

**Round Table I. Economics and Finance**

To be alive in a time such as this! To live through events that will soon be drafted as part of history; events that will be taught and learnt from for years to come, world changing events such as the global market crash of 2008; the leak of the Panama papers and BREXIT (Britain voting itself out of the European Union) can inspire us to be thought leaders on matters that affect our future, as the leaders of tomorrow. If you are inspired to be part of this conversation on the science of finance please join this roundtable.

Themes for this table include the following (but not limited to):

- Accounting and related matters,
- Finance, costing, management,
- Taxation and monetary policy,
- Auditing and other assurance services

**Round Table II. Law and Human Rights**

We have come a long way from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. During this period there was a strong emphasis on human rights, but the result is too many violations of these rights. Though International agencies, Nation-state actors, social activists, media and Human Rights organizations are putting a lot of efforts for the enforcement of such laws but even then the number of cases of violation of Human Rights is increasing very rapidly. In an era, where every aspect of life is effected by terrorism, Human Rights becomes the area of prime of concern for all the thinkers, scholars and academicians. If you have any innovative ideas or suggestions you are welcome to present it in this round table.

Tentative themes for this round table are as bellow:

- Human Rights of the Vulnerable Groups,
- Counter Terrorism and Human Rights,
- Human Rights and Immigrants/Refugees,
- Human Rights of Different Groups (LGBT, Women, Child etc.),
- Redressal of Human Rights Violation,
- Right to Happiness

Scholars can opt for any other topic also relevant to this round table.

**Round Table III. World Politics and International Relations**

(To be developed)

**Round Table IV. Social Affairs and Medicine**

In recent years, many countries have undergone rapid economic growth and social transformation. In this context, social affairs and medicine issues attract wide attention throughout the world. The “Social Affairs and Medicine” round table provides an international and interdisciplinary platform for the dissemination of innovative research in the disciplines of social affairs and medicine. A wide range of interested issues related to physical and mental health, e.g. health care, clinical practice, traditional medical treatment, medical ethics and health policy, as well as social affairs, can be discussed in the round table. All stakeholders, e.g. scholars, officials, students, NGOs, are encouraged to come and share their ideas and experiences on research, policy and practice in the areas of common interest to social scientists, health practitioners, and policy makers.

**Round Table V. Ecology, Environment and Energy**

The human population faces major environmental and energy challenges, such as climate change, energy transition, poverty, food security or loss of biodiversity. This obligates the global society and its leaders to come up with smart, sustainable and innovative solutions based on natural and semi-natural systems. Nature based solutions can approach contemporary climatic, energetic, environmental and ecological challenges in a more sustainable way and can help create resilient human environments and cultural landscapes.

The round table will explore contemporary issues and concepts, such as nature based solutions, green infrastructure, ecosystem services, green and urban agriculture, energy efficiency and sustainability, smart cities or resilient food systems. Our aim is to bring together young leaders, professionals, scientists and politicians to share knowledge and to propose innovative ideas and considered solutions for our global society.

### **Round Table VI. Design, Technology, and Innovations**

Design is the discipline where Technological innovation and the Social meet. Through the application of Design, the advances of modern science and technology (nanotech information processing at the atomic level, exo-scale computing, ubiquitous virtual prototyping of new products, hyper connected social networks) can be made accessible and therefore contribute towards improving our living conditions and the wellbeing of us and others on this planet.

In this Round Table students, professors and industry leaders from around the world working at the cutting edge of science and technology will discuss the latest challenges and opportunities (interdisciplinary areas like bio-informatics, cloud computing, machine-brain interfacing, millimeter wave wireless communications, big data analytics, and various other) encountered in their fields, share their vision for future advancements and consider and explore the resulting social impact and how these advances can improve health and wellbeing, leading to a better society.

### **Round Table VII. Education and Youth**

Currently, the discussion about youth and education, at a global level, brings out four major issues that require our attention and effort: Sustainability Development Goal # 4 Quality Education (ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all), the challenge of providing education to refugee children in conflict areas, the rising cost of higher education and the consequent dropout problem (bearing in mind what governments and the corporate sector are doing or not doing to solve this problem) and finally the growing global interest in achieving happiness and the role of education in this regard.

The Education and Youth Roundtable is the forum where you can present your thoughts, research findings and recommendations about these four major issues and send a message to the world leaders and leading organizations that can help make the world a better place.

### **Round Table VIII. Humanities: History, Philosophy, Linguistics, Arts, and Journalism**

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