

Professor Paul H. DEMBINSKI

Paul H. Dembinski has an interdisciplinary university education: on the one hand, he holds a doctorate in economics at the University of Geneva (1982) and undertook post graduate studies at Oxford; on the other hand, he obtained an undergraduate university degree (1978) and a postgraduate diploma (1979) in political sciences (international relations) at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva.

Between 1979 and 1990, he was assistant and "maître-assistant" in economics at the University of Geneva. Then, his academic interests evolved towards the socio economic systems and their institutional aspects. Moreover, he is interested in the different interactions enterprises have with their respective social, economic, cultural and ethical environment. Such evolution has been reflected in the subjects covered by his courses he has been giving since 1991, as Associate Professor holding the International Strategy and Competition Chair at the University of Fribourg. For the time being, they indeed fall within the following areas: (a) ethics and corporate social responsibility in business and finance; (b) entrepreneurship and small and medium-sized enterprises within the existing socio-economic context; (c) multinational (transnational) enterprises within their political and institutional context. Paul Dembinski regularly teaches abroad at the university level; particularly in France, Italy, Spain and Poland.

In parallel, together with his associate Alain Schoenenberger (associate professor at the university of Neuchâtel) he founded in 1989 Eco'Diagnostic (<http://www.ecodiagnostic.ch/>), a fully independent, interdisciplinary economic research institute. In such context, he has carried out on behalf of authorities at the cantonal as well as federal level different studies on the economic fabric in Switzerland.

In addition, he is leading the "Observatoire de la finance" (<http://www.obsfin.ch/>), a think tank founded in 1996 on the subject of the responsibility and ethics in finance. As such, he is a jury member for the "Ethics in Finance - Robin Cosgrove Prize" (<http://www.ethicsinfinance.org/>) founded in 2005. Since 1999, he has also been co-editor of the quarterly bilingual (English/French) journal entitled "Finance & the Common Good/Bien Commun".

Besides, he has also collaborated as expert with international organisations (such as UNCTAD, OECD, ILO, etc.), in particular on the subject of economic and financial statistics at global level.

The projects and mandates of Paul H. Dembinski cover a large variety of topics: finance, international competition, ethics, business creation and demise, transition economy. At the same time, they are characterised by three common grounds: (a) a method inspired by the systemic analysis, consisting of building the object of study according to the question put forward; (b) a level of investigation which could be called as "meso-economic", situated between the macroeconomic and business economic levels; (c) the interdisciplinary dimension.

Paul H. Dembinski works in English, French, German, Spanish and Polish. He is married, with three children and three grandchildren.