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## Opening Plenary Meeting

October 3, 2013 (9:00–13:30)  
Olympic Hall

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## Plenary Meeting "Sunni-Shia Dialogue"

October 3, 2013 (15:00–19:00)  
Olympic Hall

### **Moderator:**

**Chandra Muzaffar (Malaysia)** – President, International Movement for a Just World

Thousands have been killed in feuds between Sunnis and Shias, mostly in certain Muslim countries. It is tragic that many innocent women and children have been among the victims.

Sunni-Shia animosity and antagonism have clearly weakened the Muslim ummah. It has made it more vulnerable to the manipulations and machinations of outside elements determined to subvert the unity and integrity of the ummah. It has allowed those who seek to establish their hegemonic power over the ummah to succeed in their objectives.

It is indisputable that Sunni-Shia antagonism and conflicts which have resulted in massacres have tarnished the image and dignity of the ummah in the eyes of the world. Few other occurrences in recent times have had such a negative impact.

We appeal to all Sunnis and Shias to desist from massacring and killing one another immediately.

### **Main Vectors of Discussion for Keynote Speakers:**

- The state of Sunni-Shia relations in their society
- The underlying causes of positive or negative Sunni-Shia relations
- Reflections on how one could overcome the negative and strengthen the positive in relations between the two sects

- Some thoughts on the role one can play in improving Sunni-Shia relations

### **Keynote Speakers:**

**Ali Allawi (Iraq)** - Former Minister of Finance, Former Minister of Trade, Former Minister of Defence, Government of Republic of Iraq

**Aly Elsamman (Egypt)** - President, International Union for Intercultural and Interfaith Dialogue and Peace Education (ADIC)

**Asma Afsaruddin (USA)** - Professor of Islamic Studies and Chair of the Department of Near Eastern Languages & Cultures, Indiana University

**Gholamali Khoshroo (Iran)** - Special Adviser to President Khatami on dialogue among civilizations

**Mohd Faizal Musa (Malaysia)** - Research Fellow at Institute of the Malay World and Civilization (ATMA), National University of Malaysia (UKM), Affiliated Fellow at Faculty of Regional Studies al Mustafa International Research Institute, Advisor II, AsSajjad Movement

**Nader El-Bizri (Lebanon)** - Associate Professor, Civilization Sequence Program (CVSP) Director, Anis Makdisi Program in Literature (AMPL), American University of Beirut

**Nader Hashemi (USA)** - Director, Center for Middle East Studies, University of Denver

**Seyed Javad Miri Meynagh (Sweden)** - Director of International Relations and Scientific Cooperation, Institute of Humanities and Cultural Studies

**Syed Farid Alatas (Singapore)** - Head, Department of Malay Studies; Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, National University of Singapore

**Tengku Ahmad Hazri (Malaysia)** - Researcher, International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS)

**Yasien Mohamed (South Africa)** - Professor of Arabic and Islamic Philosophy, University of the Western Cape

## Plenary Meeting “Family and Education”

October 4, 2013 (9:00–13:30)  
Olympic Hall

### **Moderators:**

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

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

The educational period in the life of every single person, and especially the school years, is regarded as “The Golden Period” of a family when it realizes itself in the fullest sense of the word and its purpose in life. From the moment when a tiny tot steps out of its childhood years and embarks upon the road of his/her social development, and up to the moment when young people establish their own family, creating a small organism of society, this is seen as the key period in the formation of a person as an individual, as a citizen, as a worker, as a member of society and as a future family member. And this “Golden Period” is of cardinal significance for the renewal of the family itself and the society as a whole.

Every people and every civilization possesses and carefully preserves its traditions and mechanisms of forming (or molding) a new person who is capable of becoming a full-fledged representative of his/her culture. These traditions and mechanisms include family lifestyle and structure, family upbringing and the social system of education and training.

Lately, for many individuals the role of the family boils down to giving material and psychological support to the child, or what is even worse, to sexual relationships of two persons who are not even parents. What we are talking about here is the crisis of the family and what we are witnessing can be called a social crisis.

At the same time, the system of education is becoming more and more orientated towards training a specialist who has acquired a certain set of skills, first of all, business skills, professional and social skills. However, such an education does not teach and does not bring up a new individual; it does not shape a prudent, kind-hearted, self-sacrificing individual in respect to himself/herself, in respect to his country, its history and its future; such a system of education falls short of teaching an individual to establish and protect one’s family and to bring up children. Here, we are talking about a crisis of education. More and more often we are observing crises of individuals which are involving both youngsters and grown-ups - evidence of which we have witnessed in events unfolding in American schools, in “the Breivik syndrome,” in revolutions and conflicts with the participation of young people.

The numerous attempts that are being undertaken today to redefine the norms of morals and morality that are characteristic of all civilizations allow one to speak about

imposing and even foisting an anti-social model in the formation of an atomized individual that is incapable of living together with other people.

In order to restore the role and significance of the family in education, in order to restore the value-orientated foundations of the educational process, it is our firmly belief that it is necessary to strengthen the traditional family values; we feel it is necessary to address the best classical models of culture in world civilizations, and last but not least, it is necessary to activate the social dialogue and launch new projects in the spheres of educational and youth policies.

### **Main Vectors of Discussion:**

- Family in the contemporary world
- Value-orientated foundations of education
- Family upbringing and education
- The present-day information space and education
- Accessibility of education

### **Keynote Speakers:**

*"Family Structure, Educational Liberty, and 'Creative Genius'"*

**Allan Carlson (USA)** - President, The Howard Center for Family, Religion & Society; International Secretary and Founder, World Congress of Families

*"The Neglected Element for Development"*

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

*"Value-orientated Foundations of Education"*

**Arun Kapur (India)** - Executive Director, LEARN TODAY; Executive Director, Vasant Valley School

*"Protecting the Rights and Integrity of the Family"*

**Theresa Okafor (Nigeria)** - CEO, Life League Nigeria; Director of the Foundation for African Cultural Heritage (FACH)

*"The Practice of Character - Cultivating Education via Parent-Child Confucian-text-reading in Mainland Chinese Society - Some Observations"*

**Liao Shenbai (China)** - Professor, College of Philosophy and Sociology, Beijing Normal University

*"Analysis of the Developmental Characteristics and Influential Factors of Children Family Education in the People's Republic of China"*

**Li Shenglan (China)** - Professor, Preschool and Special Education School, East China Normal University

*"Family and Demographic Trends in Russia and Need for Strengthening Nuclear Family with Several Children"*

**Anatoly Antonov (Russia)** – Head of the Department of Sociology, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Editor-in-chief of "Population Studies" Journal

*"Psychological Impact of Globalization on Family Values in Pakistan and South Asia"*

**Durre Ahmed (Pakistan)** – Professor, Chairperson & Senior Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Gender and Culture, Lakhori University

*"The Fools Gold & Costume Jewelry of the Mass Media of Entertainment Undermine "The Golden Period" of a Family"*

**Theodore Baehr (USA)** - Founder and Publisher, MOVIEGUIDE; Chairman, Christian Film & Television Commission

*"The Prophet Abraham's Ethical and Familial Values. From an Islamic Perspective"*

**Cemal Usak (Turkey)** - Vice President, The Journalists and Writers Foundation

*"After Gay Marriage: Religious Matrimony and the Future of the Family"*

**Adrian Pabst (Germany/UK)** – Lecturer in Politics, School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent; Visiting Professor, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Lille (Sciences Po)

## Plenary Meeting

### Alternative Visions of the World. Geo-Economics

October 4, 2013 (15:00–19:00)  
Olympic Hall

#### Moderators:

**Mikhail Baydakov (Russia)** – President of Millenium Bank, Moscow

**Paolo Raimondi (Italy)** – Economist, Editorialist of the Economic Daily “Italia Oggi”

Five years after the Lehman Brothers collapse there is still no light at the end of the tunnel of the global financial crisis that in the meantime has become a crisis of civilization.

The central banks of the industrialized countries are engaged in cosmetic and short sighted liquidity creation to attempt to slow down the recession effects. The real challenge is how to mobilize the resources for development and to outline the strategic planetary projects to overcome civilization inequality and to create the condition for the emergence of new wealth generating poles.

It is true that the emerging countries show a different pattern of economic growth, but also their economies are not spared by the effects of global trade, reserves and currencies instability provoked by the crisis.

The Cyprus banking emergency and the continuous sovereign debt crisis of several European countries risk to keep the entire world economic system under unbearable pressures and stress. The Cyprus bail-in approach with the use also of part of the deposits for banking recovery represents a dangerous experiment and an element of uncertainty and fear of future political and social distress.

While these developments could lead to a paralysis of the global reform process, the BRICS countries are presenting policy proposals of great importance for all the economic actors, particularly for Europe. At the 5th summit at Durban in South Africa the BRICS proposed the creation of new credit institutions for continental infrastructure development, the primacy of real economy over finance and speculation, a new monetary system based on a basket of currencies and other very important similar initiatives.

For the Eurasian continent a special role could be played by the project “Transeurasian Development (Razvitie) Belt” which should create new technologies-based transportation connections, new cities, modern industries and a new urbanization of large inhabited territories.

This approach is coherent with the focus on long term investments in infrastructure, innovative technologies and modernization process posed by the Russian presidency for the G20. This requires a vision of development based on new technologies and on a progressive social-humanitarian formation in contraposition to the linear notion of growth which is connected with the replication of existing technologies.



The new visions of the future should be based on facing these challenges overcoming the existing stumbling blocks on the road to recovery. Development was and is the name of peace.

### **Main vectors of discussion:**

- How to proceed to the world of Razvitie (development): main principles to build new financial system
- Interconnection of new financial instruments and continental projects of Razvitie
- Long term investment in multi-infrastructure and productive credit – key elements in reforming the world financial system
- Strategic planning and new language of Razvitie (development) to overcome the language of “Growth”

### **Keynote Speakers:**

*"Political and Economic Challenges in the Construction of Mercosur"*

**Roberto Requiao (Brazil)** - Member of the Brazilian Senate, Former Governor of the State of Parana

*"Financial and Human Dimensions of Economic Growth: Lessons of Russia"*

**Andrey Klepach (Russia)** – Deputy Minister of Economic Development of Russian Federation, Chair of Macroeconomic Regulation and Planning Department, Economic Faculty, Lomonosov Moscow State University

*"Trends and Paradoxes of the Modern Economy"*

**Ruslan Grinberg (Russia)** – Director, Institute of Economics of the Russian Academy of Sciences

*"Brazil in Front of the World Financial Crisis"*

**Carlos Lessa (Brazil)** - Professor of Economics, University of Rio de Janeiro; Former president of the Brazilian development bank BNDES

*"South America, Integration and Infrastructure"*

**Darc Costa (Brazil)** – Professor, Former Deputy President of the Brazilian development bank BNDES; President, Association of Latin American Chambers of Commerce, Author of books on infrastructure development, Rio de Janeiro

*"A New Vision of the Tran-Eurasian Belt of "Razvitie"*

**Yury Gromiko (Russia)** – Director, Institute of Advanced Studies “E. L. Shiffer”

*"Global Perspective of Financing Infrastructure and Long Term Investments in XXI Century"*

**Edoardo Reviglio (Italy)** - Professor, Chief economist of Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, Rome

*"The Creation of New Science Cities in Cooperation between Europe and Russia – Key to a Long-Term Strategy for Economic Development and Prosperity in Eurasia"*

**Jonathan Tennenbaum (Germany)** – Consultant on Economics, Science and Technology in Berlin, Research Collaborator of the Company QUANTIX RDTV, Paris

*"Inevitability of Development in the Gloom of Growing Risks"*

**Alexandr Ageev (Russia)** - Director General, Institute for Economic Strategies

*"China's Economy Reform & Development in Recent 35 Years"*

**Dong Zhiyong (China)** - Professor, Associate Dean of the School of Economics, Peking University

*"Global Economy Endangered by "Quantitative Easing". Continental Developments for a Multipolar World"*

**Paolo Raimondi (Italy)** - Economist, Editorialist of the Economic Daily "ItaliaOggi"

*"BRICS Summit of Durban: the Hope for Africa Infrastructure Development"*

**Welly Marguerite Lottin (Italy)** - President, Associazione Interculturale GRIOT

*"Latin America in the Time of Pope Francis and of the BRICS"*

**Lorenzo Carrasco (Brazil)** - Author and publisher of books on Latin America infrastructure development, Rio de Janeiro

*"A New Geo-Economics Based on the Notion of Development (Razvitie)"*

**Gian Guido Folloni (Italy)** - President, Italian Institute for Asia and the Mediterranean

*"Concepts of Transregional Development. Goal-Setting and Governance with Multiple Objectives and Actors of Development"*

**Zakhirdzhan Kuchkarov (Russia)** – Non-commercial Partnership of Consultants on Administration, Conceptual Analysis and Projection, Analytical Center "Concept", Professor

*"Geo-Economic World Structure"*

**Alexandr Neklessa (Russia)** – Director, Center for Geo-Economic Studies

## **Plenary Meeting** **Alternative Visions of the World. Geopolitics**

October 5, 2013 (9:00–13:30)  
Olympic Hall

### **Moderator:**

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

The present global order is characterized by a disparity between unipolarity in terms of power relations on the one hand and civilizational diversity on the other. In the absence of a balance of power, and under the conditions of increasing social and economic instability, the system of international relations risks becoming dysfunctional. After the end of the Cold War, self-appointed ideologues prematurely declared the dawn of a “New World Order” or the “End of History.” What is needed, in the present situation, is not a new eschatological vision, inspired by political triumphalism, but a genuine alternative to traditional conceptions of international relations. This will require a sober assessment of the imbalances and systemic contradictions of the present order. Respect for the equal rights of all nations and cultures, and rules of decision-making in international organizations that take account of today’s social and economic realities at the global level, will be key elements of a just, stable, democratic and ultimately peaceful world as envisaged by the founders of the United Nations.

### **Main vectors of discussion:**

- What are the criteria of a just global order?
- The antagonism between political hegemony and civilizational diversity
- State sovereignty under the conditions of globalization
- Transition from a unipolar system to a multicentric balance of power?
- Democratization of the United Nations Organization

### **Keynote Speakers:**

*"Transition From a Unipolar to a Multipolar Octagonal World"*

**Johan Galtung (Norway)** - Founder, TRANSCEND International, Rector, TRANSCEND Peace University, Oslo

*"Power Shift? The Decline of the West and the Future International Order"*

**Joseph Camilleri (Australia)** - Professor of International Relations; Director, Dialogue Centre, La Trobe University, Melbourne

*"The State as the Primary Factor in Peacemaking"*

**John Laughland (United Kingdom/France/Russia)** - Director of Studies, Institute of Democracy and Cooperation, Paris

*"Syria: Who Wants War, Who Wants Peace?"*

**Jean Bricmont (Belgium)** - Professor of Physics, Université catholique de Louvain, Member of the Royal Academy of Science

*"The new 'Democratic Interventionism' - based on normative foundations?"*

**Reinhard Merkel (Germany)** - Professor in criminal law and philosophy of law, University of Hamburg

*"Political Islam - in Whose Service?"*

**Türkkaya Ataöv (Turkey)** – Emeritus Professor of International Relations, Ankara University

*"The Competition Between Intrinsic and Instrumental Values in Selected Competing Visions of the World"*

**Sienho Yee (China)** – Professor, Wuhan University, Institute of International Law, Editor-in-Chief, Chinese Journal of International Law

*"China's New Ideas Toward Neighboring Countries"*

**Xing Guangcheng (China)** - Professor, Director of the Research Center for Chinese's Borderland History and Geography, Chinese Academy of Social Science

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## Workshops and Roundtables related to Plenary Meeting “Religion and Peace”

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### “Religious Minorities in the Middle East and Northern Africa”

October 3, 2013 (15:00–19:00)

Leros Hall

#### Moderators:

**Fr. Boulos Wehbe (Lebanon)** – Priest, Orthodox Archbishopric of Beirut; Professor, Notre Dame University

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

#### Main Vectors of Discussion:

- Historic roots of the existence of Christianity in the Middle East and Northern Africa and the right of Christians to live in the birthplace of their religion
- The intensification of geopolitical influences on the coexistence of religious minorities
- Contemporary complication of the existence of Christian minorities in the countries of MENA region

#### Participants:

**Adrian Boelle (Germany)** – Member of the Executive Committee, Germany-Russia – The New Generation

**Hierodiaton Roman Kiseliou (Russia)** – Staff Member, Department for External Church Relations of Moscow Patriarchate

**Svyatoslav Ochkanov (Russia)** – Staff member, Department for External Church Relations of Moscow Patriarchate

**Diaton Dimitri Safonov (Russia)** – Staff Member, Department for External Church Relations of Moscow Patriarchate

**Archpriest Sergiy Zvonarev (Russia)** – Staff member, Department for External Church Relations of Moscow Patriarchate

**Elias El-Halabi (Lebanon)** – Associate General Secretary, Middle East Council of Churches

**Bishop Feofilakt of Pyatigorsk and Cherkessk**, Moscow Patriarchate

## “Schools of the Dialogue of Cultures”

October 3, 2013 (15:00–19:00)

Hall “TV Room”

### **Moderators:**

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

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

The World Public Forum “Dialogue of Civilizations” has initiated “Schools of the dialogue of cultures” project whose aim is to educate children in the spirit of tolerance and respect towards those who belong to other cultures. The project was presented at the 10th session of WPF. At the 11th session of the World Public Forum the implementation of the project in the passed year by non-state educational institutions of the RZD (“Russian railways”) will be discussed and evaluated. The main aim is however to converse educational methods and contents on intercultural dialogue and cultural diversity in the primary and secondary school systems. Sharing of experiences and expertise of the participants from different countries in their own institutions would guide the process of developing a curriculum and teaching modules. Areas of focus include curriculum development, elaboration of teaching materials, use of ICTs in pedagogy, use of best practices.

The general guidelines for a global curricular on which a network of the schools of the dialogue of cultures would be established are to be talked about.

Teaching children about unfamiliar cultures, particularly those with which they are in contact and which are playing a crucial role in their contemporary international life, will promote dialogue, peace and mutual understanding, it will prepare a new generation for the construction of the future civilization.

### **Main vectors of discussion:**

- To discuss the progress in implementation of the project “Schools of the Dialogue of Cultures” since its presentation at the 10-th Rhodes Forum (October, 2012)
- To look at the different methods of dialogical school teaching and to hold the exchange of international experiences in the field
- To work up the strategy for the development and expansion of the project

### **Keynote Speakers:**

**Erik de Vreede (Netherlands)** - Board Member, International Association for Intercultural Education (IAIE)

**Jochen Prantl (Germany)** - Senior Research Fellow in International Relations, University of Oxford

**Victor Nemchinov (Russia)** - Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences

**Sergey Shatunov (Russia)** - Director, Lyceum № 36 of "Russian Railways" JSC

**Elena Ivanova (Russia)** – Deputy Director, Human Resources Management Department, "Russian Railways" JSC



# “The Role of Contemporary Christian Practices in Maintaining the Sustainable Social Development”

October 5, 2013 (9:00–13:30)  
Hall “TV Room”

## **Moderator:**

**Sergey Horujy (Russia)** – Director, Institute of Synergic Anthropology

The workshop is founded on the experience of the three International Public Athonite Conferences, which were held in Salzburg (2011), Weimar (2012) and Belgrade (2013). The Conferences were focused on the ongoing transformations of moral values in contemporary European civilization and Christian (Orthodox) ways of overcoming the challenges of modernity. The workshop will be devoted to the discussion of the role of contemporary Christian and in particular Orthodox (including Athonite) approaches to ecology, social organization and sustainable social development on the basis of spiritual, cultural values and traditions. The project of the constantly operating public conference dedicated to the discussions of issues concerned with the Holy Mount Athos will be also presented at the workshop. The main aim of the project is to gather the clergy and well-known public figures, scholars, researchers and all people of good will who are united by interest, love, and respect for the Holy Mountain. The project is to design the possible strategies of co-existence and cooperative labour based on the example of Athos for people from different countries, who share the principles of common values, mutual assistance, justice and equality.

## **Main Vectors of Discussion:**

- Christian way of life as a working model of socialization in contemporary society
- The ascetic traditions of modernity: the history and the responses to the existing challenges
- The holistic approach to the world and the human being based on the example of the spiritual experiences and practices of the Holy Mount Athos
- Orthodox and in particular Athonite approaches to the ecological challenges – drafting the series of Athonite Ecology Lectures
- The initiative of establishing the constantly operating international conference dedicated to issues concerned with the Holy Mount Athos

## **Keynote Speakers:**

**Dimitri Kitsikis (Greece)** - Honorary President, Dimitri Kitsikis Foundation; Fellow, Royal Society of Canada, University of Canada

**Corinna Delkeskamp-Hayes (Germany)** - Editor, Christian Bioethics - non-ecumenical Studies in Medical Morality

**Kriton Chrysochoidis (Greece)** - Director, Institute of Historical Research / National Hellenic Research Foundation

**Dmitry Makarov (Russia)** - Professor, Dept. of Social Pedagogics and Theology, Russian State Pedagogical University

**Spyridon V. Bazinas (Greece)** - Senior Legal Officer, United Nations

**Marco Merlini (Italy)** – Member of the Scientific Committee, Responsible for the International Relations, Association “Together for Athos” - ONLUS

**Fr. Mikhail Rahr (Germany)** - Head, the Diocesan Office, Berlin Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate)

**Srdjan Pirivatric (Serbia)** - Member of the Board, Society of the Holy Mount Athos Friends in Serbia

**Kyrill Vakh (Russia)** - Director, “Indrik” Publishing House

## "Byzantine Heritage and European Destinies. The 1700th Anniversary of the Edict of Milan - Act on Religious Tolerance"

October 3, 2013 (15:00–19:00)  
Karpathos Hall

### **Moderator:**

**Mikhail Gratsianskiy (Russia)** – Executive Director, Russian Institute of History; Senior Research Fellow, History Department, Lomonosov Moscow State University

The Edict of Milan outstanding for its role in the modern European civilization celebrates its anniversary in 2013. In summer 313 in Mediolan (Milan) two emperors, Constantine the Great and Licinius, concluded an act which laid foundation for Christianity in the West and the East – so called the Edict of religious tolerance (the Edict of Milan). Having granted the religious freedom in the Roman Empire and enabled the Church with legal and official power, Constantine the Great and Licinius reaffirmed the significant role of Christianity as a spiritual and cultural platform for Middle Ages countries.

The spirit and content of the Edict of Milan is more advanced and tolerant than it might be in the Middle Ages. The main idea of the Edict consists in religious tolerance which is regarded as universal and inalienable human right. The religious freedom of a human being in the Edict is associated with the immunity of property rights. According to august law-makers, legislation must defend these both subjects.

The issue of the Edict on the religious tolerance and ideas laid in it as well as its significant historical and cultural impact on countries and nations of Eastern and Western Europe, Turkey and Middle East could provide a basis for the roundtable. Problems raised in it will follow the line of the previous Forum's roundtable "Byzantine Heritage and its Meaning for the European Civilization". Thus the roundtable will focus on such fundamental aspects of modern culture as tolerance and human rights that were largely influenced by the Christian Roman (Byzantine) civilization.

Moreover this anniversary will serve as a ground for discussion on challenges and differences of the modern Western and Eastern European civilizations, of Islamic world in the view of their common Hellenic-Roman cultural heritage, which converted into Christian civilization in the beginning of the Middle Ages.

In the framework of the roundtable prominent experts from Russia and Turkey, Western and Southern Europe are supposed to speak and the relevant issues of the "Dialogue of Civilizations" will be discussed.

### **Main Vectors of Discussion:**

- World Heritage of the Christian Byzantine Civilization
- Historical Destiny of the Edict of Milan and its significance in the contemporary world

- Notion of religious tolerance, its forms in civilizations of East and West, its legislative implementations in the Past and in the Present

**Keynote Speakers:**

**Kirill Maximovich (Russia)** - Head of Department of Church History and Canon Law, St. Tikhon Orthodox University of Humanities

**Pavel Kuzenkov (Russia)** - Assistant Professor, Chair of Church History, History Department, Lomonosov Moscow State University

**Alba Orselli (Italy)** - Former Professor, Bologna University

**Antonio Rocco Carile (Italy)** – Professor Emeritus, Bologna University

**Vladimir Myasnikov (Russia)** – Professor, Member of Russian Academy of Sciences; Member, Academic Council, Institute of Scientific Information for Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences

**Philip Najim (Egypt)** – Chorbishop, Administrator of the Chaldean Diocese in Egypt

**Galina Skotnikova (Russia)** – Professor, Saint Petersburg State University of Culture and Arts

**Cemal Usak (Turkey)** - Vice President, The Journalists and Writers Foundation

**Mikhail Yakushev (Russia)** – First Vice-President, St. Andrew the First Called Foundation

# “Religious and Secular Aspects in Modern Discourse on Culture and Education”

October 4, 2013 (15:00–19:00)  
Karpathos Hall

## **Moderator:**

**Mikhail Piotrovsky (Russia)** – Director, State Hermitage Museum, Saint Petersburg;  
Corresponding Member, Russian Academy of Sciences

The roundtable is aimed at the discussion of functioning of the common space where culture, education, and mass media interact as an efficient way of public enlightenment as well as the basis for responding the challenges of the modern world.

## **Main Vectors of Discussion:**

### **«Cultural traditions in the context of modernity»**

- Religion, national cultural and historical traditions and processes of public worldview formation
- Religion and the role of the national tradition in the contemporary information society
- Attempt to substitute civilizational values: contradictions in the modern «art culture»
- Mass media and trends to unify social life: the risks of stagnation as well as of interpersonal and intercultural conflict

### **«Education and culture in the modern world: seeking conceptual unity»**

- Conceptual foundations of preserving national tradition in the culture, education and fostering
- National models of education as a resource to preserve cultural identity
- Modern educational strategies in the context of the dialogue of cultures
- Youth projects in the field of intercultural dialogue

## **Keynote Speakers:**

**Abdulrahman AlSalmi (Oman)** – Editor-in-Chief of al-Tasamoh Journal, Ministry of Religious Affairs

**Alexander von Bismarck (Germany)** - CEO, Kaemingk GmbH

**Anna Gromova (Russia)** - Head of the International Centre for the Study of Civil Society, Institute of World History, Department of History of International Relations

**Efim Rezvan (Russia)** - Deputy Director, Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography (Kunstkamera) Russian Academy of Sciences; Editor-in-Chief, “Manuscripta Orientalia”

**Irina von Bismarck (Germany)** - Board of Trustees, Germany-Russia the New Generation

**Jevgeni Tomberg (Estonia)** - President, Non-profit organization “Russky Dom”

**Keith Small (United Kingdom)** - Visiting Lecturer and Associate Research Fellow, London School of Theology

**Kira Preobrazhenskaya (Russia)** - Head of the Department of Public Relations and Advertising, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia

**Nasaruddin Umar (Indonesia)** - Vice Minister, Ministry of Religious Affairs

**Paul Yule (Germany)** - Professor, Heidelberg University

**Sergey Goncharov (Russia)** - First Vice-Rector, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia

**Sheldon Chad (Canada)** - Freelance journalist, Saudi Aramco World magazine

**Stefan Schreiner (Germany)** - Coordinator, European Abrahamic Forum (EAF)

**Thomas Milo (Netherlands)** - Partner, DecoType

**Wan Jamaluddin Z (Indonesia)** - Co-Head, Indonesian Association of Russian and CIS Alumni

# "Diaversity": Life-Long Learning for a Spiritually Worthy Life"

October 3, 2013 (15:00–19:00)

Kassos Hall

## **Moderators:**

**Paola Baccaglini (USA)** – Member, Board of Advisors, Columbia Undergraduate Scholars Program

**Victor Nemchinov (Russia)** – Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences

**Joern Rusen (Germany)** – Prof. Dr. Dr.h.c., Professor Emeritus for General History and Historical Culture at the University of Witten/Herdecke

The workshop on pilot project “Diaversity” launched in 2013 is bringing together a group of initiators from Austria, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, UK and USA to finalize its current organizational format, to test the working procedures for promoting dialogue that uncovers multifaceted ideas, and to set up the blueprint for launching regular “Diaversity” series in various locations. Dia-(logue-uni)-versity project is an informal new knowledge generating intellectual tool tailored to stimulate mutual life-long learning practices and individual creativity through genuine friendly dialogue series. We believe that groups of people united in the mentality of dialogue acquire a feel for the other side’s truth, a feeling of larger “Us”, and a deeper understanding of “Self” that gives them wings to get across multiple cultural, ethnic, communicative and generation gaps.

## **Main Vectors of Discussion:**

- Practicing dialogue on key existential issues as a new model of life-long learning: scope of coverage, methods, self-didactics, critique and analysis
- Master-class on Diaversity covering four themes: professionalism, talent, arts, the way to the “Self”
- Shaping new forms of knowledge and understanding – a humanistic predicament of the 21st century
- Diaversity outlets: starting sporadic mentorship chains within generation

## **Keynote Speakers:**

**Adolf Wutscher (Austria)** - Teacher, Conductor, Magistrate Department for education and extracurricular youth care

**Ingetraud Ruesen (Germany)** - History and English teacher, painter, research assistant

**Joern Ruesen (Germany)** - Senior Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities at Essen

**Michael Britton (USA)** - Board member, Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies Network, Steering Committee Member of the Global Community Forum, Columbia University: Teachers' College

**Samir Mastaki (Russia)** - Managing Partner, Indigo Capital Partners

**Yu Xueming (China)** - Professor, Director, Institute of Religion and Law Studies, China University of Political Science and Law



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## Workshops and Roundtables related to Plenary Meeting “Family and Education”

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### “Family Business as a Guarantor and Engine of Modern Societies”

October 4, 2013 (15:00–19:00)

Leros Hall

#### **Moderator:**

**Adrian Pabst (Germany/UK)** – Senior Lecturer in Politics, School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent; Visiting Professor, Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Lille (Sciences Po)

The global economic crisis since 2008-09 has revealed deep-seated structural imbalances linked to the primacy of finance over the real economy and the predominance of speculative over productive capital. Five years after the crash, small- and medium-sized enterprise (SME) remains starved of sufficient funds to invest and create jobs. In some of the fastest growing parts of Europe such as Germany, northern Italy and Central/Eastern Europe, family businesses play a key role in diversifying the economy, providing sustained employment and fostering innovation. Linked to this is the importance of families and family businesses in harnessing social capital on which the trust and cooperation on economic efficiency and social progress depend.

#### **Main Vectors of Discussion:**

- Examining the role of family businesses in terms of economic growth, social development and societal cohesion
- Study of European examples and the main features that help explain the success of SMEs in fast-growing economies – with a special focus on the family as the most fundamental unit of society and the economy
- Analysis of various potential problems with family businesses, linked to short-term factors such as economic crises and longer-term developments like demography or questions of generational succession (e.g. lack of able or willing relatives, inheritance tax, etc.)
- Analyzing the application of these findings to emerging markets such as Russia and critical discussion of some of the conditions that are necessary for family businesses to emerge and flourish; emphasis on the Russian case where successful examples include start-ups and SMEs in certain regions; this part of the

discussions will also include structural factors like a lack of family business traditions and recent developments in relation to the transfer of property rights

- Exploring ways of strengthening ties between SMEs in Russia and some of its main trading partners like Germany and Italy, e.g. by creating new or extending existing networks of professional associations, chambers of commerce and other similar structures
- Examining the complex links between family businesses, SMEs and the emergence of a middle-class that underpins society and the State, based on relationships of trust and cooperation within the framework of the law, culture and religious traditions
- Discussing how the family as the most fundamental unit of society is also absolutely central to economic and political development

### **Keynote Speakers:**

**Ernst-Jörg von Studnitz (Germany)** – Chairman of the Board, German-Russian Forum; former Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Russian Federation

**Gerd Emil Lenga (Russia)** – Head of Department "Strategic Development", KNAUF Group Russia

**Vincent della Sala (Italy)** – Associate Professor, School of International Studies and Faculty of Sociology, University of Trento

**Jan Philipp Engelke (Germany)** – Senior Consultant, Wiese Consult GmbH

**Hans Engberding (Germany)** – Owner/CEO, Lernidee Erlebnisreisen

**Rolf Schnellecke (Germany)** – Chairman of the Board, Schnellecke Group AG & Co. KG; former Lord Mayor

### **Participants:**

**Walter Krawietz (Germany)** – Professor; Editor-in-Chief, Magazine "Rechtstheorie" (Legal Theory); University of Münster

**Kamran Mofid (UK)** – Founder, Globalisation for the Common Good Initiative

**Paolo Raimondi (Italy)** – Economist, Editorialist of the Economic Daily "Italia Oggi"

**Andrej Gross (Germany)** – Director, Government Affairs Berlin, Deutsche Messe AG

**Martin Hoffmann (Germany)** - Managing Director, Member of the Board, German-Russian Forum

**Sebastian Nietzsche (Germany)** – Deputy Managing Director, German-Russian Forum

**Wolfram Schrag (Germany)** - Correspondent, Broadcasting Channel “Bayerischer Rundfunk”

**Marita Mueller (Germany)** – Head of Office, “Petersburger Dialog”

## “Facing the Future: China and the World from Multiple Perspectives”

October 4, 2013 (15:00–19:00)

Kassos Hall

### **Moderator:**

**Zhuo Xinping (China)** – Director, Institute of World Religions, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Member of Standing Committee of the National People's Congress

Each and every civilization has its own unique and distinctive characters both in its origin and trajectory. Diverse civilizations have made our world colorful. As an important member of the world's family of cultures, the Chinese civilization enjoys a long and rich history that has never been interrupted. Today's China is a natural extension of the historical China. In recent years, China has undergone enormous changes in the political, economic, cultural, social and other areas. Such words as China Mania, Chinese Road and Chinese Dream have aroused widespread interest around the world. In a world of economic globalization and growing cultural diversity, the Chinese civilization has been increasingly asked to come up with valuable references for a world of sustainable development and peaceful coexistence. At the same time, the need for it to go for its own enrichment and renewal in the course of candid exchanges and interactions with other civilizations has never been greater.

China's Soong Ching Ling Foundation, acting in the spirit of the late Honorary President's belief in universal peace and cooperation and her desire to tell China's true stories to the world in the faithful service of truth, and in complete agreement with the concept of Inter-civilization Dialogue, has decided to organize once again twelve scholars from prominent Chinese universities and research institutes to participate in exchanges and discussions at the Forum.

Furthermore, at the request of the Forum sponsors, the Foundation will hold an open Roundtable at the Rhodes Forum, entitled “Facing the Future: China and the World from Multiple Perspectives.” It is designed to introduce China to the participants from various angles and dimensions, and to explore possibilities in China's future development.

The Roundtable will contain two parts: presentations by Chinese scholars and interaction between them and other participants.

In the first part, Chinese scholars will speak on topics such as Chinese traditional culture, China's economy, China's religion and society, family and education, and human rights. They will address such points as how the Chinese people think and do things, explain China's ties with the outside world, particularly with countries in the neighborhood in the context of China's foreign policy, including the background of some international disputes and their complexity, and China's commitment to peaceful development and friendship with other countries.

In the second part, the Roundtable will provide a chance for Chinese scholars and other participants to exchange views on a wide range of issues. Given China's rapid development and many problems associated with it, Chinese scholars may offer candid observations and proposals based on their knowledge of Chinese history and culture. Views from international participants on issues concerning China's past, present and future will be particularly valued as it serves to enhance dialogue, exchange and mutual understanding.

### **Keynote Speakers:**

*"China's Economy Reform & Development in Recent 35 Years"*

**Dong Zhiyong (China)** - Professor, Associate Dean of the School of Economics, Peking University

**Xing Guangcheng (China)** - Professor, Director of the Research Center for Chinese's Borderland History and Geography, Chinese Academy of Social Science

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*"East Asia Breakage: from the Prospective of Values"*

**Peng Yongjie (China)** - Professor, Associate Dean of Confucius Institute, Renmin University of China

*"Confucius's Idea of Ren (仁) and the Conception of Good Man of Ordinary Chinese Consciousness"*

**Liao Shenbai (China)** - Professor, School of Philosophy and Sociology, Beijing Normal University

*"To Lay-aside the Distinctions, To Reach Harmony: the Historical Experience of Integrating the Coming Religions into Chinese Tradition and it's Contemporary Value"*

**Yu Xueming (China)** - Professor, Associate Dean of the School of Humanities, China University of Political Science and Law

*"A Comparative Study of Human Rights between Confucianism and the West"*

**Zhang Zhihong (China)** - Associate Professor, Research Center for Philosophy, Shanghai Academy of Social Science

*"From the Harmony of Chinese Religions to the World Peace: Chinese Wisdom and Modern Practice"*

**Wei Dedong (China)** - Associate Professor, Vice Dean of the School of Philosophy, Renmin University of China

*"The Consistency and Diversity of Chinese Islam"*

**Wang Yujie (China)** - Professor, Director of the Office of Islamic Studies, Institute of World Religions, Chinese Academy of Social Science

*"Opportunities and Challenges of Chinese Buddhism in the United States"*

**Wei Shan (China)** - Associate Professor, Research Center for Buddhism and Religion Theory Studies, School of Philosophy, Renmin University of China

*"Analysis of the Developmental Characteristics and Influential Factors of Children Family Education in the People's Republic of China"*

**Li Shenglan (China)** - Professor of the School of Preschool Education and the School of Special Education East China Normal University

*"A Comparative Study of Confucian and Aristotelian Idea of Family as Locus of Moral Education"*

**Liu Wei (China)** - Lecturer of the Ethnic Class, School of Philosophy, Renmin University of China

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## Workshops and Roundtables related to Plenary Meeting “Alternative Visions of the World”

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### “Music and our Environments”

October 5, 2013 (9:00–13:30)

Leros Hall

#### **Moderator:**

**Irina Nikitina (Russia)** – President of the Musical Olympus Foundation

Music both creates an environment, and relates to our environments. Where, when, with whom, under what circumstances we hear music impacts our experiences and imprints our memories.

Music has import for most of humanity, its societies, ethnicities, and individuals. It can enhance cross cultural cooperation and dialogue, or divide persons and groups. Research and anecdote reveal music’s importance on physical and emotional health, its interpretive influence on visual perception, cognitive skills, social development, and education. Of current interest is the effect of recent developments in technology on music.

The speakers will focus on music as a key for dialogue, yet will also pinpoint how music may exert negative influences. In an era when we are surrounded by all kinds of music, it is crucial to explore its use and effects in social exchange, cross- and intercultural dialogues, and as a tool in our economic and political arenas. Indeed, music becomes an aspect of identity, generation, and history. Its significance asks to be understood as well as enjoyed and appreciated.

#### **Main Vectors of Discussion:**

- The influence of music on modern technocratic consciousness
- Perception of music – is it a physiology or a cultural construct?
- The use of music in confrontation of hostile ideological systems and possibility of a dialogue
- Music as community building
- Outcomes of musical influences on the environment and their impact on excellence, diversity and education

- Positive and negative influence of music. Social responsibility of an artist in our recent world

### **Keynote Speakers:**

**Armen Sarkissian (UK/Armenia)** – Founding President of Eurasia House International in London

**Paul Geluso (USA)** – Professor, NYU Steinhardt, Department of Music and Performing Arts Professions

**Arto Tuncboyacian (Armenia/Turkey/USA)** – D.SVOTA Music LLC, Avant-Garde Folk Music Productions

**Sir Timothy Bartel Smit (UK)** – British businessman, famous for his work on the Lost Gardens of Heligan and as creator of the Eden Project, both in Cornwall, Britain. A Social Enterprise Ambassador

**Olga Alexandrova (Russia)** – Special Counselor to the Advisor of the President of the Russian Federation

**Joanna Lee (China/USA)** – Chairman, Museworks Limited USA

**Francisco Nunez (USA)** – Founder and Artistic Director of the Young People's Chorus of NYC

**Margarita Izotova (Russia)** – Senior Professor, Institute of Special Pedagogy and Psychology

**Michael Depeldge (UK)** – The Chair of Environment and Human Health at the Peninsula Medical School (Universities of Exeter and Plymouth)

**Dmitry Tsilikin (Russia)** – Journalist, critic, Information agency Rosbalt

**Alexander Steinberger (Austria)** – Vice-President of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra



# "The Tradition and Future of Asian Civilizations: Politics, Economics and Religion"

October 5, 2013 (9:00–13:30)  
Karpathos Hall

## **Moderator:**

**Akeel Bilgrami (India)** – Johnsonian Professor of Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, and Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University

What does the Western world, in its political, economic, and civilizational aspects, look like from the perspective of countries of the East and the South? This is a question that has long interested the Slavophile tradition as well as Indic traditions (especially Gandhi, and also in more recent years, J.C. Kapur who was one of the founding figures of the World Public forum) but it is particularly pertinent today in addressing some of the mimicry of Western ideas assumed to have a wholesale, universal application, with a willful amnesia about local folk and spiritual traditions of thought about society, culture and politics outside of the cognitive orbit of the West.

Are there conceptual resources within these traditions which offer the basis of a critique of the standard assumptions of orthodox, Western liberal thought regarding the economy, political governance, and cultural and social life? And do they provide the basis for conceptualizing alternative forms of modernity than the modernity that has been shaped by the 'liberal' doctrines of the West that became enshrined in the orthodox ideals of the Enlightenment? Can these intellectual resources, however limited or even defective they may be in some respects, form at least a partial basis for criticism of both contemporary Northern societies as well as the societies of the countries of the South which have been forced into a false form of integration with the former via financialized forms of globalization and its effects more broadly on culture? Are there truer, less shallow, forms of globalization that might emerge 'from below', as it were, if we focus on these local traditions in the South and integrate them with the longstanding dissenting traditions through the intellectual and political history of the West and the North?

## **Session I. The Politics and Culture of Modernity: Perspectives from the Traditions of Asia and the South**

**Ashis Nandy (India)** - Fellow, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies

**Come Carpentier (France)** - Convener of Editorial Board, World Affairs

**Durre Ahmed (Pakistan)** - Professor, Chairperson & Senior Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Gender and Culture, Lakhori University

**Chandra Muzaffar (Malaysia)** – President, International Movement for a Just World

**Bharat Gupt (India)** - Former Associate Professor, Delhi University

**Hui Wang (China)** - Rector, Tsinghua Institute for Advanced Study in Humanities and Social Sciences

***Session II. Policy and Institutions: Perspectives from Asia and the South***

**Marie Lall (United Kingdom)** - Reader in Education and South Asian Studies, Institute of Education, University of London

**Alexandr Dugin (Russia)** - Head, Department of Sociology of International Relations Faculty of Sociology, Lomonosov Moscow State University

**Kshitindra Shrivastava (India)** - Professor, Indian Institute of Mass Communication

**Ravi Bhoothalingam (India)** - Founder & Chairman, Manas Advisory; Independent Director, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd.; Independent Director, Sona Koyo Steering Systems Ltd.

**Lily Wangchuk (Bhutan)** - President, Druk Chirwang Tshogpa (Bhutan Social Democratic Party)

# "Eurasian Regional Integration"

October 5, 2013 (9:00–13:30)

Kassos Hall

## **Moderator:**

**Sergey Glaziev (Russia)** – Counsellor to the President of the Russian Federation, Member of Russian Academy of Science

## **Main Vectors of Discussion:**

- Creation of the Customs Union and the Eurasian Economic Space within the frameworks of the Eurasian Economic Community - Results and Prospects. Scenarios of the Eurasian Economic Union's formation
- Prospects of Ukraine's engagement in Eurasian integration process. Difficulties and contradictions in Russia-Ukraine-EU triangle
- Development of free-trade zone in CIS. Creating the network of preferential trade relations of Customs Union with other states
- Prospects of formation of a Greater Eurasian Economic Space from the Atlantic to the Pacific
- Development of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. Relations between ShCO and Eurasian Economic Community
- Prospects of India's engagement in Eurasian integration process
- Monetary and financial interactions' optimization in the Greater Eurasian space of economic cooperation
- Creation of Eurasian transcontinental development corridors: forms and mechanisms. Modernization and development of the Eurasian transport network
- International institutions, joint projects and transnational development programs in Eurasian space
- International cooperation and competitive advantages in economic restructuring on the basis of new technological mode
- Eurasian idea – from Trubetskoy to Gumilev and contemporary Eurasian project – equality and cooperation of nations
- Social-conservative synthesis as a basis for Eurasian Symphony of Civilizations

## **Participants:**

**Denys Azarov (Ukraine)** – Deputy Chairman of the Board, Association "Suppliers of the Customs Union"

**Sergey Arbuzov (Ukraine)** – First Deputy Prime-Minister of Ukraine

**Sergey Batchikov (Russia)** – Director of the Center of problems of management of large social and economic systems; Chairman of board of the Russian trading-financial union

**Oleg Bondarenko (Russia)** – Directing partner, Agency of strategic communications

**Volodymyr Voiush (Ukraine)** – Director of economic programs, Ukrainian Public Movement "Ukrainian choice"

**Oxana Gaman-Golutvina (Russia)** – Head of Comparative Politics Department, MGIMO-University, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia

**Valeriy Heyets (Ukraine)** – Member of the Ukrainian National Academy of Science; Director, Institute of Economics

**Mikhail Gelvanovskiy (Russia)** – Professor, Ph. D., President, National Institute for development, Department of the public studies, RAS

**Vladimir Granovski (Russia)** – Director, “Granovski&Associates”

**Vasyl Gorbal (Ukraine)** Advisor, National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine

**Igor Markov (Ukraine)** – Chairman, All-Ukraine Political Party “Rodina”

**Viktor Medvedchuk (Ukraine)** – Leader, Chairman, Ukrainian Public Movement "Ukrainian choice"

**Alexander Nagorny (Russia)** – Deputy Editor in chief, “Odnako” magazine

**Oleg Noginsky (Ukraine)** – Chairman of the Board, Association "Suppliers of the Customs Union"

**Alexander Pavlov (Russia)** – Deputy Director, National Institute of Development, RAS

**Vladimir Rudoy (Ukraine)** – Economic project director, "Ukrainian choice"

**Vasily Simchera (Russia)** – Vice-president Russian Academy of Economic

**Yury Tavrovskiy (Russia)** – Observer, Burning Point analytic program, Voice of Russia World service

**Sergey Tkachuk (Russia)** – Counsellor of Glaziev S., Project director, Research Center of Euroasian Integration

**Oleg Tsarev (Ukraine)** – Deputy Leader of Region Party, Verhovnaya Rada of Ukraine, High Council of Ukraine

**Lidia Shinkaruk (Ukraine)** – Head of the economic growth and structural development in economy department, Institute of economy and forecast NAS

**Alexander Shirov (Russia)** – Deputy Director, Institute of Economic Forecast RAS

**Vladimir Yasinskiy (Russia)** – Member of the Board, Euroasian Development Bank

## “Ways to the Digital Society”

October 4, 2013 (9:00–13:30)

Hall “TV Room”

### **Moderator:**

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

Today’s fast-changing world is increasingly characterized by a globalized, poly-centric and multi-cultural reality. The digitalization of communication plays an essential role in this process. The current “era of digitalization” allows both traditional media as well as new forms of media to deeply influence ongoing societal changes. New, increasingly globalized forms of digital mass communication create new connections between previously disconnected communities worldwide. For the dialogue among and between civil societies, the digitalization of communication is of considerable importance.

The workshop will discuss essential elements of the change as well as current university-funded research projects focusing on societal change, globalization and modern knowledge society created by digitalization.

The digitalization of mass communication generates a new generation of „digital natives“. In order to allow this new generation to voice their perspective, several members of the Youth Time International Movement will participate in the workshop. The session will be divided into two parts: individual presentations will be followed by discussions about the perspectives and major consequences of digitalization. The results may be integrated in the World Public Forums’ research output.

### **Main Vectors of Discussion:**

- Dimensions of societal change through digitization
- Impact of digital information on economy, culture and science
- Changes of national identity, public and policy through digital globalization
- The unlimited world of the Internet and individual life
- Social media and the future of journalism
- The perspectives of mass media of the BRICS countries in the era of digitization

### **Keynote Speakers:**

**Hans Köchler (Austria)** – President, International Progress Organization; Professor, University of Innsbruck

**Walter Schwimmer (Austria)** – Chairman of the International Coordinating Committee of the WPF “Dialogue of Civilizations”

**Wolfgang Coy (Germany)** – Professor, Humboldt University of Berlin, Department of Computer Science

**Alex Drozdovsky (Lithuania)** – Creative Director, Madpresenter

**Vanessa Bassil (Lebanon)** – Founder & President, Media Association for Peace (MAP) Leader, MasterPeace Club of Lebanon Reporter & Producer, Arab Woman TV; Writer, Common Ground News Service

**Verena Metze Mangold (Germany)** – Vice-president, German Commission for UNESCO

**Wolfgang Mühl-Benninghaus (Germany)** – Professor, Humboldt University of Berlin, Media Studies

**Kaarle Nordenstreng (Finland)** – Professor, University of Tampere

**Andrei Vyrkouski (Belarus)** – Associate Professor, Faculty of Journalism, Lomonosov Moscow State University

**Daya Thussu (India)** – Professor, Professor of International Communication and Co-Director of India Media Centre Department of Journalism and Mass Communications University of Westminster

**Hu Zhengrong (China)** – Professor, Communication University of China, Beijing

**Dmitriy Solovjev (Russia)** – Author, Media- Asceticism, Design thinker

# "The New Migration Challenges: the Contemporary World and Russia"

October 4, 2013 (9:00–13:30)

Leros Hall

## **Moderators:**

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

**Lisa Simeone (USA)** – Former Director, Government Office on Integration Issues

**Patrick Taran (International Organization)** – President, Global Migration Policy Associates

Migration is today a key factor to sustaining development in industrialized countries worldwide – including Russia, and to obtaining development in other countries. It meets skills and labor demand in developed economies, ensuring competitive labor forces and sustaining otherwise non-viable economic sectors and enterprises. Through remittances, migration enhances human development in origin countries by improving housing, nutrition, education and healthcare and stimulating local economic activity. Today, much dialogue between civilizations and among communities takes place worldwide through migration. However, without respect for rights and mutual respect, migrants are easily turned into scapegoats especially in times of economic and employment crises. But restrictive migration policies will compound future economic difficulties for many countries. Global deficits of skilled and trained persons mushroom while unmet demand grows. Environmental degradation accelerated by climate change displaces growing numbers of people. Meanwhile, conditions are not improving for many people in many countries, leading to rising frustration and discontent. In this context, informed international dialogue across the globe among governments, international bodies and civil society is of paramount importance.

The purposes of the Roundtable are to analyze contemporary migration challenges in context of global economic, demographic and environmental trends, to find paths to resolve risks, and to balance interests of migration partner countries, their populations and migrants. Recognizing that the Rhodes Forum can make a significant contribution to global dialogue on migration, the Roundtable will identify good policies and practices on migration governance, on integration and on international cooperation.

## **Main Vectors of Discussion:**

- What are needs for migrant skills and labor during economic downturns? What skills and labor will be needed to obtain and sustain recovery and growth?



- How to reconcile paradoxes between rising unemployment and presence of (im)migrants?
- What are key global challenges for governance of migration, such as regarding skills and labor mobility, environmental displacement, regional economic integration, discrimination and xenophobia? What are key lines of response or resolution of these challenges?
- What are respective roles and responsibilities of the State (government), employers (private sector), and civil society in addressing migration challenges?
- Does integrating migrants mean assimilation into the civilization of the host society? Or does it imply a mutual accommodation that may in some way affect the host society?
- What challenges does migration pose to national identities, to national values, to national cultures of host countries? What opportunities does it offer?
- What innovations in the fields of migration governance and integration of migrants deserve consideration and dissemination?

**Participants:**

**August Gaechter (Austria)** – Senior researcher, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI)

**Natalia Vlasova (Russia)** - Vice-President, Foundation "Migration XXI Century"

**Olga Vorobieva (Russia)** - Doctor of Economics; Director, Scientific-Research Center of Socio-Economic Problems of Population, Moscow Psychologic-Social University

**Peter van Krieken (Netherlands)** - Professor, Webster University, Leiden

**Zhanna Zaionchkovskaya (Russia)** - Chief of Laboratory on Migration, Institute for Economic Forecasting, Russian Academy of Sciences

**Irina Ivakhnyuk (Russia)** - Professor, Department of Economics, Moscow State Lomonosov University; Member of Governmental Commission on Migration Policy

**Elena Sadovskaya (Kazakhstan)** - President, Center for Conflict Management

**Valeriu Mosneaga (Moldova)** – Moldova State University, Head of the Department, Professor

**Chidi King (Belgium)** - Advisor on Migration, International Trade Union Confederation

**Pedro Gois (Portugal)** - Senior Lecturer, University of Porto; Senior Researcher, University of Coimbra

## Presentations

### WPF "Dialogue of Civilizations" Research Center in Trento

"Twenty two ideas to fix the world" (*New York University Press, 2013*)

#### Participants:

**Vladimir Yakunin (Russia)** – Founding President, World Public Forum "Dialogue of Civilizations"

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

**Richard Sakwa (UK)** – Professor of Politics, University of Kent

**Vincent Della Sala (Italy)** – Professor, Faculty of Sociology, University of Trento

**Ghoncheh Tazmini (Portugal)** – Research Fellow, Institute for Strategic and International Studies, Lisbon

**Vladimir Kulikov (Russia)** – Executive Director, World Public Forum "Dialogue of Civilizations"

**Adrian Pabst (Germany/UK)** – Lecturer in Politics, School of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent; Visiting Professor, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Lille (Sciences Po)

**Raffaele Marchetti (Italy)** – Professor of International Relations, LUISS University

**Vladimir Popov (UN)** – Advisor at United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

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## Closing Plenary Meeting

October 5, 2013 (15:30–18:00)

Olympic Hall

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