Saturday, March 14, 2020
10.00: General Assembly 2020, Society Switzerland – Bhutan

14.00: Dr Karma Phuntsho
**Bhutan's Transition in the 21st century: Challenges and Opportunities**
Followed by a presentation on Loden Foundation by Phuntsho Namgay

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Lopen Karma Phuntsho is a social worker, thinker and a leading scholar on Bhutan. He teaches Buddhism and Bhutan Studies in Bhutan and abroad. He completed his full monastic training before going to Oxford to read Sanskrit and Classical Indian religions and pursue a Dr Phil in Oriental Studies. He has worked as a researcher at Cambridge University, CNRS, Paris and the University of Virginia. He speaks extensively on Bhutan’s history, religion, culture and development and is the author of more than two hundred books, articles and essays including „The History of Bhutan“. Karma Phuntsho is currently the President of the Loden Foundation - a civil society organization in Bhutan with a vision to fostering an enlightened and happy society through promotion of education, social entrepreneurship and Bhutan’s culture and tradition.

Phuntsho Namgay has bachelor’s degree in Mass Communications from the University of Hertfordshire in the United Kingdom. Soon after his graduation, he started his career at the Bhutan Centre for Media and Democracy (BCMD) as a Programme Officer for three years and later resigned to join Bhutan Foundation, an America based non-profit organization, to serve as a Communications Officer in their country office in Thimphu. With his passion and hope to explore new areas of entrepreneurship and education, he joined Loden Foundation as the Development Manager in March 2018. Phuntsho Namgay is currently the Acting Executive Director at Loden Foundation.