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Gabriele is an eco-feminist development economist, and researches and lectures on universal human rights, the UN Agenda 2030, and eco-social policies, including social protection and business and human rights. She is an occasional visiting lecturer at the Munich CIH.

Gabriele is a Senior Research Associate with the UN Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD). She is on the board of Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF), a member of the UNICEF National Committee Germany, of the Treaty Alliance for a Binding Treaty, German network, and an independent advisor to the Peoples' 20 network accompanying G20/G7 processes.

As a UN official from 1983-2010, she held positions as UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative in Latvia, UNICEF Regional Social Policy Advisor South Asia, based in Nepal, and Special Assistant to the UNCTAD Secretary-General/Deputy Secretary-General, at the UN Office in Geneva.

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PROF. ROFELA COMBEY

Prof Rofela Combey is the current Provost of the College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences, University of Cape Coast (UCC), Ghana. She holds a PhD in Zoology and has conducted postdoctoral research in geometric morphometrics and molecular systematics, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. As an Associate Professor of Entomology, she has received several accolades, including the 2013 Brazil CNPq-TWAS Research Fellow, 2021 USA-Fulbright Scholar award and the 2024 Female International RUTA-MELI/APIBA Award for Eminent Stingless Bee Scientist. Prof. Combey's professional roles include Deputy Director of the International Stingless Bee Centre and Resident Bee Taxonomist for West Africa. With 20 years of experience as a Senior Insect Taxonomist at the Insect Museum (UCC), she actively participates in biodiversity assessment projects and advocates for alternative livelihood initiatives for youth and women. She is dedicated to fostering creativity, innovation, and dialogue among diverse groups. Currently she represents West Africa on the Executive Committee of Deans and Principals of the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture.

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DR. ANNETTE PETERS

Prof. Dr. Annette Peters is Director of the Institute of Epidemiology at Helmholtz Munich and full Professor of Epidemiology at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München in Germany. She studied biology and mathematics in Germany and epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, USA.

Annette Peters pioneered work identifying the link between ambient particulate matter and cardiovascular disease. Understanding the role of ambient air pollution in contributing to exacerbation and initiation of chronic diseases has been a lifelong research interest, but today, her research focus ranges from environmental to molecular epidemiology of cardiometabolic diseases. With large-scale prospective population-based cohort studies she and her team investigate how genetic, molecular, environmental, and behavioral risk factors jointly shape health and disease.

Annette Peters heads the population-based KORA cohort initiated in Augsburg, Germany, which has followed 18,000 individuals with regular follow-up since the mid-1980s. She also has a leading role within the German National Cohort NAKO, which is prospectively investigating 205,000 men and women since 2014. NAKO is a nation-wide beyond the state-of-the-art large-scale epidemiological study including innovative biobanking for all members and magnet resonance tomography assessments for 30,000 participants. As principal investigator, Annette Peters is responsible for the NAKO study center in Augsburg and the central biorepository at Helmholtz Munich. Since 2025, she chairs the NAKO board of directors and started additional data collection in order to contribute to understanding the health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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DR. ULRICH VON BOTH

Prof. Ulrich von Both graduated from the University of Giessen in 2002 and has since specialized in pediatrics and infectious diseases with experiences across Germany, Switzerland, the UK, and Southern Africa. He combines clinical work with research, focusing on pediatric infections, HIV and tuberculosis. After a post-doc at Imperial College London, Ulrich joined LMU Munich in 2015.

He works as a consultant pediatrician in clinical infectious diseases, including diagnostic and antibiotic stewardship programs, and leads the specialized ID outpatient clinics for TB, HIV, and migrant health. He is involved in major EU-Funded projects (PERFORM & DIAMONDS) and is the medical lead of a national telemedicine initiative on antibiotic stewardship (TeleKasper). Most recently, he founded the Pediatric Migrant and Public Health Center Munich, dedicated to improving healthcare access for refugee and migrant children. Since 2024, Ulrich serves as a Board Member of the CIHLMU.