



WAAS@64 Conference



ONLINE ON MAY 15-16 AND JUNE 26-27, 2024

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

(9:00–9:50 EST; 15:00–15:50 CET; 18:30–19:20 IST)

OPENING PLENARY SESSION [ZOOM MEETING LINK](#)

Exploration of the factors underlying the current global situation, deep drivers and evolutionary forces that are pressing the global community to adopt a change of course, levers for effective action, and other insights we can derive from recent events.

Moderator:

Fran GRIFFITHS, *Culture change, leadership, team & talent management expert*

Panelists:

María ESPINOSA, *President of the 73rd Session of the UNGA; FWAAS*

Gustavo MERINO, *Director for Social Policies, UNESCO*

Garry JACOBS, *President & CEO, World Academy of Art & Science*

Ketan PATEL, *Chair, Force for Good; CEO and Co-Founder, Greater Pacific Capital; Former Managing Director, Head of Strategic Group, Goldman Sachs; Former Partner, KPMG; Trustee, WAAS*

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1A. UN Summit of the Future

This session will explore the themes of the upcoming UN Summit of the Future and identify areas in which WAAS can make meaningful contributions. Panelists will present policies, strategies and other solutions to address the critical challenges that we face today, and enhance international cooperation, multilateralism and global governance.

Moderators:

Chantal-Line CARPENTIER, Head, Trade, Environment, Climate Change, and Sustainable Development Branch of UNCTAD's Division on International Trade and Commodities (DTIC); Member of the WAAS Advisory Council

Eden MAMUT, Ovidius University of Constanta, Romania and Secretary General of the Black Sea Universities Network; FWAAS

Panelists:

Paul REVAY, European Director, Trilateral Commission (1981-2017); Trustee, Friends of Europe

Nicolaos THEODOSSIOU, Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; Chair of UN SDSN Black Sea; FWAAS

Shoshana BEKERMAN, Director, Inter-Parliamentary Coalition for Global Ethics; AFWAAS

Rapporteur:

Ranjani RAVI, Senior Research Associate, The Mother's Service Society; Associate Editor, Cadmus Journal; AFWAAS

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1B. Identifying Talent, Developing Individuality, and Recognizing Genius

This session will raise a fundamental question: How can we better understand, identify and foster the development potential for different forms of talent, leadership, genius and other creative expressions of individuality rather than simply waiting for them to manifest? Panelists will explore ways to encourage originality, individuality and genius, so we can overcome the limitations of prevailing educational, institutional, cultural, social, political and economic constraints.

Moderator:

Alberto ZUCCONI, President, Person-Centered Approach Institute (IACP); Chair, Board of Trustees, WAAS; Secretary General, WUC

Panelists:

Katalin BOGYAY, President, UNA-Hungary; 36th President of UNESCO General Conference and 15th Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations; FWAAS

Rosalía ARTEAGA, Former President of Ecuador (1997); FWAAS

Bru RECOLONS, President, Impulsa Talentum Foundation

Rapporteur:

Robert Halsey WICKERSHAM, Behavioral Health Therapist; Field Instructor, Arizona State University; JFWAAS



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2A. Strategies for enhancing Peace, Democracy, Rule of Law & Multilateralism

This session will explore strategies for harnessing the pressure generated by current conflicts and crises to create awareness, willingness, preparedness, and action for global social momentum for positive change. Panelists will discuss measures to release and harness the social energies of individuals and organizations to enhance peace, democracy, rule of law and multilateralism.

Moderator:

David CHIKVAIDZE, Vice President, Swiss Forum on International Affairs; Associate Fellow, Geneva Center for Security Policy; FWAAS

Panelists:

Augusto LOPEZ-CLAROS, Executive Director and Chair, Global Governance Forum

Isabella BUNN, Research Fellow, Regent's Park College, University of Oxford

Liberato BAUTISTA, President, The Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations; FWAAS

Saulo Casali BAHIA, Federal judge in Brazil; Professor of Law, Federal University of Bahia, Salvador; Trustee, WAAS

Rapporteur:

Ivana LAZAROVSKI, Senior Advisor for Serbia & Western Balkans, Aretera Public Affairs; AFWAAS

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2B. AI & Disinformation: Threats and Remedies

The rapid spread of disinformation poses a serious and ever-growing threat. In 2024, a critically important year for global democracy when half of the world's population will participate in elections, the possibility of disinformation needs to be closely studied. This session will examine ways to ensure that the quality of public opinion, decision-making, political outcomes, and policy development are not affected by inaccurate and fake news. It will examine possible organizational and technological mechanisms to mitigate the falsification of information disseminated through the media, including harnessing the power of AI to counter the use of AI for falsification of information.

Moderator:

Jonathan MILLER, CEO, Integrated Media Co.; FWAAS

Panelists:

Ibon ZUGASTI, Partner & Director at PROSPEKTIKER and Deputy Director at the Millennium Project; AFWAAS

Rza ALIYEV, Senior Advisor, Nizami Ganjavi International Center; FWAAS

Petra KUENKEL, Executive Committee Member, CoR; Founder, Collective Leadership Institute; FWAAS

Glenn GAFFNEY, Chief Strategy Officer, NobleReach Foundation

Rapporteur:

Yunus Ibrahim HUSSAIN, African Research Councillor, Wheeler Institute for Business and Development, UK; Trustee, The Cardio Advocacy Initiative; JFWAAS



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3A. Impact Initiatives and Strategies for Human Security and Sustainable Development

This session will explore proven and innovative strategies, policies and programs to accelerate progress on human security and sustainable development at the global, national and corporate levels.

Moderator:

Phoebe KOUNDOURI, Professor of Economics at Athens University of Economics and Business & Technical University of Denmark; President, EAERE; Chair, SDSN Global Climate Hub; Co-chair, SDSN Europe; Director, AE4RIA; Trustee, WAAS

Panelists:

Grant SCHREIBER, General Manager, WAAS

Ash PACHAURI, Co-Founder and Senior Mentor, Protect Our Planet Movement; AFWAAS

Petra KUENKEL, Executive Committee Member, CoR; Founder, Collective Leadership Institute; FWAAS

Rapporteur:

Kani MOZHI, Research Associate, The Mother's Service Society

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3B. Sciences for Food, Water, and Energy Security

As the UN Resolution proclaiming 2024-2033 as the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development states, the sciences play a critical role in the pursuit of sustainable development. It is imperative that we bridge the gaps in scientific disciplines and knowledge forms, and promote a coordinated and collaborative approach, providing policymakers with evidence-based analyses and data for establishing and effectively implementing policies. This session will explore the potential of science to provide food, water and energy security to all.

Moderator:

Nebojša NEŠKOVIĆ, Vice President, WAAS; President, Serbian Chapter of The Club of Rome

Panelists:

Thomas REUTER, Asia Institute, University of Melbourne, Australia; Trustee, WAAS; Former Senior Vice President, International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES)

Ugo BARDI, National Interuniversity Consortium of Materials Science and Technology, University of Florence, Italy; Full Member, The Club of Rome; FWAAS

Nebojša NAKIĆENOVIĆ, Vice Chair, Group of Chief Scientific Advisors, European Commission; Honorary Emeritus Scholar, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Laxenburg, Austria; FWAAS

Rapporteur:

Chitra KRISHNAMOORTHY, Research Associate, The Mother's Service Society



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4A. Harnessing the Humanities for Human Security

The sciences and the arts represent two complementary dimensions of knowledge that can converse and converge with one another to generate continually evolving knowledge that is greater than the sum of its parts. This panel will explore ways to integrate the objective and subjective dimensions of knowledge by harnessing insights from philosophy, art, history, literature, music, cinema, and other forms of the humanities to foster human security.

Moderators:

Benno WERLEN, UNESCO Chair, Global Understanding for Sustainability, Friedrich Schiller University of Jena, Germany; FWAAS

Diana AYTON-SHENKER, CEO, Leonardo/ISAST; Executive Director, Leonardo-ASU Initiative; Professor of Practice, Arizona State University

Panelists:

Luci ATTALA, Anthropologist and Director, UNESCO-MOST BRIDGES (UK); FWAAS

Mila POPOVICH, Director General, Directorate for Interculturalism, Government of Montenegro; Trustee, WAAS

Denys ZACHAROPOULOS, Art historian, critic, writer, university professor, museum director and exhibition curator; FWAAS

Rapporteur:

Serena SCAPAGNINI, Visual Artist; JFWAAS



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5A. Human Security for Policymakers

Parliamentary diplomacy can promote dialogue among communities and build bridges for peace, security, and sustainable development. This session will focus on WAAS' collaboration with the Inter-Parliamentary Union and explore ways in which both organizations can jointly work to provide parliamentarians and policymakers with impartial advice on all pillars of human security.

Moderators:

Donato KINIGER-PASSIGLI, Vice President (Social Sciences and Humanities), WAAS; WAAS Representative to the UN in Geneva

Laurence MARZAL, Senior Programme Officer, Inter-Parliamentary Union

Panelists:

Denis NAUGHTEN, MP & Chairperson, Working Group on Science and Technology, Inter-Parliamentary Union

Saber CHOWDHURY, Minister of Environment, Forestry and Climate Change, Bangladesh and Honorary President of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

Arthur DUFORST, Disarmament and Conflict Prevention Consultant, Inter-Parliamentary Union; Member, New European Voices on Existential Risk at the European Leadership Network; JFWAAS

Dora DAMJANOVIC, Social Entrepreneur; Communication Specialist; JFWAAS

Rapporteur:

Federica DONATI, President, FIDU Committee; JFWAAS

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5B. The Green Transition Action Plan and Related Issues: Developed vs Developing Economies

The green transition action plan is necessary to mitigate the climate emergency and, by doing so, to protect human, animal or plant life, as well as to conserve exhaustible natural resources. This panel will examine the global approach and local patterns capable of mitigating the climate emergency and preventing excessive carbon and other types of leakages, when defining local green transition action plans. Special focus will be given to macroeconomic sustainability measures (17 UN SDGs), microeconomic performance measures (ESG metrics), and the impact of green financing on the selection of green projects.

Moderator:

Dragan DJURICIN, Professor, School of Economics, University of Belgrade; FWAAS

Panelists:

Phoebe KOUNDOURI, Professor of Economics at Athens University of Economics and Business & Technical University of Denmark; President, EAERE; Chair, SDSN Global Climate Hub; Co-chair, SDSN Europe; Director, AE4RIA; Trustee, WAAS

Carlos Álvarez PEREIRA, Secretary General, Club of Rome, FWAAS

Stefan BRUNNHUBER, Medical Director, Diakonie Kliniken Zschadraß; WAAS Trustee

Aleksandar KOVAČEVIĆ, Senior Visiting Research Fellow, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies

Josep GARÍ, Head of Climate, Forests & Land, UNDP; FWAAS

Rapporteur:

Yunus Ibrahim HUSSAIN, African Research Councillor, Wheeler Institute for Business and Development, UK; Trustee, The Cardio Advocacy Initiative; JFWAAS



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6A. Innovative Technologies as a Force for Good

Technology is a double-edged sword; it represents both unprecedented threats and opportunities. But it has an indispensable role in achieving the SDGs and the goals of HS4A. This session will discuss the enormous untapped potential to develop and apply innovative technologies to enhance human security in all major dimensions, sectors, and parts of the world. It will provide practical means by which WAAS and partner organizations can exercise real impact in supporting the SDGs.

Moderator:

Ketan PATEL, Chair, Force for Good; CEO and Co-Founder, Greater Pacific Capital; Former Managing Director, Head of Strategic Group, Goldman Sachs; Former Partner, KPMG; Trustee, WAAS

Panelists:

Annika RAO-MONARI, CEO and Co-founder, Clee AI

YS RAJAN, Honorary Distinguished Professor, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Bangalore; FWAAS

Yi-Heng CHENG, Professor, College of Design and Innovation, Tongji University, Shanghai, China; FWAAS

Glenn GAFFNEY, Chief Strategy Officer, NobleReach Foundation

Rapporteur:

Imran KHAN, Deputy Director (Finance), National Electric Power Regulatory Authority, Pakistan; JFWAAS

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6B. Social Responsibility of Science

Since its founding, WAAS has been focused on promoting human security, welfare, and wellbeing by addressing global social challenges and untapped opportunities. The work of the Academy is based on the belief that academic knowledge cannot be separated from the social responsibility for how knowledge is used. Panelists will explore different models and strategies intended to promote socially beneficial applications of science and technology and align them with global needs through education, research, scientific development, policy-making, and innovative programs to foster human security for all.

Moderator:

Aleksander ZIDANŠEK, Vice Dean, Professor of Physics, Jozef Stefan International Postgraduate School; Trustee, WAAS

Panelists:

Ivo ŠLAUS, Professor Emeritus, Ruder Boskovic Institute; Honorary President, WAAS

Uroš CVELBAR, Professor and Head, Department Gaseous Electronics (F6), Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia, FWAAS

Fadwa El GUINDI, Retiree Professor, UCLA; former Distinguished Professor, Qatar University; Trustee, WAAS

Jelal EZZINE, Advisory Board Member of the UNESCO Science Report 2020; Ecole Nationale d'Ingénieurs de Tunis; University of Tunis El-Manar

Ranjani RAVI, Senior Research Associate, MSS; Associate Editor, Cadmus Journal, AFWAAS

Rapporteur:

Kani MOZHI, Research Associate, The Mother's Service Society



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7A. Root Causes and Remedies for Rising Insecurity, Social Unrest, War, Violence and Global Turbulence

The world today is witnessing a sudden and dramatic setback in progress towards achieving the goals of Agenda 2030. Expanding conflicts, rising military spending, lower levels of trust and a polarizing world order have shifted the attention of governments and the general public away from the global program designed to promote peace, prosperity, and sustainable development for all. This session will explore the root causes and remedies for the rising insecurity, and ways to steer our collective attention and action towards ending social unrest, war and violence, and accelerating progress on Agenda 2030.

Moderators:

Garry JACOBS, President & CEO, World Academy of Art & Science

Janani RAMANATHAN, Secretary General, WAAS

Panelists:

Alexander LIKHOTAL, Professor, Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations; Former President, Green Cross International; FWAAS

Alyn WARE, Founder, Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND); FWAAS

Jonathan GRANOFF, President, Global Security Institute; WAAS Trustee

Ana JERKOVIĆ, Diplomat; Vice-Chair, Pugwash Croatia; AFWAAS

Philippe DESTATTE, President, The Destree Institute; Professor of History & Foresight, Universities of Mons & Paris

Rapporteur:

Leonid SHOKH, Research Associate, The Mother's Service Society; JFWAAS

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7B. AGI Governance

The world is assessing current AI as no technology before it; however, in the next 3-5 years, we could have a far more powerful Artificial General Intelligence (AGI) that, if unregulated, would evolve into many Artificial Superintelligences beyond our control, understanding, and awareness. Governance of AGI at the global level is essential to encourage the development of AI's positive potential while preventing its misuse. As the founders of WAAS recognized the pressing need for global governance of nuclear energy at the very moment it was developed, WAAS today views efforts to promote effective governance of AI and AGI for the welfare of humanity as among the highest priorities for the world. This session will be an exploration of the various facets of AI and AGI governance, the challenges and possible strategies.

Moderators:

Jerome GLENN, Co-founder & CEO, The Millennium Project; FWAAS

Christoph STÜCKELBERGER, President & Founder, Globethics.net Foundation

Panelists:

Mariana TODOROVA, Associate Professor at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Millennium Project; FWAAS

Richard PLOTKA, Professor of Practice & Director of IT and Web Science Program, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Andrea De MAURO, Data & Analytics Leader, Author, and Executive Advisor

Rapporteurs:

Linh TRAN, Senior Partnerships Coordinator, Women Political Leaders; Intern, UNICEF; JFWAAS

Davor LJUBENKOV, Lead, Senseable Stockholm Lab, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

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8A. Science Diplomacy to Support Human Security & Sustainable Development

In today's polarized world where human welfare and wellbeing are threatened by widening political turmoil and military conflicts, science diplomacy can play a vital role in uniting the efforts of scientists, academia, governments, youth and civil society. This session will study the increasingly important need for science diplomacy and propose strategies for enhancing coordination between researchers, institutions, corporations and nations to enhance human wellbeing and societal progress.

Moderators:

Moneef ZOU'BI, Science Advisor of the InterAction Council; FWAAS

Phoebe KOUNDOURI, Professor of Economics at Athens University of Economics and Business & Technical University of Denmark; President, EAERE; Chair, SDSN Global Climate Hub; Co-chair, SDSN Europe; Director, AE4RIA; Trustee, WAAS

Panelists:

Peter MCGRATH, IAP Coordinator

Jinfeng ZHOU, Secretary-General, China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation (CBCGDF); FWAAS

Emil CONSTANTINESCU, President, ISACCL; President of Romania (1996-2000); Trustee, WAAS

Maricela MUÑOZ, Executive-in-Residence Fellow at the Geneva Center for Security Policy (GCSP), and member of the Advisory Council at the Democracy Lab (*tbc*)

Donato KINIGER-PASSIGLI, Vice President (Social Sciences and Humanities), WAAS; Prof., UOC Barcelona and HEIP Paris; Sr. Adv. UNITAR

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8B. Existential Risks: Threats and Solutions

This session will explore strategies to address a broad spectrum of existing and potential existential risks to world peace, democracy, environmental stability and human security with an integrated approach that includes enhancing capacity through education and workforce development, sharing knowledge and technological solutions as global goods, strengthening leadership skills and enabling good governance.

Moderator:

Joanna NURSE, Chair, Existential Threats and Risks to All -EXTRA Working Group, WAAS; Strategic Advisor, InterAction Council; FWAAS

Panelists:

Michael MARIEN, Senior Principal, The Security & Sustainability Guide; FWAAS

David HARRIES, Strategic Foresight Coach (Security and Sports), Human Security Engineer (Disaster Awareness and Resilience); FWAAS

Ted TRZYNA, President, InterEnvironment Institute; Chair, IUCN WCPA Urban Conservation Strategies Specialist Group; FWAAS

Thomas REUTER, Asia Institute, University of Melbourne, Australia; Trustee, WAAS

Noel SALAZAR, Sociocultural Anthropologist, Founder of CuMoRe & AnthroMob

Yuhan ZHENG, Global Youth Security Council

Talita HONORATO-RZESZEWICZ, Global Youth Security Council

Fatou SENGHORE, Global Youth Security Council

Lorenzo RODRIGUEZ, Research Associate and Editor, The Security and Sustainability Guide

Mila POPOVICH, Director General, Directorate for Interculturalism, Government of Montenegro; Trustee, WAAS

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9A. AI for Education

AI has the potential to revolutionize global education by enhancing learning experiences, supporting teachers, offering personalized lessons and making available an affordable delivery system that can provide quality education to everyone everywhere in the world. The advent of Generative AI has now radically enhanced the capacity to establish a world class system of higher education that is affordable and accessible to all. AI builds on the advantages of the delivery systems made possible by online education and fills in the missing links. It can also overcome some of the major limitations imposed by siloed, discipline-specific courses. Students can now harness technology for self-paced, interactive, individualized, and customized systems that respond to questions and individual interests and provide instant feedback and continuous monitoring and assessment. This panel will discuss ways in which AI can be harnessed to provide interactive, self-paced, personalized, and integrated learning experiences.

Moderators:

Ralph WOLFF, Former President, Western Assoc. Schools & Colleges; Director, World University Consortium; Trustee, WAAS

Ximena GATES, CEO and Co-founder, BuildWithin Ai; Executive Board Member of the Consumer Technology Association

Panelists:

Amine JAOUADI, Associate Professor, ECE. Ecole d'ingénieurs. Engineering School, France; FWAAS

Pavel LUKSHA, Founder & Director of Global Education Futures initiative; FWAAS

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9B. Educating Business and Technology Leaders for a Sustainable Future

The aim of this session is to conceive of an educational system designed to prepare future business and technology leaders at all levels and in all fields to better understand the wider role of these institutions in the evolution of national and global society, human security and sustainable development. Business is a social institution which has a fundamental role to play in the flourishing of society. Social service and business profit are complementary and essential to support one another. This session will study the symbiotic relationship between private profit and social welfare and the need for business and technology education based on values that are aligned with the well-being of all stakeholders—employees, customers, the community, the nation and the environment. It will explore ways to enhance the education of business and technology leaders to more effectively handle the economic, political, social and psychological implications of the opportunities and threats posed by rapidly advancing AI, nanotechnology, biotechnology and other sciences.

Moderators:

Walton STINSON, Founder CEO, ListenUp; Chair of the Board, Prosource; Managing Director, HS4A; Trustee, WAAS

Jonathan MILLER, CEO, Integrated Media Company; Advisory Council Member, Force for Good; former CEO, AOL; FWAAS

Panelists:

Zbigniew BOCHNIARZ, Professor, Kozminski University, Warsaw, Poland; Trustee, WAAS

Witold KINSNER, Professor, Dept. of Electrical & Computer Engineering, University of Manitoba; IEEE Life Senior Member; FWAAS

Lawrence FORD, Founder and CEO, Conscious Capital; FWAAS

Zhanna KRYUCHKOVA, Founder, Jansen Capital Management and Huxley Media; Treasurer, WAAS (tbc)



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10A. AI: Tapping Emerging Opportunities

AI, AGI and ASI have unprecedented power for creative and destructive purposes. Important breakthroughs are seen almost on a daily basis by the application of AI in developing drugs, transforming global education, processing big data and performing tasks that were once considered impossible. But the lightning-fast development of AI very often outpaces the capacity of individuals, organizations and society to respond and adapt. This session will explore ways to maximize preparation and support for adoption and adjustment to the changes brought about by emerging AI technologies while minimizing the threats resulting from resistance and incapacity to seize the opportunities.

Moderator:

Panelists:

Liang-Jie ZHANG, Senior Vice President, Chief Scientist, & Director of Research, Kingdee International Software Group

Annika RAO-MONARI, CEO and Co-founder, Clee AI

Stacey LAWSON, Co-founder, Benevolent AI Future; Co-founder, Ygrene Energy Fund

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10B. AI, Brain, Mind, Thinking and Consciousness & Human Development

As developments in AI increasingly exceed the capacity of human intelligence in fields such as memory and computation, an increasing number of questions are being raised about both the nature and limitations of the human mind. Comparison of normal human functions with those of AI based on what computers can do better and faster than people largely ignores the many types of human mental capacity which remain far beyond the domain of AI and might possibly never be achieved by it. This session will explore both the higher reaches of human intelligence, such as imagination, insight and intuition as well as the inherent limits to reason and rationality so often observed in order to better understand the human mind's untapped potential for further development in realms beyond those being developed by AI and to see whether advances in AI may present a stimulus for higher human development rather than merely a threat. This session will seek to expand and deepen our understanding of the mind and study the opportunities AI may present for further development of the way we think and know.

Moderators:

Türker KILIÇ, Dean, Bahçeşehir University School of Medicine; Chairman, Neurosurgery Department; FWAAS

Stefan BRUNNHUBER, Medical Director, Diakonie Kliniken Zschadraß; WAAS Trustee

Panelists:

Anneloes SMITSMAN, Founder & CEO of EARTHwise Centre

Peta MILAN, Founder & Principal of Henmil Group Family Office; AFWAAS

Georgios THEODOROPOULOS, Chair Professor, School of Computer Science & Engineering, SUSTech; FWAAS



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11A. Toward a Transdisciplinary Theory of Change and Process of Social Evolution

This session will examine the process of global social evolution in order to extract essential knowledge and insights needed to initiate a conscious movement of accelerated, positive transformation. It will explore questions such as: What can we learn about the process of social evolution from great changes in the past? Where does transformation get its energy and power for change? What are the different stages of transformation? What is the role of individuals, organizations, ideas and values as catalysts of change? This session will attempt to gather the knowledge needed to initiate, guide and accelerate a conscious process of social transformation towards a better future for humanity.

Moderators:

Garry JACOBS, President & CEO, World Academy of Art & Science

Steven HARTMAN, Founding Executive Director, BRIDGES Sustainability Science Coalition in UNESCO's Management of Social Transformations programme; FWAAS

Panelists:

Elena MUSTAKOVA, Co-founder, Unitive Justice and Global Security Synergy Circle; Member, Board of Bridges URI Cooperation Circle

Piero DOMINICI, Scientific Director of CHAOS, UNESCO Inclusive Policy Lab Expert (IPL), FWAAS

Gustavo MERINO, UNESCO (tbc)

Carlos GIMÉNEZ, Faculty of Philosophy & Anthropology, University of Madrid, Spain

Carlos Álvarez PEREIRA, Secretary General, Club of Rome, FWAAS

Ketan PATEL, Chair, Force for Good; CEO and Co-Founder, Greater Pacific Capital; Former Managing Director, Head of Strategic Group, Goldman Sachs; Former Partner, KPMG; Trustee, WAAS

Walton STINSON, Founder CEO, ListenUp; Chair of the Board, Prosource; Managing Director, HS4A; Trustee, WAAS

Stefan BRUNNHUBER, Medical Director, Diakonie Kliniken Zschadraß; WAAS Trustee

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION [ZOOM MEETING LINK](#)

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- *Insights and recommendations drawn from the panel discussions regarding the future work of WAAS*

WAAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY (FOR WAAS FELLOWS ONLY) – *Separate zoom link will be provided by email*

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- *WAAS General Assembly of Fellows*
- *Open Discussion among WAAS Fellows*

