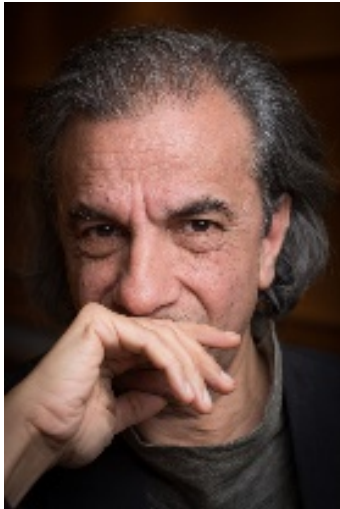


# Keynote Speakers:

## Akeel Bilgrami



**Akeel Bilgrami** got a B.A in English Literature from Elphinstone College, Bombay University and went to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar where he read Philosophy, Politics, and Economics. He has a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Chicago and is the Sidney Morgenbesser Professor of Philosophy at Columbia University, where he is also a Professor on the Committee on Global Thought.

Bilgrami was the Director of the Humanities Center at Columbia University for seven years and is currently the Director of its South Asian Institute. His publications include the books *Belief and Meaning* (1992), *Self-Knowledge and Resentment* (2006), and *Secularism, Identity and Enchantment* (2014).

Bilgrami is due to publish two short books in the near future: *What is a Muslim?* and *Gandhi's Integrity*. His long-term future work is on the relations between agency, value, and practical reason.

## Bernd M. Scherer



**Bernd M. Scherer** is Director of Haus der Kulturen der Welt since 2006. He holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the Universität des Saarlandes, Saarbrücken. Philosopher and author of several publications focusing on aesthetics and international cultural exchange, Scherer came to the HKW from the Goethe-Institut where he was Director of the Arts Department in Munich from 2004-2005. Previous positions at the HKW include Head of the Department of

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