In 2016, the Department of International Affairs: ISGS once more invites high flying executives from internationally renowned companies to present stepping stones of global careers to PhD candidates. These networking dialogs highlight the professional and personal competencies required in the industry, and give hints for assistance within decision-making processes. In the course of this informal meeting the young researchers will have the opportunity to present their own career plans and receive honest feedback.

Networking Dialog with the Head of the Opel Plant Kaiserslautern
Mr. Peter Winternheimer

**About Mr. Peter Winternheimer:**
- Mr. Winternheimer graduated from TU Kaiserslautern as Mechanical Engineer in 1995. In the same year, he started working at the Opel plant Rüsselsheim as Quality Assurance Engineer.
- In the following years he successfully climbed the career ladder to group leader and Manager of Quality Assurance at the Opel Plants Eisenach and Bochum and abroad at Ellesmere Port in the UK.
- From 2011 - 2015, he had been working at Opel Kaiserslautern, finally as Interim Plant Manager.
- From 2015 - 2016, he was Director Manufacturing Engineering, Strategy & Planning at the Opel Plant Rüsselsheim.
- Since summer 2016 he is Head of the Opel Plant Kaiserslautern.

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**Fast Facts:**
- Founded in 1862 by Adam Opel in Rüsselsheim
- Subsidiary of General Motors (GM)
- 10 production plants (3 in Germany) & 3 development hubs in 6 European Countries
- 34500 employees (Europe), 16500 in Germany

**Opel Kaiserslautern:**
- opened in 1966
- center of the Components Production in Europe
- **Products:** Lightweight metal and diesel engines, Vehicle components for body and chassis made of plate or aluminum, e.g. side walls, hood, axis, and seat frames.