
GGI WEBINAR | HAVE NO FEAR OF FEAR ITSELF: SEARCHING FOR TRACES OF SENSE AND NONSENSE, WITHOUT ALLOWING FEAR TO EXCESSIVELY DOMINATE OUR LIVES

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The last terrifying sabre-toothed tiger to have leapt from the bushes and torn us to shreds, killing us within seconds, actually died out thousands of years ago. And yet – across the history of mankind, never has there been as much fear as there is today: the fear of losing your job, money worries, a loss of social status or online friends, perhaps even the possibility of losing recognition of ourselves entirely. But why is this? The relationship between inadequate communication and fear has been proven. However, more profound analysis is required into circumstances in which healthy fears can also be life-sustaining. Thus, it is important to understand that bravery does not come from not feeling fear at all, but rather from acknowledging one's own fears and taking control over them. Create the space necessary to deal with authentic fears, but dismiss those that appear to be superfluous – in the area of occupational healthcare, every company would surely find it worthwhile to adopt this approach for its employees.

About the Speaker



Prof Dr Thomas P. Müller has a PhD in Criminal Psychology and Forensic Psychiatry from the University of Innsbruck in Austria.

From 1982 to 1992, he trained at the Federal Police School in Innsbruck and, after serving in different police forces, he became a member of the SWAT team of the Federal Police Force. After taking a break to pursue further education, he became the Chief of the Criminal Psychology Service in the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Group D/INTERPOL. Since that time, he has routinely taught and researched in the areas of criminology, abnormal criminal psychology, hostage negotiation, threat assessment, criminal personality profiling, crime scene assessment and criminal investigation analysis.

He has served as a Hostage Negotiation Coordinator and translator for the Austrian Secret Service Department, under the instruction of the CIA. He conceptualised and initiated the ViCLAS-System (Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System) for all law enforcement agencies in Austria. He also initiated the ViCLAS-System in several states in Europe, including Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Portugal, the UK, Switzerland and Poland. He was also responsible for the development of the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime / Criminal Psychology Service within the Federal Ministry of the Interior in Austria.

Prof Dr Müller has taught many courses to law enforcement agencies, universities, within the Ministry of the Interior, and the Department of Justice. He has also lectured to professional groups such as judges and public prosecutors throughout Austria, Germany, England, Italy, Scotland, Poland, Canada, Australia, the USA and South Africa.

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