

WAAS@66 Conference

Solutions to Global Turbulence: Peace, Prosperity and Freedom

September 8-11, 2026



World Academy of
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The unprecedented speed and increasing complexity of global social transition exceeds the understanding, national policies and the expertise of prevailing theories among the academics, strategists and diplomats at the local, national and global level. Without a deeper understanding of the forces at play, it is difficult to frame and implement effective responses.

WAAS@65 charted the interwoven symptoms and consequences of global turbulence—in governance, economic inequality, peace and security, education, science and technology, climate and ecology, and culture—and identified their root causes and deep drivers. The conference also identified a number of high potential solutions to address the identified root causes of the turbulence which merit in-depth examination and development in order to render them into operable practical strategies.

This year's WAAS@66 Summit builds directly on these findings to explore concrete, integrated solutions for global turbulence. Its objective is to transform the growing awareness of causes and solutions into practical strategies that can lead to action. The conference will be organized across three one-day civilizational themes—**Peace, Prosperity, and Freedom**—and four structural streams: scale of change, its global nature, human consciousness and societal transformation, knowledge and capacity enablers. The fourth day will close with a general assembly of the members of the World Academy.

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COMMEMORATION OF IVO ŠLAUS' LIFE, WORK AND CONTRIBUTION TO WAAS

*This special session is dedicated to **Ivo ŠLAUS**, former President and Honorary President of the World Academy of Art and Science. Speakers will commemorate the vast contributions of the accomplished academic, exemplary leader, and amazing human being towards science, development, education, peace and a better future for all.*

Speakers:

Garry JACOBS, President & CEO, World Academy of Art & Science; Chair & CEO, World University Consortium; Editor, *Cadmus*

Emil CONSTANTINESCU, President of Romania (1996-2000); President, The Levant Institute of Advanced Studies for the Culture of Peace; Trustee, WAAS

Donato KINIGER-PASSIGLI, WAAS Vice President (Social Sciences and Humanities); President, Global Peace Offensive Center

Aleksander ZIDANŠEK, WAAS Vice President (Science & Technology); MPŠ Vice Dean; IJS Researcher; FNM-UM Professor of Physics

Alberto ZUCCONI, President, Person-Centered Approach Institute & WUC; Chair of the Board, WAAS

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1. OPENING PLENARY SESSION – The State of Our World: Why Global Turbulence and Why Now?

The WAAS@65 Conference explored the interwoven dimensions of global turbulence as they manifest in governance, economic inequality, peace and security, education and consciousness, science and technology, climate and ecology, and culture, together with their psychological foundations and the integrative strategies needed to address them. This session examines why turbulence is rising and why solutions must be integrated across civilizational dimensions. It introduces the Peace, Prosperity, Freedom framework and the four-day programme architecture.

Moderator:

Garry JACOBS, President & CEO, World Academy of Art & Science; Chair & CEO, World University Consortium; Editor, *Cadmus*

Panelists:

Vaira VĪKE-FREIBERGA, Former President of Latvia; Co-Chair, NGIC; FWAAS

Irina BOKOVA, Former DG UNESCO; Honorary Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences; Patron, International Science Council (ISC); FWAAS

Ismail SERAGELDIN, Co-Chair, Nizami Ganjavi International Center; FWAAS

Ketan PATEL, Executive Director and Trustee, WAAS; Chair, Force for Good; CEO and Co-Founder, Greater Pacific Capital

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2: **Issue-Setting:** PEACE – The Architecture of Global Security

This session maps the structural threats to global peace - retreat from multilateralism, competitive nationalism, democratic erosion, breakdown of international rule of law - and the solution directions Day 2 will develop: Common security, leadership development, and restoration of trust. It examines peace and the seven dimensions of human security, and the structural conditions for durable peace and setting the solution-oriented tone for the day's sessions.

Moderator:

Jonathan GRANOFF, President, Global Security Institute; Trustee, WAAS

Panelists:

Eka TKESHELASHVILI, Distinguished Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States; President, Arcline Advisory LLC

Bertie AHERN, Chair, Co-Chair, Inter-Action Council; Prime Minister of Ireland (1997-2008); FWAAS

Peter GALBRAITH, Diplomat, Policy Advisor; Former US Ambassador and Senior UN Official; FWAAS

Donato KINIGER-PASSIGLI, Vice President (Social Sciences and Humanities), WAAS; President, Global Peace Offensive Center

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3: **Issue-Setting:** PROSPERITY - The Economics & Technology of Human Security

This session examines the structural sources of economic turbulence - underinvestment in human security, inequality, SDG failure, mispriced ecological resources, concentrated economic power - and the solution directions Day 3 will develop: World Investment Plan, financial reform, technology for sustainable development, Human Security for All, how to achieve global prosperity and the revitalize the SDGs of Agenda 2030 as a viable framework for progress, how the world's transition to an information age plays into this and what it will take to make universal progress once again.

Moderator:

Mahmoud MOHIELDIN, UN Special Envoy on Financing Sustainable Development, United Nations; FWAAS

Panelists:

Chantal-Line CARPENTIER, Head, Trade, Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development, UNCTAD; Member, WAAS Advisory Council

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

Christian HANSMEYER, Head of Research, Force for Good; FWAAS

Yannis IOANNIDIS, Past President, Association for Computing Machinery (ACM); Professor, Department of Informatics and Telecommunications, University of Athens

Henry WANG, Founder and President, Center for China and Globalization

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4: **Issue-Setting:** FREEDOM - Liberating Minds and Restoring Democracy in the Battle for Human Consciousness in the Age of AI

This session explores the governance, educational and cultural challenges posed by AI and social media and how they colonize minds through information manipulation, generating social polarization and democratic erosion. Day 4 will map the potential to control the threat and harness the power of AI as a liberator of knowledge, democratizer of education and enhancer of human creativity. It will introduce measures for national and global cognitive freedom and identify conditions of governance, education and cultural conditions under which technology can become an instrument of liberation rather than control, and proposals to restore trust in AI as an instrument to promote transparent governance and market incentives.

Moderator:

Ketan PATEL, Executive Director and Trustee, WAAS; Chair, Force for Good; CEO and Co-Founder, Greater Pacific Capital

Panelists:

Glenn GAFFNEY, Chief Strategy Officer, NobleReach Foundation; Former Head of Science and Technology, CIA; FWAAS

Saulo BAHIA, PhD Professor, Faculty of Law, Federal University of Bahia, Brazil; Federal Judge, Brazil; Trustee, WAAS

Jonathan MILLER, Director, Force for Good; Trustee, WAAS

Michael GELB, Author, Executive Coach and Management Consultant

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5: Preparing Global Leadership for the Emerging Future and Changing the Way We Think

The polycrisis is systemic and cannot be addressed by the same reductionist, disciplinary-silo thinking that created it. This session examines the specific conceptual frameworks - in security, power, sovereignty, freedom, democracy, and economic value - that must change, and what integrated transdisciplinary thinking looks like in practice. It explores how AI can help overcome the barriers of rational thinking and conceptual systems, and what a new paradigm of integrated knowledge requires. The session poses critical questions required for effective global leadership, including the understanding, skills and capacities leaders need to prepare the world for a peaceful, prosperous and free global society, the type of changes needed in the way we think, and the type and content of leadership education required.

Moderator:

Garry JACOBS, President & CEO, World Academy of Art & Science; Chair & CEO, World University Consortium; Editor, *Cadmus*

Panelists:

David CHIKVAIDZE, FWAAS; VP, Swiss Forum for International Affairs (FSPI); Associate Fellow, GCSP

Vaira VĪKE-FREIBERGA Former President of Latvia; Co-Chair, NGIC; FWAAS

Danilo TÜRK, Former President of Slovenia (2008–2012)

Reyhan HUSEYNOVA, President, Azerbaijan Future Studies Society – Node of the Millennium Project in the Republic of Azerbaijan; FWAAS

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6: Global Peace Offensive

The session uses structured discussions to identify practical solutions for peacebuilding, applying the GPO framework to current crises, as set out in the Vision for a Global Peace Offensive and the Call for Action, co-signed by WAAS, EASA, Alma Mater Europaea University, and a growing network of academic and civil society partners.

Moderator:

Donato KINIGER-PASSIGLI, Vice President (Social Sciences and Humanities), WAAS; President, Global Peace Offensive Center

Panelists:

Kailash SATYARTHI, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate (2014); Founder, Satyarthi Movement for Global Compassion; FWAAS

Garry JACOBS, President & CEO, World Academy of Art & Science; Chair & CEO, World University Consortium; Editor, *Cadmus*

Klaus MAINZER, President, European Academy of Sciences & Arts (EASA)

Ludvik TOPLAK, President, Alma Mater Europaea University, Slovenia; Trustee WAAS

Aleksander ZIDANŠEK, WAAS Vice President (Science & Technology); MPŠ Vice Dean; IJS Researcher; FNM-UM Professor of Physics

Charlotte ØRNEMARK, Owner & Founder, CoConsult Collaborative Consulting

Goran BANDOVIĆ, Professor of International Relations and Diplomacy, University of Zagreb; FWAAS

Janani RAMANATHAN, Secretary General, World Academy of Art and Science

Luka Martin TOMAŽIČ, Lead Researcher, Global Peace Offensive Center; AMEU Vice-rector; Member of Global Young Academy



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7: Science and Technology for Peace

This session examines how science, technology and green innovation can serve as practical instruments of peace and human security. It explores scientific collaboration to build trust between nations and communities, while avoiding the risk of these technologies being weaponized. The session will focus on how sustainable innovation can be deliberately channeled to advance the Global Peace Offensive and Earth-Humanity Coalition's goals, turning the shared global challenges into a platform for cooperation rather than competition.

Moderator:

Aleksander ZIDANŠEK, WAAS Vice President (Science & Technology); MPŠ Vice Dean; IJS Researcher; FNM-UM Professor of Physics

Panelists:

Klaus MAINZER, President, European Academy of Sciences & Arts (EASA); FWAAS

Moneef ZOU'BI, Science Advisor, InterAction Council; Adjunct Professor of Science Diplomacy and Sustainability, UCSI University, Malaysia; Trustee, WAAS

Natisha DUKHI, Senior Research Specialist, Human and Social Capabilities division, Human Sciences Research Council

Ioannis LIRITZIS, Professor, Chuzhou University; Vice President, European Academy of Sciences and Arts; FWAAS

Jana ILIEVA, Full Professor of Law and Secretary General, University of Skopje; FWAAS

Nebojša NEŠKOVIĆ, FWAAS; Full Member, The Club of Rome

Donato KINIGER-PASSIGLI, Vice President (Social Sciences and Humanities), WAAS; President, Global Peace Offensive Center



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8A. Education for Peace

This session examines opportunities for education as the foundation for lasting peace. It focuses on curricula and pedagogy that equip the next generation with the competencies needed to build a prosperous, peaceful civilization. Partnerships will be described, such as the UNESCO-MOST BRIDGES, the Earth-Humanity Coalition, and Global Peace Education Network. Possibilities will be discussed to embed sustainability and peace education to mobilize youth and emerging leaders for peacebuilding.

Moderator:

Pavel LUKSHA, Founder & Director, Global Education Futures; AFWAAS

Panelists:

Ludvik TOPLAK, President, Alma Mater Europaea University, Slovenia

Donato KINIGER-PASSIGLI, Vice President (Social Sciences and Humanities), WAAS; President, Global Peace Offensive Center

Vesna ŠKARE OŽBOLT, Former Minister of Justice of the Republic of Croatia (2003-2006) and Former Member of the Croatian Parliament; Erdut Agreement negotiator; Attorney at Law; Mediator, Mediterranean Women Mediators Network (MWMN)

Carlos ALVAREZ PEREIRA, Secretary General, Club of Rome; FWAAS

Aleksander ZIDANŠEK, WAAS Vice President (Science & Technology); MPŠ Vice Dean; IJS Researcher; FNM-UM Professor of Physics

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8B. Strategies for Operationalizing Solutions to Global Turbulence

This session will cover a wide range of topics that are relevant to the main themes of this conference, and will specifically address various solutions identified in the WAAS@65 report with emphasis on strategies to address the turbulence.

Moderator:

Elif ÇEPNI, Professor, University of Karabuk Business School; FWAAS

Panelists:

Frank DIXON, Founder, Systems Change Investing; FWAAS

Cynthia Diane CLAYTON, Independent Scholar and Speaker; Author, Compass of Hope: Navigate Through Change to Mastery

Matthew CHODKOWSKI, Founding Director, The Institute for Postindustrial Leadership

Ash PACHAURI, Co-Founder & Senior Mentor, POP Movement; Director, Center for Human Progress; Treasurer, WSDF; AFWAAS



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9A. Reversing the Retreat from Democracy, Redesigning Multilateralism & Global Rule of Law

This session studies the mechanisms to counter the erosion of democracy by electoral systems, media capture, plutocratic financing - and evidence-based strategies to reverse backsliding toward autocracy and plutocracy. It looks at scalable strategies that can be implemented to build momentum for multilateral institutional transformation, including Security Council veto reform, new participatory mechanisms, and alternative multilateral financing.

Moderator:

David CHIKVAIDZE, FWAAS; VP, Swiss Forum for International Affairs (FSPI); Associate Fellow, GCSP

Panelists:

Francis O'DONNELL, Former SMOM Ambassador (2009-2013); UN Resident Coordinator, Ukraine (2004-2009); FWAAS

Paul REVAY, Former European Director, Trilateral Commission (1981-2017); Member of the Board of Trustees, Friends of Europe

Andreas BUMMEL, Co-founder & Executive Director, Democracy Without Borders; FWAAS

Augusto LOPEZ-CLAROS, Executive Director, Global Governance Forum

Isabella BUNN, Research Fellow in Governance and Global Ethics, Regents Park College, University of Oxford; Trustee of the Oxford Peace Research Trust; Trustee, WAAS

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9B. Making Common Security Operational

No state can achieve lasting nuclear security alone. Unilateral security today is self-defeating. One state's attempt to maximize its security becomes another state's reason to increase its own risk posture. Common security means security must be mutual, not adversarial. It seeks security together with others, not against them. Common security is not a sentimental idealism, but a possible replacement for deterrence. This session discusses the question: how can common security be made operational?

Moderator:

Jonathan GRANOFF, President, Global Security Institute; Trustee, WAAS

Panelists:

Ivo JOSIPOVIĆ, President of Croatia (2010–2015); Professor Emeritus, University of Zagreb; Trustee, WAAS

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

Deepshikha Kumari VIJH, Executive Director, The Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy

Arthur DUFOREST, Disarmament and Conflict Prevention Consultant, Inter-Parliamentary Union; JFWAAS



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10A. Universal Human Values, Human Security, and New Narratives for Global Cooperation

This session explores ways to strengthen global consensus around ethical principles as the foundation for cooperation - and the narratives, institutions and processes needed to restore this consensus against reactionary pressure. The Human Security for All (HS4A) campaign reframes the prosperity agenda around everyday vulnerabilities. The session discusses new investment, governance and measurement frameworks to make HS4A operational on a national scale.

Moderator:

Janani RAMANATHAN, Secretary General, World Academy of Art and Science

Panelists:

Alberto ZUCCONI, President, Person-Centered Approach Institute & WUC; Chair of the Board, WAAS

Kehkashan BASU, Founder, Green Hope Foundation, JF WAAS

Phoebe KOUNDOURI, Professor, Athens Univ. of Economics & Business and Univ. of Cambridge; Chair, SDSN Global Climate Hub; Director, AE4RIA; Trustee, WAAS

Isabella BUNN, Research Fellow in Governance and Global Ethics, Regents Park College, University of Oxford; Trustee of the Oxford Peace Research Trust; Trustee, WAAS

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10B. The Planetary Arts Movement – A Pathway for the Future

The Planetary Arts Movement shines a light on understanding the root causes of global turbulence and promoting creative inter-disciplinary solutions. This session introduces the planetary arts manifesto and launches events, explores the historical context of the Arts within WAAS, and outlines the forward plan. It shares insights on how the Arts enables innovation and a unitive vision, mobilizes youth leaders, and serves as a tool for diplomacy and leadership for Peace and the Planet.

Moderator:

Joanna Nurse, Chair, Planetary Arts Movement, and Trustee, WAAS; DG Existential Security Threats, InterAction Council

Panelists:

Grant SCHREIBER, General Manager, WAAS

Lorenzo RODRIGUEZ, Project Manager, Planetary Arts Movement; JFWAAS

Jude CURRIVAN, Planetary Arts Movement Steering Committee Member, Cosmologist, Futurist; Co-founder, WholeWorld-View; FWAAS

Gordon FULLER, Future Communities Planetary Arts Movement Network Coordinator; Chief Visionary, FullervisionAI

Evangelia SAVVIDOU, Planetary Arts Youth Ambassador, Academic Associate, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; JFWAAS

Samuel LOPEZ-LAGO, Planetary Arts Youth Ambassador; AFWAAS

Dora DAMJANOVIC, Diplomacy and International Relations Professional; Planetary Arts Movement



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11: EXTRA InfoHub: Navigating Existential Risk in an Age of Global Turbulence: Towards Systemic Intelligence and Resilience

In a period marked by global turbulence across natural and social domains, existential risks can no longer be understood as isolated phenomena; they are emergent properties of deeply interconnected systems. This session explores how a more integrated and anticipatory approach to risk will lead to better informed, more integrated decision-making at all levels and across sectors, in support of human security and resilience. It examines three interrelated key requirements: Continuous risk awareness in a rapidly evolving world, systemic and holistically integrated understanding of risk, and enhancing the quality of risk information itself—by developing assessment tools to rate the credibility, coherence, and comparability of various risk reports which can otherwise provide biased, conflicting or unverifiable information.

Moderator:

Thomas REUTER, Professor, University of Melbourne; Trustee, WAAS; Chair, EXTRA

Panelists:

Cristina Elena POPA-TACHE, Strategic Governance & Legal Foresight Specialist; EXTRA Steering Committee; Danubius International University

Ortwin RENN, Director emeritus, Research Institute for Sustainability at GFZ Helmholtz Centre Potsdam (RIFS); FWAAS

Kiriti Prasad CHOUDHURY, Digital Transformation & IT Compliance Professional; EXTRA; Beximco Pharmaceuticals PLC; AFWAAS

Lorenzo RODRIGUEZ, EXTRA Research and Project Officer; Newsletter Co-editor; JFWAAS

Ana Maria PARASCHIV, Founder, Ubuntu World; Steering Committee Member, EXTRA; FWAAS

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



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12A: Global Solutions to Raise the World's Platform – A World Investment Plan

This session explores the scope for creating a global economic boom in the process of investing in building the assets that can address the issues and unlock opportunities. It looks at solutions that might constitute a world investment plan ranging from climate mitigation and adaptation, through universal education, financial inclusion and affordable housing, to biodiversity as the planetary life-support system underpinning all other goals.

Moderator:

Ketan PATEL, Executive Director and Trustee, WAAS; Chair, Force for Good; CEO and Co-Founder, Greater Pacific Capital

Panelists:

Edward BRAHAM, Chair, M&G plc, Charities Aid Foundation and The Lord Mayor's Appeal; HM Treasury Non-Executive; Commissioner, Modern Slavery Commission; Former Freshfields Senior Partner

Caroline FLAMMER, Professor of Economics, Columbia SIPA

Massamba THIOYE, UN Principal Consultant, UN Climate Change Global Innovation Hub, UNFCCC

Lucy PARKER, Senior Advisor, Brunswick Group; Co-founder, Brunswick Sustainable Business; Co-author, *The Activist Leader and Everybody's Business*

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12B: Bridging the Science-Policy Gap

This session is about strengthening science advisory capacities in governments; creating formal science-policymaker dialogue channels; integrating foresight into decision-making; Public Peace Offensive for Health, Science-Art-Human Security and Earth-Humanity Coalition initiatives as practical models; and the vision of a science-policy-society platform for structured public deliberation.

Moderator:

Moneef ZOU'BI, Science Advisor, InterAction Council; Adjunct Professor of Science Diplomacy and Sustainability, UCSI University, Malaysia; Trustee, WAAS

Panelists:

Denis NAUGHTEN, Research to Policy Strategist, InnoSphere Consulting; FWAAS

Paul Arthur BERKMAN, Professor; ISC Fellow; Affiliated Faculty, Science Diplomacy Center, Inc. (SDCI) & Harvard Law School; FWAAS

Nebojša NEŠKOVIĆ, FWAAS; Full Member, The Club of Rome

Jelal EZZINE, Founding Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on STI Policy; Full Professor, U. Tunis El Manar; FWAAS

Aleksander ZIDANŠEK, WAAS Vice President (Science & Technology); MPŠ Vice Dean; IJS Researcher; FNM-UM Professor of Physics

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13A: Tapping the Positive Potential of AI for Addressing Global Challenges

This session will explore the possibilities of using AI to address global turbulence, covering challenges in a wide range of areas including decision making, education and the future of work.

Moderator:

Ketan PATEL, Executive Director and Trustee, WAAS; Chair, Force for Good; CEO and Co-Founder, Greater Pacific Capital

Panelists:

Gary SHAPIRO, Executive Chair, Consumer Technology Association (CTA); FWAAS

Garry JACOBS, President & CEO, World Academy of Art & Science; Chair & CEO, World University Consortium; Editor, *Cadmus*

Klaus MAINZER, President, European Academy of Sciences & Arts (EASA); FWAAS

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13B: Addressing Climate and Ecological Threat Multipliers

This session focuses on an integrated policy and investment frameworks for decarbonisation, biodiversity protection and circular economy development—combined with early warning systems, risk insurance, nature-based adaptation and the Public Peace Offensive for Climate.

Moderator:

Eden MAMUT, Professor, Ovidius University, Romania; BSUN Secretary General; Trustee, WAAS

Panelists:

Anders WIJKMAN, Honorary President, Club of Rome; Member, International Resource Panel (IRP); FWAAS

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

Paul SHRIVASTAVA, Co-President, Club of Rome; Professor, Pennsylvania State University

Amanda ELLIS, Former New Zealand Deputy Secretary for International Development; Senior Director, ASU Julie Ann Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory; Trustee, WAAS

Jinfeng ZHOU, President, World Academy of Sustainable Development & Chinese Association of the CoR; FWAAS



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14A: Strategies to Address Job Security and Economic Inequality

This session presents concrete strategies for full employment and reduced inequality: AI-based lifelong reskilling; working-time reduction and productivity sharing; technology dividend and fair taxation of automation; active labour-market policies; care economy expansion; living wages and collective bargaining; universal social protection; true-cost accounting, job guarantee, basic income and public employment programmes.

Moderator:

Garry JACOBS, President & CEO, World Academy of Art & Science; Chair & CEO, World University Consortium; Editor, *Cadmus*

Panelists:

Grigoris ZAROTIADIS, Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; FWAAS

Randall WRAY, Professor of Economics, Bard College; Senior Scholar, Levy Economics Institute

Carol CARTER, Founder & CEO, GlobalMindED; FWAAS

Yao OUYANG, Qiushi Distinguished Professor, Zhejiang University; FWAAS

SS SREEJITH, CEO, Global Institute of Integral Management Studies, Kochi, India; FWAAS

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14B: Management of Global Social Transformations by Mobilising Science & Technology as a Force for Good

Technology can serve as the structural architecture of future society rather than a sectoral tool. Core and systemic technologies can be building blocks of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. This raises the questions of who controls them, of digital colonialism and the colonization of the mind. This session examines technology as a civilizational-scale structural force and identifies governance choices and institutional frameworks required for integrated, conscious transformation on a global scale. It addresses the need for conscious global governance of technology: ethics-by-design, adaptive foresight, inclusivity of the Global South, alignment with the SDGs, and the creation of a transition pathway for the planet. It proposes conscious global governance of technology, an architecture that serves human freedom, and the establishment of emerging technologies as global commons.

Moderator:

Christian HANSMEYER, Head of Research, Force for Good; FWAAS

Panelists:

Gustavo MERINO, Director, Division for Social Policies and Inclusion, Sciences Sector, UNESCO

Mariana BOZESAN, President, AQAL Capital; FWAAS; Member, Club of Rome

Mariana TODOROVA, Member, AGI Panel of the UN Council of Presidents of the General Assembly; Chair, Bulgarian Node, The Millennium Project; FWAAS

Daljeet Singh GAHLE, Director of International Affairs, Sunup Fusion Technologies; FWAAS

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



SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 DAY 4: **FREEDOM** – Liberating Minds, Restoring Democracy & Human Agency

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15A: Rethinking Education for Peace, Human Security and Sustainable Development

How can education become an antidote to social turbulence? This session presents the World University Consortium human-centered model, the HS4A education initiative, the AI-powered future and the potential of global higher education to ensure peace, human security and sustainable development.

Moderator:

Alberto ZUCCONI, President, Person-Centered Approach Institute & WUC; Chair of the Board, WAAS

Panelists:

Antonio FREITAS, Provost for Research and Graduate Studies, FGV, Brazil; FWAAS

Devakanni SUBRAMANIAM, CEO, SpellBee International Foundation for Human Excellence; Program Director, HS4A, India; FWAAS

Stephen Yong-Seung PARK, Professor of Human Resource Management and Dean of the School of Management, Kyung Hee University; FWAAS

David WEINBERG, CEO, Global Peace Education Network, Inc.

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15B: The Evolution and Democratisation of Social Power

This session covers three interrelated WAAS projects on reducing distortions in democracy, markets and media through transparency, inclusivity and accountability, drawing on the Global Baku Forum 2026 discussion on balancing social power.

Moderator:

Ketan PATEL, Executive Director and Trustee, WAAS; Chair, Force for Good; CEO and Co-Founder, Greater Pacific Capital

Panelists:

Jonathan MILLER, Director, Force for Good; Trustee, WAAS

Ken SHIBUSAWA, Founder & CEO, Shibusawa and Company, Inc.

Petra KUENKEL, Visionary Author; Feminist Futurist; System Scientist; Transformation Expert; Club of Rome; Founder, Collective Leadership Institute; CEO, Leading for Life; FWAAS

Garry JACOBS, President & CEO, World Academy of Art & Science; Chair & CEO, World University Consortium; Editor, *Cadmus*

Kingsley ABBOTT, International Human Rights Lawyer; Director of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies



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16A: AI for Education, Employment and Life-long Learning

This session explores the numerous ways in which AI can be harnessed for education, employment and lifelong learning for all. It takes into account the enormous speed of progress that endangers job security and related life purpose for so many, yet simultaneously opens new avenues for learning and working more effectively and in a more humanistic manner, giving everyone a chance to become a better human being.

Moderator:

Aleksander ZIDANŠEK, WAAS Vice President (Science & Technology); MPŠ Vice Dean; IJS Researcher; FNM-UM Professor of Physics

Panelists:

Francesco MARMOLEJO, Higher Education President, Qatar Foundation; FWAAS

Kanimozhi GANESAN, Senior Researcher, Mother's Service Society; Dean, Conscious Management & Leadership, Conscious Management Institute

Erika TWANI, CEO, Learning One to One Foundation

Piero DOMINICI, Scientific Director of CHAOS; UNESCO Inclusive Policy Lab Expert, FWAAS

PARALLEL SESSION B [ZOOM LINK](#)

16B: Limits to Rationality, New Cognitive Frameworks, & Creative Capabilities of Cognitive & Symbiotic Systems

This session studies the structural limits of rational thinking—disciplinary silos, cognitive bias, heuristics, zero-sum frameworks—as barriers to civilizational transformation; remedies for the moral crisis underpinning global turbulence and ethics after modernity; AI as a symbiotic partner; transcending disciplinary boundaries, promoting integrated thinking and subjective wisdom; proposals for AI-Assisted Symbiotic Leadership Decision-Making System and leveraging AI to elevate human intelligence.

Moderator:

Garry JACOBS, President & CEO, World Academy of Art & Science; Chair & CEO, World University Consortium; Editor, *Cadmus*

Panelists:

Ketan PATEL, Executive Director and Trustee, WAAS; Chair, Force for Good; CEO and Co-Founder, Greater Pacific Capital

Lawrence FORD, Founder and CEO, Conscious Capital; AIF (Accredited Investment Fiduciary); FWAAS

Türker KILIÇ, Professor of Neurosurgery, School of Medicine, Istinye University; WAAS Trustee (*tbc*)

Janani RAMANATHAN, Secretary General, World Academy of Art and Science



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17A: Educating Future Leaders

This session examines what leaders need to understand to be effective in this age of rapid change, complexity and global turbulence. It asks how to support students who want to learn and help them understand their mission and values, so they use technology as a tool rather than a crutch. New approaches will be explored to measure and deliberately develop the key competencies needed to deliver human-centered education at scale.

Moderator:

Liberato BAUTISTA, Former President of CoNGO (Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations); FWAAS

Panelists:

Irina BOKOVA, Former DG UNESCO; Honorary Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences; Patron, International Science Council (ISC); FWAAS

Peter GALBRAITH, Diplomat, Policy Advisor; Former US Ambassador and Senior UN Official; FWAAS

Katalin BOGYAY, President, UNA-Hungary; 36th President of the UNESCO General Conference; former Permanent Representative of Hungary to the UN; FWAAS *(tbc)*

Ivan SIMONOVIC, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations; Chairperson, UN Peace Building Commission; Professor, Zagreb Law School; FWAAS

PARALLEL SESSION B [ZOOM LINK](#)

17B: Liberating the Human Mind

This session studies ways of overcoming cognitive biases.

Moderator:

Ketan PATEL, Executive Director and Trustee, WAAS; Chair, Force for Good; CEO and Co-Founder, Greater Pacific Capital

Panelists:

Annika RAO-MONARI, Founder & CEO, CleeAI

Waqas AHMED, Executive Director, Khalili Foundation; Assistant Professor & Founding Faculty, London Interdisciplinary School

Jerome GLENN, CEO, The Millennium Project; FWAAS

Elena MUSTAKOVA, Evolutionary psychologist, cultural philosopher, social scientist – IntegraLight Transdisciplinary Institute in Consciousness and Social Transformation; FWAAS; Trustee, WAAS

SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 DAY 4
(10:30-11:20 EDT; 14:30-15:20 UTC; 16:30-17:20 CEST)

PARALLEL SESSION A [ZOOM LINK](#)

18: **Closing Plenary Session** – Insights, Solutions and Commitments

Moderator:

Janani RAMANATHAN, Secretary General, World Academy of Art and Science

Panelists:

Ketan PATEL, Executive Director and Trustee, WAAS; Chair, Force for Good; CEO and Co-Founder, Greater Pacific Capital

Aleksander ZIDANŠEK, WAAS Vice President (Science & Technology); MPŠ Vice Dean; IJS Researcher; FNM-UM Professor of Physics

Isabella BUNN, Research Fellow in Governance and Global Ethics, Regents Park College, University of Oxford; Trustee of the Oxford Peace Research Trust; Trustee, WAAS

Garry JACOBS, President & CEO, World Academy of Art & Science; Chair & CEO, World University Consortium; Editor, *Cadmus*

SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 DAY 4
(11:30-13:30 EDT; 15:30-17:30 UTC; 17:30-19:30 CEST)

WAAS General Assembly (Only for Fellows)

