



ISDS Professor Rudy Hirschheim Receives Honorary Doctorate

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Baton Rouge – Rudy Hirschheim, Ourso Family Distinguished Professor of Information Systems, has been awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Bern's Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences. The doctorate, which was presented Dec. 1, recognizes Hirschheim's research in the area of information systems, particularly his pioneering work in the study of outsourcing.

"This is a tremendous honor," Hirschheim said. "This is one of the highest honors that one can receive in the academic world, and I am humbled that it is based on what the university's faculty considered to be my outstanding contributions."

The University of Bern presented nine individuals with honorary doctorates at a ceremony held in the Bern Kultur-Casino, a venue for symphony and civic events. Along with Hirschheim, professors from Cornell University, Stanford University and London University were honored. The Bern Symphony performed with the University of Bern Choir before the presentations and immediately afterward. At the banquet following the ceremony, Hirschheim was joined by a number of distinguished guests and academics from Mannheim, Frankfurt and Bern.

For Hirschheim, who has been ranked internationally at the top of his field previously by two separate studies, this marks the second time he has received an honorary doctorate. The University of Oulu (Finland) honored Hirschheim in this same fashion six years ago.

The Department of Information Systems & Decision Sciences at LSU's E. J. Ourso College of Business combines teaching and research to create a rich learning experience for its students. Relationships with industry and state agencies enable the department to assist organizations with issues related to business analytics and business intelligence, as well as innovation and technological change, as well as offer enhanced career opportunities for its graduates. Collaborative research efforts of its diverse faculty have resulted in major grants from the National Science Foundation and the state of Louisiana. For more information, visit www.business.lsu.edu/isds, call 225-578-2126, or email ISDS@lsu.edu.

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