

## SPEAKERS



**Guenter Bentele** is a full professor emeritus for Public Relations at the University of Leipzig, Germany. He was the president of the German Association for Communication and Media Studies during 1995-1998, and the president of EUPRERA in 2004. He editors and co-editors of 28 more books, authors and co-authors of 21 books and more than 340 scientific articles in public relations, communication theory, journalism and semiotics. He has won numerous awards, including “PR personality 2004”, “professor of the year” in 2007, “Distinguished Scholar in Public Relations” (Euprera) in 2016.



**Carl Botan** is a Professor of Communication at George Mason University. He has taught and researched on strategic communication campaigns more than 35 years, after working as a practitioner in public relations, labor, and political campaigns. His current focus is on the use of strategic communication campaigns, particularly as they are employed to address public health, nation building, and homeland security/disaster response issues. His in-press book *Strategic Communication Theory and Practice: The Cocreational View* (Wiley-Blackwell) will be the first theoretic book on strategic communication applications.



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