



World Academy of Art and Science

Leadership in thought that leads to action

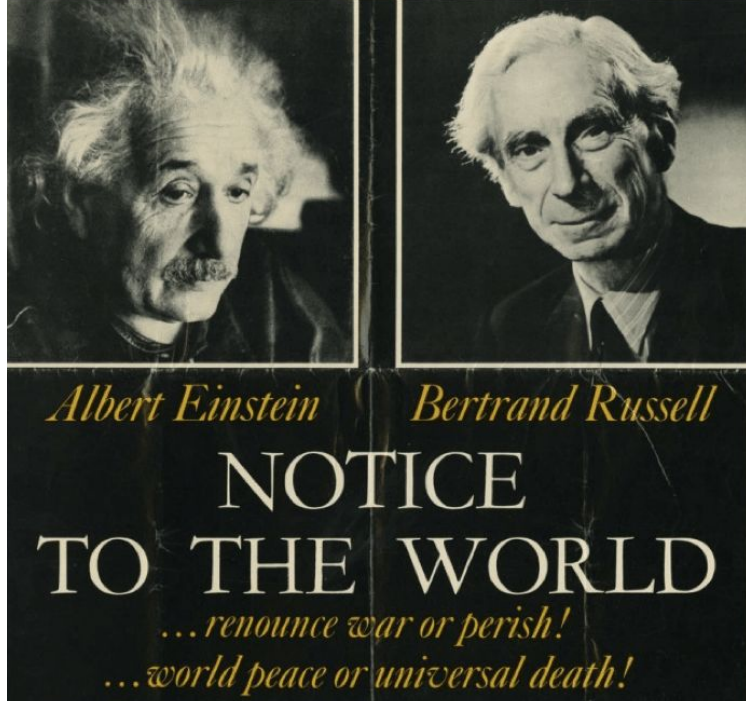
Power of Ideas



The Academy serves as a forum for leaders, scholars and thinkers to address the pressing challenges confronting humanity from a transnational, transdisciplinary perspective independent of political boundaries and prevailing orthodoxies. WAAS was founded on faith in the power of original and creative ideas—Real Ideas with effective power—to provide leadership in thought that leads to action.

Among its founders were Albert Einstein, Bertrand Russell, Robert Oppenheimer, Joseph Rotblat, Hermann Muller, Joseph Needham (co-founder of UNESCO), Lord Boyd Orr (first DG of FAO) and Brock Chisholm (first DG of WHO)

Responsible Science



WAAS was founded by individuals deeply concerned with the social consequences and policy implications of knowledge. Born during the early days of the Cold War when the proliferation of nuclear weapons was in high gear, WAAS affirmed the social responsibility of science to concern itself with the application and consequences of its creations and discoveries. Since then it has examined both the enormous creative power and potentially destructive consequences of advances in science and technology in fields related to peace, human rights and human security.

Synthesis of Art and Science

WAAS seeks to integrate Art and Science as complementary perspectives that can be combined and integrated to arrive at a more complete and effective knowledge needed to address complex problems. The subjective, psychological consciousness of the Arts when combined with the analytic objectivity of the Sciences helps us understand life and harness this knowledge for greater human wellbeing.



Values-Based Knowledge

**REMEMBER YOUR
HUMANITY, AND
FORGET THE REST**

BERTRAND RUSSELL

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WAAS was established with the aim of marrying scientific knowledge with universal human values. Its founders had great faith in science. But they also realized that science alone is not enough to ensure human welfare. The knowledge required must encompass the whole “art of living”. In addition to the objective knowledge obtained by analysis of hard facts generated by observation of the external world, it also requires subjective knowledge derived from the highest universal values. All human knowledge is a social construction of reality. Its efficacy depends on the values on which it is based and which it seeks to realize.

Transdisciplinary Integrated Perspectives



[List of WAAS' integrated, transdisciplinary programs](#)

The mission of WAAS has been to transcend conventional thinking and seek out new perspectives integrating science and art with ethics and universal values. WAAS was founded to study the impact of knowledge on policy and society, which means with relevance to human beings. Out of this effort has emerged a multidimensional conception of reliable knowledge based on a comprehensive and integrated transdisciplinary perspective applicable to social problems and opportunities in all fields.

Mind, Thinking and Creativity



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Mind is humanity's highest developed instrument for seeking knowledge. The mind is the unifying foundation on which humanity's entire social evolution is based. To understand this vital instrument better, WAAS has launched a ground-breaking project to explore Mind, Thinking and Creativity. A greater understanding of the nature of mind, its ways of knowing, the limits to thinking and rationality, mind's untapped potential, the workings of creativity and genius are essential for addressing the challenges confronting humanity today

Global Leadership for the 21st Century



[Read more about the GL21 project](#)

WAAS, in partnership with the United Nations at Geneva, conducted a multi-stakeholder, multi-sectoral project highlighting innovative strategies and effective principles to accelerate the emergence of dynamic leadership for successful implementation of the SDGs. The overarching objective of the project was to become a catalyst to accelerate the emergence of dynamic leadership for global development.

Future Education



WAAS recognizes the need for thinking beyond existing models of education to complement and enhance the social impact, reach, accessibility, quality and affordability of education. It has identified strategies to foster emergence of a global delivery system based on a new paradigm in education that bridges the quantitative and qualitative gaps in the current system, integrates fragmented disciplines, realigns abstract theory with the complexity of the real world, and is founded on a pedagogy that focuses on customized, individualized learning designed to foster person-centered, value-based, independent thinking, and creativity.

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WAAS is energized by a vision of a safe, peaceful and healthy planet, a vision of Human Security For All. Through the HS4A campaign, it seeks to galvanize people around this vision and to build momentum – and a global constituency – to bring human security to all of the world’s people, leaving no one behind.

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Network of Networks

From its inception the Academy has been a transnational network of individuals bound together by shared understanding, vision, and values. The Academy's leaders understood that human networks were the greatest power they possessed to effectuate change in the world. WAAS has grown in number, activities and reach through the decades and operates collaboratively with an extensive network of partner organizations. WAAS today is conscious of the collective power of human aspiration and values to ultimately accomplish what no single individual or organization can ever do. Sixty years after its birth, the Academy remains young, ambitious, hopeful—with the modesty and common sense to claim very little and the ambition to still aspire for very much.

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Centru de excelență al Academiei Mondiale de Artă și Știință



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