



Danica Purg

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Prof. Purg is professor of leadership and effective management at the IEDC-Bled School of Management. Her special field of interest is looking for inspirations for managers from art and other professions. In 2010 Prof. Purg received the 2010 International Educator of the Year Award by the Academy of International Business (AIB) for her outstanding achievements in international business education. In 2013 Prof. Danica Purg was nominated Chair of PRME (Principles of Responsible Management Education) Steering Committee, the initiative started by UN Global Compact. Prof. Purg is President of UN Global Compact Slovenia, as well as member of several international advisory boards at management schools around the world, including University of Stellenbosch Business School (South Africa), School of Management Zhejiang University (Hangzhou, China), and ESSCA School of Management (France).

She authored and co-authored several books and numerous articles on leadership issues. In 2004 she edited and jointly wrote with professors Lynn Isabella, Pierre Casse, Paul Claudel and Arnold Walravens the book *Leaders and Teams – The Winning Partnership*. In 2013 Prof. Purg was the editor of the book *Hidden Champions in CEE and Turkey; Carving out a Global Niche* (Springer). In 2017 an article “Why Art in Management Education? Questioning Meaning” that she co-authored with Dr. Ian Sutherland was published in April’s issue of *Academy of Management Review*. She is a frequent guest speaker at European and American universities and international conferences.

Prof. Purg is Fellow of the International Academy of Management (IAM), Doctor Honoris Causa at Moscow State University of Management, Estonian Business School, and honorary professor at Moscow International Higher Business School (MIRBIS). President of the Republic of Slovenia awarded her with the “Honorary Order of Freedom” for her contribution to management development in Slovenia and CEE. Prof. Purg was chosen as a business leader role model of young professionals by the American Chamber of Commerce. In January 2015, the Slovene Managers’ Association conferred upon her Lifetime Achievement Award in field of Management. In 2016 she received a Certificate of the Lifetime Achievement in the field of CSR, Sustainability, Ethics and Governance for her “visionary work in the field of responsible management education in its home institution and around the world” and in June 2017, she received the Robert L. Dilworth Award for Outstanding Achievement in the field of Executive Learning.

In 2015, a special chapter about her leadership journey was published in the book *Women and Leadership Around the World* by Information Age Publishing, USA, authored by Susan Madsen. After graduating from the Faculty of Political Science in Ljubljana, she completed her PhD at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade, and extensively studied at Harvard Business School, IMD Lausanne, INSEAD Fontainebleau, Technological University Delft, London University, Sorbonne and at Kalamazoo College, Michigan.