

Ockert BOSCH

Ockert Bosch is currently the Director of Systems Modeling and a Partner of the Systemic Excellence Group. He is also an Honorary Professor of Systems Design and Complexity Management at the University of Adelaide, Distinguished Guest Professor at Keio University in Japan and is the director for both Think2Impact Pty Ltd and SysPrac Pty Ltd.

Bosch has worked towards achieving sustainability and resilience in the face of climate change and other societal and environmental challenges with a systems-based focus on complex issues such as sustainable and resilient communities, consumers and food security and safety, energy, and livability. His work in this area has led to the formation of the Alliance for Systems Design and Complexity Management at the University of Adelaide. In this position he has helped several formal degree programs and courses to become uniquely systems based – from a collection of courses or modules to a “system” of interconnected courses. His research has grown into a large program addressing three major leverage points for changing the way that people think: Evolutionary Learning Laboratories as mechanisms for dealing with complex issues in any area of interest, “Starting with the Young” and Systems Education. His main focus is on taking his science out there where it can make a difference to the lives of people.

Bosch is the first author of the book *“Systems Thinking for Everyone: The Journey from Theory to Practice”*, has contributed to several books as well as written over 70 journal articles since 2003.

Bosch has received a Certificate of Merit from the Vietnamese Government for Contributions to Integrated Governance and diffusing systems thinking in Vietnamese society, an award from the Chinese Government on China’s National Day for Foreigner with highest scientific impact and the BSLab Award in 2014 in Rome for his contributions to the “Advancements in Systems Thinking Applied to Management”.

He has received many research grants and is often invited to be a keynote speaker at international conferences. He has also been invited as an adjunct professor at Flinders University and as a specialist professor of the University of Patagonia.

Bosch was appointed as Editor-in-Chief of Systems Journal and serves or has served on the editorial board for several other journals such as Systems Research and Behavioral Science, the Journal for the Grassland Society of Southern Africa, and the Australian Rangeland Journal. He is the President of the International Society for the Systems Sciences (ISSS) (2016/17) as well as Vice-President of the International Academy for Systems and Cybernetic Sciences, the ISSS Systems Education and Communication Committee, and the ISSS Conferences and Membership Committee. He also serves or has served on the board for the ISSS, the Business Systems Laboratory in Italy, the Centre for Native Floriculture, the Noosa Biosphere, the University of Queensland, the Agricultural Production Systems Research Unit, and the CRC Tropical Savannas.