THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY
IN THE SEARCH FOR ABSOLUTE VALUES
November 22-25, 1979
Century Plaza Hotel - Los Angeles

Chairman: Eugene P. Wigner
Professor of Physics Emeritus
Princeton University, USA

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Distinguished Professor Emeritus
State University of New York at Buffalo, USA/Switzerland

Vice-Chairman: Frederick Seitz
Past President
The Rockefeller University and The National Academy of Science, USA

AGENDA

22 NOVEMBER
THURSDAY
2:00 PM Thanksgiving Dinner and Orientation
7:30 PM Reception

23 NOVEMBER
FRIDAY
7:45 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Opening Plenary Session
10:15 AM Break
11:00 AM Committees Meet - Groups A
1:00 PM Luncheon
3:00 PM Committees Meet - Groups B
5:00 PM Break
5:30 PM Committees Continue - Groups B
7:00 PM Dinner
8:15 PM Voluntary Discussion - Committee Chairman each chair a voluntary joint discussion of their respective Groups A & B after a brief report from Group A & B Chairman.
9:30 PM Break

DATE: October 15, 1979

AGENDA

24 NOVEMBER
SATURDAY
9:45 AM Breakfast
10:00 AM Committees Meet - Groups C
10:30 AM Break
11:15 AM Committees Continue - Groups C
12:30 PM Luncheon
2:30 PM Committees Meet - Groups D
4:30 PM Break
5:15 PM Committees Continue - Groups D
6:30 PM Dinner
7:45 PM Voluntary Discussion - Committee Chairman each chair a voluntary joint discussion of their respective Groups C & D after a brief report from Group C & D Chairman.
9:00 PM Break

25 NOVEMBER
SUNDAY
10:00 AM Multidisciplinary Discussion Groups
1:30 PM Lunch
3:00 PM Closing Plenary Session
4:30 PM Break
7:00 PM Farewell Banquet and Entertainment
9:30 PM Close

26 NOVEMBER
MONDAY
7:30 AM Breakfast
GROUP A: CAN VALUES BE ABSOLUTE?

Chairman: W.W. Bartley III
Professor of Philosophy, California State University at Hayward, USA

1: In what Sense can Values be Absolute?

SPEAKER: Jaakko Hintikka
Professor of Philosophy
Stanford University, California, and The Florida State University, Tallahassee, and at Academy of Finland, USA/Finland

COMMENTATOR: Laurence Brickman
Lecturer in Philosophy University of Edinburgh, Scotland

2: Being Human Implies Absolute Values

SPEAKER: Tom Settle
Professor of Philosophy and Dean College of Arts, University of Guelph Ontario, Canada

COMMENTATOR: I.C. Jarvie
Professor of Philosophy York University, Downsview, Ontario, Canada

3: On the Making and Breaking of Traditions in Art

SPEAKER: Ben-Ami Scharfstein
Professor and Chairman, Department of Philosophy University of Tel Aviv, Israel

COMMENTATOR: Merrill Fluvence
Associate Professor of Philosophy The Florida State University, Tallahassee, USA

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GROUP B: HUMANITIES VS. SOCIAL SCIENCES

Chairman: Paul Kurtz
Professor of Philosophy State University of New York at Buffalo, USA

1: Humanism Versus Social Science?

SPEAKER: J.W.N. Watkins
Professor of Philosophy, The London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom

COMMENTATOR: To Be Announced

2: TENTATIVE SPEAKER: Peter Munz
Professor of History, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR: Khushwant Singh
Editor, ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY OF INDIA Bombay, India

3: TENTATIVE SPEAKER: Melford E. Spiro
Professor of Anthropology, University of California at San Diego, USA

COMMENTATOR: To Be Announced
GROUP C: BRAIN, FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY

Chairman: Karl H. Pribram
Professor of Neuroscience
Stanford University, California, USA

#1: Transmaterial Values within the Brain

SPEAKER:
José M.R. Delgado
Director, Department of Investigation
Ramon Y Cajal Center, Madrid, Spain

COMMENTATOR:
Sanford L. Palay
Bullard Professor of Neuroanatomy
Harvard Medical School, Cambridge
Massachusetts, USA

#2:

SPEAKER:
Sir John Eccles

COMMENTATOR:
Holger Hydén
Institute of Neurobiology
University of Göteborg, Sweden

#3:

SPEAKER:
Karl H. Pribram

COMMENTATOR:
Franz Seitelberger
Director, Neurological Institute
University of Vienna, Austria

DISCUSSANT: R.J. Zwi Werblowsky
Professor of Religion
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

GROUP D: WHAT IS HAPPINESS?

Chairman: Ivan Sol1
Professor of Philosophy
University of Wisconsin at Madison, USA

#1: Psychological Hedonism

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Hector-Neri Castaneda
The Mahlon Powell Professor of Philosophy and
Dean of Latino Affairs, Indiana University
Bloomington, USA

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#2:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
John Wilcox
Professor of Philosophy
State University of New York
at Binghamton, USA

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#3: What is Happiness?

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Ninian Smart
Professor of Religious Studies
University of California at Santa Barbara; and at
Furness College, University of Lancaster
USA/United Kingdom

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced
GROUP A: DEVELOPMENT OF CIVILIZATION
AND THE CHANGING SELF-CONCEPTION OF MAN

Chairman: Gerard Radnitzky
Professor of Philosophy
University of Trier, West Germany

GENERAL INTRODUCTION: Morton A. Kaplan

#1: Historical Aspects of the Development of Civilization

SPEAKER:
Alistair Taylor
Professor of Political Science and Geography
Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

COMMENTATOR:
John King-Farlow
Professor of Philosophy
University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada

#2: Is the Scientific Enterprise Self-Refuting?

SPEAKER:
Anthony Flew
Professor of Philosophy
University of Reading, United Kingdom

COMMENTATOR:
Kenneth R. Minoque
Professor of Political Science, The London School
of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom

COMMENTATOR:
Peter Graf Kielmansegg
Professor of Politics
University of Cologne, West Germany

#3: Influence of Ethology upon the Current Self-Image of Man

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
John R. Searle
Professor of Philosophy, University of California
at Berkeley, USA

COMMENTATOR:
Erich Jantsch
Professor of Philosophy, University of California
at Berkeley, USA

GROUP B: LANGUAGE, TRADITION AND CROSS-CULTURAL VALUES

Chairman: Roger W. Wescott
Professor of Anthropology and
Linguistics, Drew University
Madison, New Jersey, USA

#1: English as the World Language: Problems and Perspectives

SPEAKER:
Richey Novak
Executive Director, International Educational
Consultants, San Francisco, California, USA

COMMENTATOR:
Adam Makkai
Director, Linguistic Association of Canada and
the United States, Lake Bluff, Illinois, USA

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Hyun Bok Lee
Professor of Linguistics
Seoul National University, Korea

#2: Anthropologists and the Rise of a Global Civilization

SPEAKER:
Elliott P. Skinner
Franz Boas Professor of Anthropology
Columbia University, New York City, USA

COMMENTATOR:
Edwin Terry Prothro
Director, Center for Behavioral Research
American University of Beirut, Lebanon/USA

#3: Appropriating Tradition

SPEAKER:
Jude P. Dougherty
Dean, School of Philosophy
The Catholic University of America
Washington, D.C., USA

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Aleksis Rannit
Professor of Russian and East European Studies
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA
GROUP C: COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHIES OF CHANGE

Chairman: Seyyed Hossein Nasr
Professor of Religion
Temple University, Philadelphia
Pennsylvania, USA

#1: Change in a Metaphysical Perspective

SPEAKER:
Elémire Zolla
University of Rome, Italy

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Archie J. Bahm
Professor of Philosophy Emeritus
University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, USA

#2:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Yusuf Ibish
The American University in Beirut, Lebanon

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Bijan Aalami
Associate Professor of Engineering Mechanics and
Vice Chancellor for Research and Relation with
Industry, University of Technology, Tehran, Iran

#3:

SPEAKER:
Joseph E. Brown
Professor of Religion
University of Montana, Missoula, USA

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Kwame Gyekye
Professor of Philosophy
University of Ghana, Legon

GROUP D: RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairman: Francis A. Botchway
Professor of Political Science and
International Law
University of Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

#1:

SPEAKER:
Robert U. Ayres
Professor of Engineering and Public Policy
Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh
Pennsylvania, USA

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Kamel Abu Jaber
Dean, Faculty of Economics and Commerce
University of Jordan, Amman

#2:

SPEAKER:
Garrett Scalera
Tokyo, Japan

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Ampah Johnson
Chancellor
University of Benin, Lome, Togo

#3:

SPEAKER:
Ali A. Mazrui
Professor of Political Science and Director
Center for Afroamerican and African Studies
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Alvaro Donoso
National Sub-Director
Office of National Resources
Santiago, Chile
COMMITTEE III
POPULATION AND QUALITY OF LIFE
Aurelio Peccei
Founder and President
The Club of Rome, Italy

GROUP A: HOW DOES MATERIAL WELL-BEING AFFECT "HAPPINESS"?

Chairman: Elizabeth Dodson Gray
Bolton Institute for a Sustainable Future, Wellesley, Massachusetts, USA

#1: How Does Material Well-Being Affect "Happiness"?
SPEAKER:
Sir Hans Krebs
Metabolic Research Laboratory
Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, United Kingdom
TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Donald N. Michael
Director, Center for Research on Utilization of Scientific Knowledge, University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, USA

#2:
SPEAKER:
Anitra Thorhaug
Professor of Biological Sciences
Florida International University, Miami, USA
TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Beatrice Willard
Ecologist, Colorado School of Mines
Golden, USA

#3:
TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Ignacio Castuera
Adjunct Professor of Theology
Claremont University, California, USA
TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
M.L. Dewan
Chief, Development Department
Regional Bureau for Asia and Far East
United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization
Rome, Italy

COMMITTEE III
GROUP B: TOMORROW'S WORLD POPULATION TRENDS

Chairman: George J. Stolnitz
Professor of Economics
Indiana University, Bloomington, USA

#1: World Population Trends
SPEAKER: To Be Announced
COMMENTATOR: To Be Announced

#2: Historical and Regional Contrasts
SPEAKER: To Be Announced
COMMENTATOR: To Be Announced

#3: Ethical Dimensions of World Population Trends
SPEAKER: Richard L. Rubenstein
Distinguished Professor of Religion
The Florida State University, Tallahassee, USA
COMMENTATOR: To Be Announced
GROUP C: HEALTH SYSTEMS AND POPULATION CONTROL

Chairman: Edward O. Pratt
Population Specialist, The World Bank
Washington, D.C., USA

#1:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Jack Elinson
Vice President and President-elect, American
Association for Public Opinion Research
Teaneck, New Jersey, USA

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#2:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
C.O. Akerele
Coordinator for Tanzania, World Health Organization
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania/Nigeria

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#3:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Gervin Samarawickrama
Professor of Community Medicine
University of Sri Lanka, Peradeniya

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

GROUP D: CONSEQUENCES OF WORLD POPULATION GROWTH

Chairman: S. Fred Singer
Professor of Environmental Sciences
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, USA

#1: Natural Resources and Environment

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Dieter Altenpohl
Director, Alusuisse, Zurich, Switzerland

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
A. Melamed
Head, Tushia Engineering Company, Givatayam, Israel

COMMENTATOR:
Ervin Y. Galantay
Professor of urban Planning, Ecole Polytechnique
Federale de Lausanne, Switzerland

#2: Labor, Migration, International Trade

SPEAKER:
Paul Demeny
Director, Policy Studies, The Population Council
New York City, USA

COMMENTATOR:
Chonq-Yah Lim
Head, Department of Economics and Statistics
University of Singapore

COMMENTATOR:
Abdel Karim Aly Elahwal
Visiting Professor of Sociology
Riyad University, Saudi Arabia/Egypt

#3: Mechanisms for Mediation

SPEAKER:
John G. Stoessinger
Professor of Political Science, Hunter College
City University of New York, USA

COMMENTATOR:
Jared Hazleton
Associate Dean, Lyndon Baines Johnson School of
Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, USA
GROUP A: TECHNOLOGY AND HUMAN VALUES

Chairman: Frederick Ferre
Charles A. Dana Professor of Philosophy
Dickinson College, Carlisle
Pennsylvania, USA

#1: Hope through Post-Modern Technology

SPEAKER: W. David Lewis
Professor of History
Auburn University, Alabama, USA

COMMENTATOR:
Hans-Martin Sass
Professor of Philosophy
Ruhr University at Bochum, West Germany

COMMENTATOR:
Willis Harman
Director, The Educational Policy Research Center
Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park
California, USA

#2: A Theological Critique of "Hope through Technology"

SPEAKER: Gabriel Vahanian
Jeanneke W. Waren Professor of Religion
University of Syracuse, Strasbourg, France

COMMENTATOR:
Arthur Parsons
Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology
Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, USA

GROUP B: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICIES FOR DEVELOPING NATIONS

Chairman: Alexander King
Chairman, International Federation of Institutes for Advanced Study
Paris, France

#1: Science and Technology for Developing Nations
A Search for Answers

SPEAKER: Maurice Goldsmith
Director, Science Policy Foundation
London, United Kingdom

COMMENTATOR: To Be Announced

#2: TENTATIVE SPEAKER: Guido Pincheira
Director of Research
University of Chile, Santiago

COMMENTATOR: To Be Announced

#3: TENTATIVE SPEAKER: Aklilu Lemma
Principal Scientific Coordinator
United Nations, New York City, USA/ETHIOPIA

COMMENTATOR: To Be Announced
GROUP C: FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Chairman: Alvin M. Weinberg
Director, Institute for Energy Analysis
Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA

#1: Frontiers of Science and Technology
(Vision and Direction of the Future)

SPEAKER:
Adam Schaff
President, European Coordination Center for Research and Documentation on Social Sciences
Vienna, Austria

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#2:

SPEAKER:
To Be Announced

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#3:

SPEAKER:
To Be Announced

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

GROUP D: A LOOK AT THE 1990'S - WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

Chairman: Pierre Piganiol
President, LES FUTURIBLES;
President, Commission Methods du Plan-Constiction, Paris, France

#1: Socialism and Capitalism - Values or Instruments?
A Question of Human Survival

SPEAKER:
Abba P. Lerner
Professor of Economics
The Florida State University, Tallahassee, USA

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#2: Uncertainties of the 1990's

SPEAKER:
Alexander Szalai
Professor of Sociology
Karl Marx University of Economic Studies
Budapest, Hungary

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#3:

SPEAKER:
Ervin Laszlo
Director of Research, UNITAR
New York City, USA

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced
## Sunday Topic #1
### Is There Life After Death?

**Tentative Moderator:** Eileen V. Barker  
Professor of Sociology, The London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom

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|      | Paul Kurtz  | Professor of Philosophy  
State University of New York at Buffalo, USA |
| #2:  | TENTATIVE SPEAKER:  |  |
|      | Mae A. Melvin  | Professor of Physics, Temple University  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA |
| #3:  | SPEAKER:  |  |
|      | Milan Ryzl  | Lecturer in Parapsychology  
San Jose, California, USA |

## Sunday Topic #2
### Preservation of Culture: What Are the Limits?

**Tentative Moderator:** René Berger  
Director-Curator, Museum of Fine Arts  
Lausanne, Switzerland

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|      | Guerin C. Montiis  | Assistant Professor of Humanities  
Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, USA |
| #2:  | SPEAKER:  |  |
|      | Panos D. Bardis  | Professor of Sociology  
University of Toledo, Ohio, USA |
| #3:  | TENTATIVE SPEAKER:  |  |
|      | Mohammed Fadhel Jamali  | Professor of Educational Philosophy  
University of Tunis, Tunisia |

## Sunday Topic #3
### What Are the Values Implicit in Economic Development?

**Moderator:** C. Lowell Harriss  
Professor of Economics  
Columbia University, USA

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|      | André Sauternes  | Chairman, Economics Department  
University of Chile, Santiago |
| #3:  | TENTATIVE SPEAKER:  |  |
|      | André Piatier  | Professor, Université de Droit d'Economie et de Sciences Sociales de Paris, France |

## Sunday Topic #4
### Normalization of Violence Through Mass Communication

**Moderator:** Daniel Lerner  
Ford Professor of Sociology and International Communications  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Cambridge, USA

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Munich, West Germany/USA |
| #2:  | SPEAKER:  |  |
|      | Karl-Georg Graf von Stackelberg  | Chairman, Internationale Marktforschung und Sozialforschung, Munich, West Germany |
| #3:  | SPEAKER:  |  |
|      | Walter Laqueur  | Director, Institute of Contemporary History and Wiener Library, London, United Kingdom |

**GENERAL DISCUSSANT:** Franco Ferracuti  
Professor of Criminological Medicine and Forensic Psychiatry  
The University of Rome, Italy
SUNDAY TOPIC #5
DO THE RAPIDLY IMPROVING METHODS OF CREATING WEALTH DEMAND A CHANGE IN THE STRUCTURE OF SOCIETY?

Moderator: Nicholas Kurti
Emeritus Professor of Physics
University of Oxford, United Kingdom

#1:
SPEAKER:
D.T.N. Williamson
Engineering and Director, Retired
Rank Xerox, Limited, United Kingdom/Italy

#2:
SPEAKER:
To Be Announced

#3:
SPEAKER:
To Be Announced

SUNDAY TOPIC #6
HUMAN KNOWLEDGE AND SCIENTIFIC MODELS

Tentative Moderator: Tor Ragnar Gerholm
Professor of Physics
Institute of Physics
University of Stockholm, Sweden

#1:
SPEAKER:
Herman Wold
Professor of Statistics
University of Uppsala, Sweden

#2:
SPEAKER:
Alexandre Marc
Founder and Permanent Delegate, International Center of European Education, Nice, France

#3:
SPEAKER:
To Be Announced

SUNDAY TOPIC #7
SOCIOBIOLOGY AND VALUE SYSTEMS

Tentative Moderator: J.W.S. Pringle
Linacre Professor of Zoology
University of Oxford, United Kingdom

#1:
TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Paul Shepard
Avery Professor of Human Ecology
Pitzer College, Claremont, California, USA

#2:
TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
M.R.A. Chance
Professor of Ethology, Uffculme Clinic
University of Birmingham, United Kingdom

#3:
SPEAKER:
To Be Announced

SUNDAY TOPIC #8
THE BECOMING OF A HUMAN PERSON: MOTHER-CHILD RELATIONS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF LIFE

Tentative Moderator: Koentjaraningrat
Professor and Head
Department of Anthropology
University of Indonesia, Djakarta

#1: The Becoming of a Person: Mother-Child Relations in the First Year of Life
SPEAKER:
Colwyn Trevarthen
Professor of Psychology
University of Edinburgh, Scotland

#2:
SPEAKER:
Diane McGuinness
Lecturer in Psychology, University of California at Santa Cruz, USA

#3:
TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
William Maxwell
University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji
SUNDAY TOPIC #9
MAN'S PLACE IN THE WORLD ECO-SYSTEM

Moderator: Kenneth Mellanby
Director Emeritus
Monk's Wood Experimental Station
Huntingdon, United Kingdom

#1: The Relationship between Man and the Rest of the Creation

SPEAKER:
Kenneth Mellanby

#2:

SPEAKER:
Anthony V.S. de Reuck
Head of International Relations Studies
Department of Linguistics and International Study
University of Surrey, United Kingdom

SUNDAY TOPIC #10
PROSPECTS FOR REDUCING WORLD HUNGER

Tentative Moderator: Shri M.S. Pawar
Food Specialist
Moral Re-Armament Centre
Panchgani, India

#1: Assessment of Immediate and Forseeable Problem Areas

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
P.V. Sukhatme
Professor of Biometry, Maharashtra Association for the Cultivation of Science, Poona, India

#2: The Oceans as Food Source for the World

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Milton G. Johnson
Economist and Chief, Special Studies Staff
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Rockville, Maryland, USA

#3: Economic Dimensions of World Hunger

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
D.R. Donnan
Professor of Land Economy
University of Cambridge
United Kingdom