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Prof Ursula Keller on the challenges of being a woman in STEM – in Europe and abroad

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[Link](#)**What makes me tick? Why do I still want change for more women in STEM?**

Thoughts on why current academic culture and lack of governance may be a root cause of gender issues in STEM – explained with examples from the last 30 years and my experience as the first tenured woman physics professor at ETH Zurich.

10.01.2022

[Link](#)**Professor Keller's request for a one-year extension beyond normal retirement age resulted in a tie vote in her institute**

ETH professors can extend their normal retirement age up to 5 years e.g., until age 70, based on excellence and/or relevant contributions to the school. Informally practiced in the past, this will be formally adopted in ETH's coming updated guidelines. Prof. Keller recently requested approval of a one-year extension based on continued funding from her second ERC Advanced Grant, a Swiss National Science Foundation Excellence Grant, ...

07.01.2022

[Link](#)**The end of the Attoclock at ETH Zurich**The Attoclock is dead. According to new rules within the physics department, Prof. Keller had to sacrifice the Attoclock lab by year-end, to ensure that current PhD students can finish their research efforts at ETH Zurich through her planned retirement in July 2024. Started before 2008, the Attoclock lived for about 4·10²⁶ attoseconds. We had hoped it might live to least another 2.5 years (Keller's mandatory retirement) and even longer as part of the strategic FastLab vision.

06.01.2022

[Link](#)**Prof. Keller loses her office at ETH Zurich**

Following new rules from the physics department regarding professors nearing retirement, Prof. Keller has given up her ETH office (HPT E16.3) to allow her current PhD students to finish their research work. She now has a desk in HPT E16.2 next to her secretary, in the ultrafast laser physics group (ULP) reception. When not there and as required by covid guidelines, she continues to be available remotely over Zoom, often in her personal home office.

05.01.2022

[Link](#)**Open letter signed by 145 women scientists expressing their concerns**Professor Keller's motivation for helping to initiate this *open letter to the Max Planck Gesellschaft (MPG)* on 18. Nov. 2021 is: "The current culture with informal, mostly male-dominated networks with gender bias, limited accountability and transparency in decisions and resource distribution, negatively affects women in leadership positions, and discourages the next generation to step up into leadership positions. My goal is to change this with better governance."

03.01.2022

[Link](#)**New rules at D-PHYS affecting Prof. Keller's activities at ETH Zurich**

Prof. Keller enters her retirement phase at ETH Zurich before new rules have been implemented enabling a delayed retirement age of up to 5 years (currently at 65). New rules implemented in the physics department (D-PHYS) with a space-time and budget-time integral requirement strictly applied to the Keller group.

12.11.2021

[Link](#)*“Personally no regrets in going into physics. But we for sure need a culture change to empower more women. Why? Read my News items!”*