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"CERAMICS: HERITAGE AND INNOVATION IN THE CAPITAL OF PORCELAIN"

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Lecture presentation: **"The Future of Ceramics Design"**, within the sub-theme "The Future: Craft, Technology, Science"



Robert SUK (Germany)

BIOGRAPHY

Robert Suk is a German designer with over 45 years of experience working with porcelain, ceramics, and glass. He began his career at Goebel as a designer and modeller, before moving to KPM Berlin as Manager of Design and Model Development. In 1998, he joined Rosenthal AG as Design Manager, and went on to serve as Design Director from 2002 to September 2024, overseeing the creative development of all Rosenthal brands, including Rosenthal Studio line, Rosenthal Home/Hotel, Versace, Thomas, Arzberg, and Hutschenreuther. He has since continued his association with the company as Design Consultant.

Throughout his career at Rosenthal, Suk collaborated with some of the most prominent names in design and fashion, including Audi, Armani, Fornasetti, Louis Vuitton, Lufthansa, Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, Prada, and Swarovski. He also worked closely with celebrated designers on the Rosenthal Studio line, among them Queensberry Hunt, Patrizia Urquiola, Bjarke Ingels, Zaha Hadid, Marcel Wanders, and Enzo Mari, as well as emerging talents such as Konstantin Grcic, Stefan Diez, and Christophe de la Fontaine. An early highlight of his career was serving as personal assistant to Enzo Mari from 1993 to 1998.

Alongside his industry work, Suk has maintained a significant presence in design education, undertaking short and long-term projects with leading institutions across Europe and Asia, including the Royal College of Art in London, the Universität der Künste in Berlin, the Design

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Academy Eindhoven, and Tsinghua University in Beijing. He has held a professorship at Kassel University for Art and Design and a guest lectureship at the University of Fine Arts in Berlin, and has served as a jury member for the Bavarian Design Award, the iF Design Award, and the German Design Award.