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Biography

Klaus R. Scherer is an emeritus professor at the University of Geneva and an honorary professor at the Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich. In 2005 he founded the Swiss Center for Affective Sciences at the University of Geneva, a Swiss National Center of Competence in Research, which he has directed until 2013. Scherer obtained a Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1970 with a thesis on voice and personality. After teaching at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and the Universities of Kiel and Giessen, Germany, he was appointed, in 1984 to the chair in emotion psychology at the University of Geneva. Scherer's research activities focus on different aspects of emotion and other affective states, in particular emotional expression in the voice and induction of emotion by music. Scherer reported this work in numerous publications in the form of monographs, contributed chapters, and papers in international journals. He co-edits the "Affective Science Series" for Oxford University Press and was the founding co-editor of the journal Emotion. He is a member of the Academia Europea and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a Fellow of the Association for Psychological Science and the Acoustical Society of America.. He has been awarded honorary doctorates by the University of Bologna and the University of Bonn. He held an ERC Advanced Grant and participated in several European Networks of Excellence.