



**Rhodes Forum
10th Anniversary Session
Scientific Program
Plenary Sessions and Round Tables
October 3 – 8, 2012, Rhodes, Greece**

**Opening Plenary Meeting
“Socio-political transformation: chance or challenge for dialogue?”
October 4, 2012**

Main vectors of discussion:

- Crisis of the dialogue model of international relations?
- Dialogue of civilizations and just world order: ideal versus real
- Inter-cultural relations: interdependence between the global, regional and domestic (national) level
- Cultural self-assertion as an issue of geopolitics / civilization as a tool of intervention?
- Civilization (culture) as ideological tool? (The role of “civilization” in an agenda of global hegemony)
- How to deal with the simultaneity of (armed) conflict and (cultural) dialogue?
- Cultural diversity at the local and global levels: factor of peace or conflict?
- The transnational use of the “new social media”: impact on intercultural relations and political stability
- The implications of the “Arab Spring” for Muslim-Christian relations

Key-note speakers:

Vladimir Yakunin (Russia) – Founding President, World Public Forum “Dialogue of Civilizations”

Dimitris Avramopoulos (Greece) – Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hellenic Republic

Robert Curl (USA) – Professor Emeritus, Rice University, Nobel Prize laureate in Chemistry

Liu Changle (China) – National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee of Education, Science, Culture, Health and Sports, Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee, Nishan Forum on World Civilizations

Alfred Guzenbauer (Austria) – Co-chairman, World Public Forum “Dialogue of civilizations”, Federal Chancellor of Austria (2007-2008)

Kairat Kilimbetov (Kazakhstan) – Vice Prime Minister, Republic of Kazakhstan

Oleg Atkov (Russia) – Dr.Med., Secretary General, World Public Forum “Dialogue of Civilizations”, Vice-president “Russian Railways”, Astronaut, Professor

Francisco Tatad (Philippines) – Special Counsel on International Relations of the Vice President of the Philippines, former Cabinet minister and Senate Majority Leader of the Philippines

Archbishop John Onaiyekan (Nigeria) – the 2012 International Pax Christi Laureate

Gholamali Khoshroo (Iran) – Special Adviser to President Khatami on Dialogue among Civilizations

Video-address to the participants of the 10-th Anniversary Rhodes Forum

Noam Chomsky (USA) – Institute Professor and Professor (Emeritus) of Linguistics & Philosophy at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Official Salutations

Salutation from UNESCO

Katerina Stenou (France) – Director, Intersectoral Platform for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence Bureau of Strategic Planning, UNESCO

Salutation from the Russian Orthodox Church

Vladimir, Metropolitan of Omsk and Tars (Russia)

Salutation from China Soong Ching Ling Foundation

Li Ning (China) – Secretary General of China Soong Ching Ling Foundation

Official salutation from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russian Federation

Mikhail Bogdanov (Russia) – Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russian Federation

Salutation from the Community of Sant'Egidio

Alberto Quattrucci (Italy) – Secretary General P&R Community of Sant'Egidio

Rhodes Youth Forum-2012

Julia Kinash (Czech Republic) – President of the International Movement Youth Time and editor-in-chief of the Youth Time Magazine

Thematic Plenary Session 1
"Global Peace and Justice"

October 4, 2012

Moderators:

Fred Dallmayr (USA) – Co-Chairman, World Public Forum "Dialogue of Civilizations", Packee J. Dee Professor, University of Notre Dame

Hans Koechler (Austria) – President, International Progress Organization, Professor of Philosophy, University of Innsbruck

Main vectors of discussion:

- *International Politics and Ethics (including role of International Law and Criminal Court)*
- *Role of Global Institutions (UN, UNESCO, WHO, etc.)*
- *Regional Institutions: European Union, Arab League, African Union, Latin American and East Asian Organizations*
- *"Arab Spring" and its Aftermath*
- *Democracy and Military Interventions*
- *Nuclear Disarmament*
- *Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Commissions*

Thematic Plenary Session 2

"Visions of a New Earth: Responding to the Ecological Challenge"

October 5, 2012

Moderator:

Kamran Mofid (UK) – Founder, Globalisation for the Common Good Initiative, Member of the International Coordinating Committee of the WPF Dialogue of Civilizations

Main vectors of discussion:

- Environmental justice
- Cultural ecology
- Religion, Spirituality, Ethics and Environmental policy
- Environmental law
- Restoration ecology
- Political economy of nature
- Commons, enclosures, and land tenure
- Environmental risk
- Resource management and conservation
- Environmental discourse and policy
- Sustainability and environmental economics
- Urban ecology
- Environmental sociology

- Food security and sustainable agriculture
 - Air pollution and its effects on ecosystem
 - Development and environment
 - Education on Energy and Environment
 - Environmental performance of enterprise
 - Environmental Science and Engineering
 - Strategic Management
 - Water resources management and water quality
 - Carbon trading
 - Carbon emission measurement and reduction
 - Social entrepreneurship and green economy
 - Personal and Corporate social responsibility
 - Ethical consumerism
 - Sustainable Design
 - Sustainable Development
 - Tourism (eco, geo, sustainable)
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Thematic Plenary Session 3
“Building Solidarity Economies”
 October 6, 2012

Moderators:

Manuel Montes (USA) – Senior Advisor on Finance and Development, the South Centre

Adrian Pabst (UK) – Lecturer in Politics, School of Politics and International Relations, Rutherford College, University of Kent; Visiting Professor, Institute of Political Studies of Lille

Main vectors of discussion:

- Ethical financial systems to promote decent employment and sustainable investment
- Ethical principles as the organizing basis of economic systems and economic development
- Role of communitarian values and institutions in poverty eradication and economic development
- Human rights, economic rights, and social development
- Recasting the global trade system as a solidarity economy
- Ethics, historical responsibility and the sharing of the global carbon space
- Economic and ecological sustainability: business ethics in developed economies and emerging markets

Thematic Plenary Session 4
“The Family in a Changing World and demographic perspectives for humanity”
 October 7, 2012

Moderators:

Natalia Yakunina (Russia) - Chairman, the All-Russian Sanctity of Motherhood Program Board of Trustees

Lawrence Jacobs (USA) - Managing Director, World Congress of Families

Christine de Vollmer (Venezuela) – President, Latin American Alliance for the Family, Member, Pontifical Council for Family

Main vectors of discussion:

- *Looking to the future: overpopulation or global depopulation*
 - *The current crisis of the family (ethical, and social aspects of values, the impact of modern biotechnology)*
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- *The role of family in the (spiritual and moral) education of children and young people (and the continuity of the dialogue of generations)*
 - *How to promote the traditional family values in the media*
 - *The role of social and religious organizations to strengthen and promote family values*
 - *The national population policy and family (measures taken by the State to increase fertility, strengthen the family and family values)*
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Round Table

“The Post-secular dialogues: Mount Athos and practical implementation of traditions”

October 5, 2012

The crisis of neo-European rationalism, with its absolute linear progress and faith in the unlimited power of science, has served to remind mankind of the relevance of transcendental exploration as a unique well-spring of any human religion or culture. Religious revival, as an irrational reaction to total rationalism, with its cult of science and technology, is developing in the context of a desecularized world experiencing a values vacuum and a break with the pre-eminence of religious traditions. This, in turn, serves as the source of the natural difficulties encountered by modern man in terms of communication, the resurrection of vibrant religious life, and, as a consequence – the mass dissemination of pop-religion superstitions and substitutes.

Moderator: Spyridon Bazinas (Greece) – Senior Legal Officer, United Nations

Round Table

“The Byzantine heritage and its’ significance for European Civilization”

October 5, 2012

As a distinct cultural-historical type, the Eastern-Roman (or Byzantine) civilization is poorly-known and undervalued by the global community. Byzantium represents an untapped source of civilization singularity that should be utilized by all of mankind. The invaluable cultural legacy of Byzantium is its principle of promoting polyethnicity while preserving confessional and national unity, the legendary “symphony of powers,” traditionalism as an underlying principle of civilizational identity, and sacred sources of art as a new civilization resource that should be reintroduced to the international-dialogue community.

Moderators:

Alexey Lidov (Russia) – Director of the Research Centre for Eastern Christian Culture, Moscow State Lomonosov University

Alexey Gromyko (Russia) – PhD Professor, Deputy Director, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences; Head, Center of British Studies, Head of European programmes of "Russkiy Mir" Foundation

Round Table

“Nanotechnologies and society: ethical and civilizational dimension”

October 5, 2012

Moderators:

William Morris (USA) – Chairman, President & Founder, All American Oil&Gas Inc.

Father Antony Ilin (Belgium) – Archpriest, European representative, Russkiy Mir Foundation, Acting Representative of the Moscow Patriarchate to the European Institutions

Round Table

“Present-day migration: the end of tolerance?”

October 5, 2012

One of the factors behind the global instability in the emerging world order is the mass migration from poor countries and conflict zones, leading to a major change in the ethno-religious composition of the population in host countries, intensifying inter-civilizational tension and exacerbating the crime situation. The apparent

spontaneity of immigration challenges, “breaking down” centuries-old collective civilizational identities and diluting their cultural heritage – is the painful consequence of the financial and technological expansion of neo-classical globalization and the current practice of global “governance through chaos”.

The urgent need for a humane and socio-cultural adjustment in migration processes requires new approaches to the management of demographic resources within the broader context of the dialogue between world civilization systems, while identifying the experience of various countries in the efficient management of migration problems. Effective management of migration processes is based on constant monitoring of the balance of interests of the indigenous population and migrants; prioritizing the preservation of national cultural values; improving the legal framework; and increasing the responsibility of employers to meet the social and cultural needs of imported labor.

As part of the inter-civilizational dialogue, it would be productive to discuss both the strengths and the shortcomings of the existing model for adapting the cultural otherness of migrants and the civilizational matrix of the host country: assimilation, hybridization, autonomy (within the ethno-cultural and ethno-religious enclaves of the diaspora) and multiculturalism.

Main vectors of discussion:

- The challenge of migration as an unavoidable consequence of globalization
- Emigration and immigration: benefits and risks
- Group and individual identities and integration. The boundaries of necessary integration
- Integration in practice: success or crisis of existing models?
- The state of national legislation and international regulation of migration processes
- New models for inter-cultural cooperation in modern multicultural society
- The role of religions in the adaptation and integration of migrants

Moderators:

Lidia Grafova (Russia) – President, Executive Committee, International Public Association “Forum of the Migration Organizations”; Member of Government Council for Migration Policy

Valeriy Tishkov (Russia) – Professor, Director, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Science

Round Table “Culture Dialogue Schools” October 5, 2012

In the process of acquiring and mastering the skills of conducting a dialogue among different cultures, it is our opinion that the decisive role belongs to educational institutions and the practical technologies they employ. A poly-cultural education can become one of the most important instruments in helping a person to proceed from abstract, and quite often, simply demagogic statements to practical implementation of fresh ideas. The objective or goal of poly-cultural education is not only to create a favorable climate for coexistence, i.e., for different cultures to live together side by side, but also to make the maximum use of this diversity for the wellbeing of the individual and society.

Moderators:

Marietta Stepanyants (Russia) – Chairholder, UNESCO chair in philosophy, main research fellow of Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences

Elena Ivanova (Russia) – Deputy Head of the HR Department, "Russian Railroads" JSC

Round Table “Modern University’s Models” October 5, 2012 Kassos Hall

National and international universities. Networking in national and international educational space, the competition through cooperation or cooperation through competition. Mobility of resources, ideas, people, infrastructure and technology. Differentiation of universities, including the selection of students. Mass higher education - "all universities are the same" (equal opportunities as economic need), elite education - research universities (the development of " economics of knowledge"). Scientific research - worldwide growing industry. International universities in the rankings. What makes the universities better? The strategy of modernization and innovation of modern universities. Challenges in the pace of reforms.

Moderators:

Nur Kirabaev (Russia) – Vice-Rector, Peoples` Friendship University of Russia

Vladimir Mironov (Russia) – Professor, Dean, Department of Philosophy, Moscow State `Lomonosov` University

Round Table

“Civilizational Dimension of the Intercultural Dialogue”

October 6, 2012

This round-table is proposed as a discussion platform to analyze the mechanisms of formation and development of modern culture's civilizational space, to discuss forms and significance of cross-cultural dialog in the context of the globalized contemporary world, to dwell on practices of cooperation and co-adaptation of national traditions and values as some of the most important components of cross-civilizational dialog, to stimulate discussions on the issues of the sacred and the profane determining the limits of the allowed and the prohibited in a culture.

Moderator: Zalina Medoeva (Russia) – Vice-president, Centre of National Glory, Member, Public Chamber of the Russian Federation

Round Table

“Legacy of J.C. Kapur and problems of contemporary futurology”

October 6, 2012

The new philosophy of humanistic world order developed by Jagdish C. Kapur has served as the basis of the activities conducted by the World Public Forum “Dialogue of Civilizations.” Characteristic of this cultural-philosophical concept formulated by the distinguished Indian thinker is the rejection of the consumerism-driven devaluation of the sacred value of human life and the total standardization of distinct cultures under the onslaught of unipolar capitalist globalization. With great enthusiasm, deeply and convincingly, he left a legacy of the humanistic principles of a multipolar world order as a God-given concert to civilizations destined for cooperation as opposed to hostility. J. Kapur placed particular emphasis on the assertion of fundamental human values and the formulation of socio-economic principles for a new life philosophy.

Moderators:

Piotr Dutkiewicz (Canada) - Professor and Director, Center for Governance and Public Management, Carleton University

Singh Chanda (India) – Trustee, Kapur Surya Foundation; Publisher & Editor “World Affairs”

Round Table

“Outcome and Outlook for Regional Integration throughout the Eurasian Space”

October 6, 2012

The crisis of 2008 demonstrated the need for coordinated action and joint efforts to prevent and minimize the consequences of crisis phenomena. At the same time, the complexity and connectivity of the socio-economic landscape attests to the need for new formats of institutional rapprochement at both the regional and global level.

In addition to the intensification of previously-established regional economic associations, events since 2010 have included development of the Customs Union of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan, the fostering of relations within the EAEC framework, and the formation of a free trade zone between China and ASEAN. CIS member states have also concluded the formation of a multilateral free trade zone. The implementation of integration projects in Latin America continues. Yet, at this very time, the entire world is monitoring the events unfolding in the Eurozone with acute anxiety.

Integrational processes serve as cornerstones in the formation of regional zones of economic stability, envisioning not merely the free flow of goods, services, capital and labor resources, but also harmonization of the parameters of the macroeconomic policy and financial systems of Customs Union member states.

The creation of regional zones of economic stability enhances the overall strength of the global economy, currently faced with a worsening crisis. The likely collapse of the global financial system lends projects involving regional economic integration critical significance in terms of ensuring the stable development of the global economy.

Main vectors of discussion:

- Regional integrational processes in the context of crisis: the outlook for stability
- Integrational associations throughout the Eurasian space in the search for common ground and mechanisms of development
- From the Customs Union to the Common Economic Space and onwards onto a Eurasian Economic Union: a roadmap

Moderator: Sergey Glaziev (Russia) – Councillor to the President of the Russian Federation, Member of Russian Academy of Science, Dr.Econ, professor

Round Table

“The Phenomenon of Music as a Universal language”

October 6, 2012

Throughout human history, music has constantly been used to create a common mood, bringing people together during the most important social events: festivals, sports competitions, funerals and military parades. Music is a universal means of communication.

The keynote speakers at the round table will present projects and research on topics such as: musical education to stimulate the most balanced possible development of the human personality; experience of using music and art therapy in difficult life situations: to relieve aggression and rehabilitate people, particularly children affected by military conflicts and terrorist attacks in various hotspots around the world; the use of music to treat mental and physical health problems; the need for a more widespread introduction of music in everyday life, as a means of communication and mutual understanding between different cultures.

Moderator: Irina Nikitina (Russia) – President, "Musical Olympus" Foundation

Round Table

“Formation of the new network post-society: new civilization challenges”

October 6, 2012

It would be no exaggeration to assert that digital mass media constitutes the fundamental cultural institution of the global e-civilization. The avant-garde technologies at its disposal, furnished by the “Digital Revolution,” have geometrically increased the socio-communicative potential of the new media, bolstering its informational capacity. More and more, the mass media is emerging as the factor directly responsible for the construction of social reality. In need of similar strengthening, therefore, is the social responsibility of national media outlets capable of achieving a national consensus in the formulation of original globalization algorithms capable of withstanding the temptation to take the easy path of PR-technology.

Moderator: Jens Wendland (Germany) – Foreign professor, Moscow State Lomonosov University, Faculty of Journalism; Professor, University of Arts, Berlin

Closing Plenary Meeting
October 7, 2012