

RWYC INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

CULTURE: KEY TO SYSTEMIC CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

A SEMINAR TO EXAMINE THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF
CULTURE IN CREATING THE SYSTEMIC CHANGE
AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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BACKGROUND

This International Seminar organized by Reconnecting With Your Culture to celebrate the 40th. World Heritage Day on April 18, 2022 is designed to examine the crucial role that culture can play in creating the systemic change and sustainable development that are required to chart a new course for humanity and the world in the future.

A major feature of this seminar will be the lengthy and in-depth discussion with participants at the seminar on how the different cultural communities throughout the world, governments, international organizations, and educational institutions can play a leadership and proactive role in bringing this new course into existence and enable it to flourish leading up to UNESCO's Mondiacult Conference in Mexico City in September, 2022, the 50th World Heritage Convention in November, 2022, and several others.

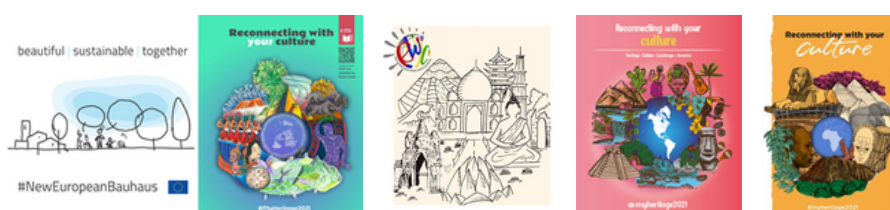
As Federico Mayor, former Director General of UNESCO and Chairman of the Foundation for a Culture of Peace said some time ago, "We already have several diagnoses of the human dilemma but are lacking an appropriate treatment.

ABOUT RWYC

We present international pedagogical project “Reconnecting with your Culture” promoted by the EdA International Research Center Esempi di Architettura and UNESCO University and Heritage.

The pedagogical method “Reconnecting with your culture” brings children and young people closer to the themes of culture and civic formation because only by knowing and enhancing their respective cultural heritages is it possible to appreciate the present and build the future well.

It is the vision of RWYC Conference is to pursue the “Quality education” objectives of the UN 2030 Agenda by exposing young generation to get closer to the values and content of local cultures, at the same time exposing them to the diversity of culture in the world.



DETAIL SEMINAR

Concept

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Title

**CULTURE: KEY TO SYSTEMIC CHANGE
AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Time Line

**April 23rd, 2022 at 8 pm (Jakarta Time - WIB)
April 23rd, 2022 at 6.30 pm (New Delhi Time)
April 23rd, 2022 at 9 am (Toronto Time)
April 23rd, 2022 at 3 pm (Milan/Berlin/Rome
Time)**

Seminar Format

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom and broadcast live
RWYC YouTube channel or Chakra Cultural**

Participants

RWYC Networks and Public

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KEYNOTES SPEAKERS



PANELIST



D. Paul Schafer
(Canada)
Author

D. Paul Schafer has worked in the cultural field for more than fifty years as an author, advisor, educator, and administrator. He was Assistant Director of the Ontario Arts Council from 1967 to 1970, taught arts administration and cultural policy at York University and the University of Toronto, has undertaken many projects and missions for UNESCO, and is founder and director of the World Culture Project at present. He has written many books on the arts, culture, and cultures, including *Canada's International Cultural Relations* (1979), *The Cosmological Conception of Culture: Canadian Culture Used as a Case Study for Illustrative Purposes* (1992), *Culture: Beacon of the Future* (1998), *Revolution or Renaissance: Making the Transition from an Economic Age to a Cultural Age* (2008), *The Age of Culture* (2014), *THE ARTS: Gateway to a Fulfilling Life and Cultural Age* (2020), and, most recently, *THE WORLD AS CULTURE: Cultivation of the Soul to the Cosmic Whole* (2022).

PANELIST



Prof. Thomas Legrand
(France)
Author

Thomas Legrand is a wisdom's seeker, social scientist and sustainability practitioner. He is the author of "Politics of Being. Wisdom and Science for a New Development Paradigm"(2022). Holding a Ph.D. in (Ecological) Economics and having studied international development, political science, and management, Thomas Legrand works in the field of sustainability for UN agencies, private companies, and NGOs. His focus is on forest conservation, climate change, sustainable finance, and leadership, emphasizing in particular the importance of inner and cultural development for sustainability. He is currently the lead technical advisor for the UNDP-convened Conscious Food Systems Alliance.

PANELIST



Prof. Benno Werlen
(Germany)
UNESCO Chair on Global
Understanding for Sustainability at
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Prof. Benno Werlen holds the UNESCO Chair on Global Understanding for Sustainability at the Friedrich Schiller University Jena. He is a fellow of the World Academy of Art & Sciences and the Max Weber Center for Cultural and Social Studies, member of the Academia Europaea, the founder and executive director of the International Year of Global Understanding (IYGU) approved by the General Conference of UNESCO and proclaimed by the three major science councils of the Human, Social and Natural sciences, and Advisor for the Taihu World Cultural Forum. He was honored by the International Geographical Union with the Lauréat d'honneur for his 'lifelong contributions to geographical science as a distinguished, world known scholar'. He has published 16 scientific books and more than 200 papers in scientific journals and books. Most recently he is the initiator and chair of 'The Jena Declaration on the Cultural and Regional Dimension of Global Sustainability'.

PANELIST



Prof. Rana P.B. Singh
(India)
President of RWYC Asia

Prof. Rana P.B. Singh (India), the President–RWYC: Reconnecting With Your Culture (Asia), and President–ACLA: Asian Cultural Landscape Association, was Professor of Cultural Landscapes & Heritage Studies, & Head of the Dept. of Geography, Banaras Hindu University, India. He is an Expert & Voting Member: ICOMOS International Scientific Committee “Places of Religions and Ritual” (PRERICO); Contributing Member: ICOMOS-IFLA International Scientific Committee “Cultural Landscapes”. For last over 45-years he is researching in the fields of Cultural Landscapes, Sacredscapes and pilgrimage studies, heritage sites & planning, and did field studies in Japan, Sweden, Italy, Korea, and China; and has delivered special lectures and seminars in different parts of the world. His publications include 340 papers and 43 books & anthologies. For the last some years he is collaborating with Prof. Olimpia Niglio, on the projects related to cultural heritage, spiritual awakening, RWYC, and enlightened and deep-rooted education.

PANELIST



Dra. Fabiola Colmenero
(Mexico)
President of RWYC America

Fabiola Colmenero is President of the American continent and Mexico National President of the international project RWYC "Reconnect with your culture" 2021-2024. D. in Arts. University of Guanajuato, Mex. Master in City and Sustainable Public Space, ITESO. Master in Landscaping, Gardening, and Public Space. University of Granada, Spain. Architect with Laureate Degree Recognition. University of Guanajuato, Mex. She is currently a European Union Researcher at the Institute of Materials Technology. ETS. Building Engineering; Universitat Politècnica de València; Spain. Recently obtained the National Recognition for Innovation awarded by the Federation of Colleges of Architects of the Mexican Republic, November 2021. Member of the National System of Researchers Level I (SNI) of CONACYT. Member of the Scientific Committee ICOMOS International Spain. Member of the National Commission of Accessibility 2.0 belonging to the Federation of Colleges of Architects of the Mexican Republic.

PANELIST



Prof. Fatima Zahra Salih
(Morocco)
President of RWYC Africa

Prof. Fatima Zahra Salih, President- RWYC Morocco, Africa and francophonie territory, Dr. Es lettres, teacher-researcher at Sultan Moulay Slimane Morocco University; Coordinator of the Master "Studies of Tangible and Intangible Heritage"; and Vice-President of the Research Laboratory Narration and Cultural Forms: Literature Language and Society. Founding director of the Festival International du Conte between 2002 and 2012. She works on the field collection of folk tales and legends. She is currently working on the heritagization of the Amazigh whistled language in the Moroccan Atlas. She has organized several symposia on storytelling and the art of storytelling and has published several researches on this subject. Member of the scientific committee of the We Speak Citizen Foundation and the journal Rivista Culture Digitali.

CHAIRWOMEN



Prof. Olimpia Niglio
(Italy)
President RWYC International

Olimpia Niglio is Professor of Architectural Restoration & Cultural Heritage, University of Pavia, and permanent Visiting Professor—Civil and Environmental Engineering, Hosei University, Tokyo. She has been a Research Fellow at Kyoto University Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies, Japan. She is the Vice Presidents of ICOMOS PRERICO, and of ACLA, Asian Cultural Landscape Association; and President: International Scientific Committee, EdA Esempi di Architettura (Rome, Italy) since 2004. In 2020 she founded the international project RWYC: “Reconnecting With Your Culture”, and serving as its International President, and collaborating with scholars from different parts of the globe. She is author of over 450 publications in the field of history and architecture restoration, and cultural heritage, emphasising history, methods and criteria of restoration in the foreign countries. Since 1998, she has delivered more than 400 Lectures and Conferences at various centres in different countries.

CHAIRWOMEN



**Dr. Mira Sartika
(Indonesia)
President of RWYC Indonesia**

Mira Sartika, Doctoral/Genetics (Magna Cum Laude), is the Founder/Chairwoman of the Yayasan Duta Chakra Budaya (Chakra Cultural Foundation)/Indonesia since 2018 that intends to extract and delineate the true meaning of culture beyond its definition known today, notwithstanding its application in a wide range aspect of life that major in achieving sustainability of life in the future. Her major books include, *Cultural Genetics* (2018), *Culture in Sustainable Development- Harmony through Differences* (2018), *The Map of Civilization – A Geocultural Synthesis* (2015), and *Peta Peradaban: Suatu Sintesa Geokultural* (2018, in Indonesian). She is active as president of RWYC Indonesia and a Micro Trainer in Next Leaders University of NELIS, Japan. She focuses her research on culture and sustainable development from the perspective of cultural genetics and actively writing research papers, journals and articles. Her latest paper addresses interconnection between the rites of passage and behavioural epigenetics.

SCHEDULE

(PM/JAKARTA TIME)

08.00 - 08.05	Introduction of the Moderator and all Panelists by MC
08.00 - 08.10	Opening Words by Moderator
08.10 - 08.25	Presentation addressing From the Economic Age to a Cultural Age by 1st Panelist : D. Paul Schafer (Canada)
08.25 - 08.40	Presentation addressing Politics of Being and the necessary cultural reconnection and development by 2nd Panelist : Thomas Legrand (France)
08.40 - 08.55	Presentation addressing Cultural and Regional Dimensions of Global Sustainability by 3rd Panelist : Benno Werlen (Germany)
08.55 - 09.10	Presentation addressing "Culture, Cosmos, and Cultivating Future: Visioning RWYC & SDGs" by 4th Panelist : Rana P.B. Singh (India)
09.10 - 09.25	Presentation addressing Cultural and inclusive pedagogical experiences in educational systems in America by 5th Panelist : Fabiola Colmenero (Mexico)
09.25 - 09.40	Presentation addressing "Le patrimoine à l'école : quelle méthode et quel impact?" by 6th Panelist : Fatima Zahra Salih (Morocco)
09.40 - 10.00	Q & A to all panelists
10.00 - 10.10	Conclusion by Moderators and each panelists

CLOSING

We hope this seminar examine how an appropriate treatment can be developed and applied in practical terms to the life-threatening problems of the present, as well as lay concrete foundations for the creation of a more harmonious, equitable, inclusive, and sustainable world in the future.

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