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Walther Ch. Zimmerli is considered one of the world's leading representatives of applied philosophy and ethics. Born in Switzerland, he is a border crosser: as a long-standing professor of philosophy and president of both state and private universities, he knows the world of science just as well as he knows the world of business as a former member of the top management of Volkswagen AG. In addition to Germany and Switzerland, he has worked as a university lecturer and consultant in Austria, Hungary, Australia, Japan, South Africa and the USA.

He was or still is a member of various academies as well as supervisory and administrative boards in Germany and abroad. In Switzerland, he is known, among other things, as the responsible editor of the White Paper on Future Education Switzerland, as Senior EURIAS Fellow at Collegium Helveticum and since 2020 as Fellow of the Digital Society Initiative (DSI) Zurich, in Austria as Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM) Vienna and in Germany as a sought-after keynote speaker in culture, science and business, and since 2020 also as President of the German Startup Cup (GFFT).

The recipient of the international Humboldt Research Award sees his profession as a "license to poach". Therefore, he deals with highly topical issues such as digitalization, artificial intelligence, genetic engineering, energy, education or the future of leadership in business and politics, as well as with the timeless fundamental questions such as those concerning time, art, the nature of mankind, health, dying and death.

Zimmerli has the ability to present complex interrelationships in a pointed, understandable and entertaining way. He is one of those authors who not only publishes scientific literature, but also highly discussed essays in daily and weekly newspapers and are also present in the media in other ways. All of this makes him a sought-after speaker far beyond his field. In his lectures, Walther Ch. Zimmerli manages with ease to combine thematic breadth and depth of content with brilliant and entertaining rhetoric.