed professor at the NWU

Brig, June 2020 - Great honour for the UNESCO Chair of Personalized and Adaptive Distance Learning in Brig: In the context of a research exchange with South Africa, Per Bergamin has been appointed associate professor at the North West University (NWU) in Potchefstroom.

In 2017, the UNESCO Chair for Personalized and Adaptive Distance Learning at the Fernfachhochschule Schweiz (FFHS) in Brig became operational. One of the main goals of the chair is the international research exchange in the field of adaptive learning. Among other things, the chair was able to enter into a cooperation with the North West University in Potchefstroom (South Africa) and has already initiated several research stays and projects. The established research network is now bearing fruit: Prof. Dr. Per Bergamin was recently appointed associate professor at the Faculty of Education at NWU. "This appointment is a great vote of confidence and enables us to promote our research competence and networking in the field of technology-based learning," said Bergamin.

Exchange between Brig and South Africa

As part of the professorship, Per Bergamin will be active at NWU both in research collaborations and teaching in the form of (online) lectures and supervision common research projects. The professorship is limited to three years and can be extended after expiry.

In compliance with the objectives of the UNESCO program UNITWIN (University Twinning and Networking), the activities of the chair are primarily focused on partnerships in Europe and Africa. A recently signed agreement with the partner university NWU provides, among other things, for scholarships for four-month research visits by scientists from South Africa. In return, researchers from Brig will also travel to Africa to ensure mutual exchange and joint projects. The UNESCO Chair for Personalized and Adaptive Distance Learning is supported by the Loterie Romande.



Legend of picture:

Prof. Dr. Per Bergamin (2nd from right) with representatives of the cooperating research area during a visit to the Dean of the Faculty of Education in Pootchefstroom (South Africa)



Fernfachhochschule Schweiz
Zürich | Basel | Bern | Brig

Mitglied der SUPSI

The Fernfachhochschule Schweiz (FFHS) is a federally recognised University of Applied Sciences and is offering part-time Bachelor's and Master's programmes as well as further education in the fields of economics, information technology, engineering, law and health since 1998. Since 2004 the FFHS has been an affiliated school of SUPSI. Its study model is largely independent of time and place, making it a study alternative for all those who wish to combine work, family and studies. The FFHS runs regional centres in Zurich, Basel, Bern and Brig and employs around 120 academic and administrative staff and over 400 (part-time) lecturers who impart their specialist knowledge to the 2,406 students (as of 2019). In its research institutes, the FFHS conducts application-oriented research in the areas of Web Science, Management & Innovation and E- Learning in accordance with the performance mandate of the federal government.

The FFHS is researching in the field of technology-based learning for almost 20 years and, together with the Institute for Distance Learning and eLearning Research (IFeL), is one of a select national and international network of e-learning researchers. In 2016, the research achievements of the Institute were honoured with a UNESCO Chair for Personalised and Adaptive Distance Learning. The UNESCO Chair investigates the effectiveness of adaptive learning concepts and their didactic details.

www.ffhs.ch