

## A global view about the role of mathematics in the society

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In this talk I will discuss the role of mathematics in the society from different perspectives. The situation is clearly very different in different countries and continents. It is interesting to follow these differences, analyze them and learn from each other. But also, depending on the fields and subfields, mathematics and mathematicians have to play, and play, different roles, that can be conflicting. How to reach a balance between educating the new generations, preparing the future teachers, providing companies and institutions with educated people able to innovate using mathematics? In some countries and in some fields this is not so easy to implement any more. Our community at large will have to deal with these difficulties and try to reach a balance. This will not happen alone, we should accompany the quick and sometimes dramatic evolutions if we want to maintain a healthy situation country by country, but also at a global level.