In 2017, 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 President of TU Kaiserslautern**

**Date:** Monday, April 10, 2017, 5:00 - 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Building 39 (ISGS Center/Meeting Place)  
**Language:** English & German  
**Participants:** Postdocs, PhD candidates, research associates & Master students  
**Registration:** Registration only via email (until April 07) to: doktoranden@isgs.uni-kl.de > Subject: “President”

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**About Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Helmut Schmidt:**

- The President of TU Kaiserslautern earned his PhD with summa cum laude at the University of Münster
- In 1992 he joined the research group of the later Nobel Prize winner Elizabeth Blackburn at the Medical school at the University of California in San Francisco (UCSF)
- In 1990 he was awarded the “Bennigsen Foerder Prize” as leader of a research group within a major research programme (SFB)
- 1995: Professorship of Biology from TU Kaiserslautern
- 1996: Dean for the Department of Biology at TU KL
- 1998: Vice president for Research & Technology, TU Kaiserslautern
- 2002: President of TU Kaiserslautern, elected for a second term in 2007, and third term in 2013
- 2005: Awarded Honorary Doctorate Degree from the Shonan Institute of Technology, Japan
- Prof. Schmidt also holds the vice presidency for the German Professors Organization (Deutscher Hochschulverband), the presidency for the German Protozoological Society and several chair and board member positions for state and local foundations and organizations