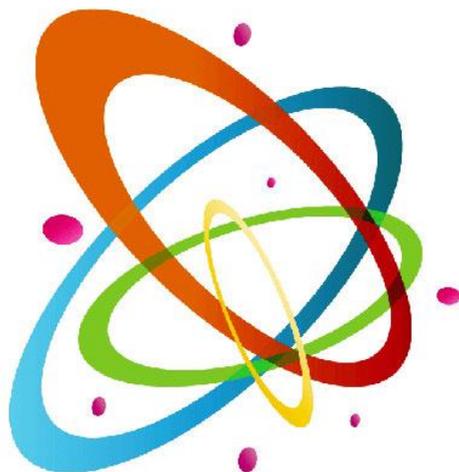


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**WHAT  
UNITES US**

TOWARDS THE UNIVERSAL HUMAN NATION



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# Message from the Organisers

## Who are we?

The European Humanist Forum 2018 has been organised by humanists – individuals, groups and organisations. We are optimists who believe in freedom, social progress, real democracy and nonviolence. We are looking towards a different future, meanwhile we are striving to overcome the current general crisis.

As internationalists, we aspire to a Universal Human Nation. While understanding the world we live in as a single whole, we act in our immediate surroundings. We are not searching for a uniform world but a world of multiplicity: diverse in ethnicity, languages and customs; diverse in local and regional autonomy; diverse in beliefs, whether atheist or religious.

## What happens in the forum?

We have created 21 working areas of convergence; exchange, discussion and projections of social organizations, political parties and individuals aware of the need to change this world; opening new avenues towards the future.

We feel the need to unite forces and inspire one another; bringing together and sharing experiences, ideas and intuitive aspects of the diverse activities in the cultural, social, artistic, educational fields etc. both as individuals and associations.

## Why now?

In today's accelerated and changing times our view and interpretation of the world are called into question.

Those in power are provoking a world of conflict and inequality with devastating consequences for humanity. Nevertheless, in this asphyxiating world, a new sensibility is appearing; a call for human life as the central value in society while the environment and other species are protected; that all human beings must have the same opportunities and that no one can be discriminated or left out.

## How can these aspirations for a better world be implemented in practice?

No single organisation nor individual can make the necessary changes alone. The world will only change with the common effort of thousands upon thousands of organisations and individuals moving in the same direction of mutual respect, tolerance, freedom and nonviolence; creating the real progress that we so urgently need.

We would like very much for you to enrich the Forum with your participation, ideas and proposals.

# Our Thanks

The European Humanist Forum 2018 would not have been possible without the voluntary work of dozens of people in several European countries. It is worth underlining the fact that none of the organisers of this event or our speakers have received any remuneration whatsoever and that we have all dedicated hours of our time to create the best forum we were capable of.

In addition we would like to thank all the organisations and individuals who have supported the forum with their voluntary donations, and those organisations which have supported us by publicising what we're doing through their networks and communication channels, and enabled representatives to participate in our working areas. We would especially like to thank all the artists who have given their time to come and perform in different moments during the forum, and the photographers who have come with their exhibitions.

Furthermore, this forum would not have been possible without the generous donation of space by UNED, the National University of Distance Education, for our opening sessions, and by the Puente de Vallecas district of Madrid who have given us space at the El Pozo Civic Centre. We are also grateful to Toledo Park of Study and Reflection who have kindly offered to host us on Sunday afternoon.

All of these contributions have allowed us to create a forum which is free to participate in, hopefully allowing for the widest possible participation.

The Organising Team

**European Humanist Forum 2018**

# What Unites Us towards the Universal Human Nation

## Manifesto

We are at a crossroads in which the beliefs of the past and the images of the futures have collided, with both trying to impose themselves on the other.

In a few decades the world has become planetary, creating unprecedented intercommunication between peoples and cultures, and an inter-penetration of their traditions, beliefs, values, their ways of life and conceptions of the world.

Simultaneously, technological advances are creating an opening towards new horizons and are awakening aspirations that were dormant but are now pushing human beings to want to go beyond what we already know, beyond the allowable limits of space and time.

The repercussions of planetarisation are challenging the way we see and interpret the world. In this irreversible and accelerating current, those who hold the reins of power are trying to deviate planetarisation towards globalisation, in other words, they are trying to impose a uniformity on everything they touch, valuing everything in monetary terms in order to put it all at the service of their own interests, destroying every socio-cultural difference there is and creating a world of conflict, revenge and destruction.

Nevertheless, in this asphyxiating world, a new sensibility is starting to appear strongly; the sensibility of humanity with a heightened vision in which can be seen some signs that are worthwhile investigating and go deeper into, namely; that human life is the central value in society while the environment and other species are protected; that all human beings must have the same opportunities; that no one can be discriminated against; and that everyone has the right to discover their existential dimension and legitimately ask themselves about the meaning of their lives.

But, how can these aspirations become reality? How can we respect and value the lifestyles that others have chosen? How can we respect different cultural expressions? How can we favour the freedom of beliefs and ideas so that they may be freely expressed? How can we endow all human beings with equal rights and opportunities in terms of education, healthcare and quality of life, for example? How can we make sure that scientific and technological progress is always put at the service and for the benefit of humanity? How can we establish a new social methodology based on nonviolence and non-discrimination?

Without doubt, **what unites us** will help us to answer these questions.

Conscious of the collapse of today's society and of the new challenges we're faced with, it would be good to imagine ourselves together, men, women and diverse organisations, helping each other in solidarity to investigate the new models and paradigms that we need and to construct a path that leads us to that new world we aspire to: **a Universal Human Nation.**

## Hosting organisations



**UNED, the National University of Distance Education**



**District of Puente de Vallecas, Madrid,**



**Parks of Study and Reflection, Toledo**

## Participating organisations



**Colegio de Profesores de Chile**



**Energy for Human Rights**



**Convergence of Cultures**



**FutureWave Inc,**



**Unidad Ciudadana**



**Centro di Nonviolenza Attiva, Milan**



**DiEM25 Barcelona 1 DSC**



**Educ'Art**



**FairCoop**



**DesiderioCrea**



**Noviolencia 2018**



**Praksis**



**Editorial Multimage**



**Alpha Observatory**



**Silo's Message**



**Poetry against Arms**



**Eco Foundation for Sustainable Alternatives**



**mesa en defensa por la sanidad pública de MADRID**



**Fundación Internacional Baltasar Garzón**



**Association of Humanist Women for Nonviolence**



**The Community for Human Development**



**World without Wars and violence**



**World Centre of Humanist Studies**



**Observatoire de la Non-violence**



**Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Italy**



**International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN)**



**Federazione Apicoltori Italiani**



**Platform for People Affected by Mortgages, Madrid**



**International Humanist Party**



**Humanistas for the Universal Basic Income**



**Active Nonviolence International Film Festival**



**Power Progress Community**



**Ediciones León Alado**



**Karibu Asociación**



**Red Renta Básica**



**Économistes Aterrés**



World March for Peace  
and Nonviolence



Sensibiliser - Responsabiliser - Accompagner

Committee d'  
Assistance à la  
Femme  
Necessiteuse du  
Cameroun



Corriente  
Pedagógica  
Humanista  
Universalista



International  
Physicians for the  
Prevention of  
Nuclear War  
(IPPNW)



La Rinconada Sí Se  
Puede

Red de Educación  
Humanizadora de  
América Latina

Economía Basada en  
Recursos

## Media partners



Pressenza  
International Press  
Agency



QuatroV



Neue Debatte



Asociación NHU  
(Nación Humana  
Universal)

# Opening panels



# An International Look at What Unites Us towards the Universal Human Nation

In this session, we will hear from panellists about their views on a future Universal Human Nation. From the areas of human rights, migration, economics and disarmament, which are such critical issues today at the global level, we will see which direction humanity should take and which options lie ahead.

## Panellists



Baltasar Garzón, Spain

Judge, lawyer, president of the Baltasar Garzón International Foundation for Human Rights and Universal Jurisdiction.



Nicole Ndongala, Democratic Republic of Congo/Spain

President of the Karibu Association, Spain



Guillermo Sullings, Argentina

Economist. Author of the book “At the Crossroads of Humanity’s Future: the steps towards the Universal Human Nation”.



Carlos Umaña, Costa Rica

Doctor, president of IPPNW in Costa Rica and ICAN coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean.

## Moderator



Tony Robinson, United Kingdom/Hungary

Editor of the English edition of *Presenza*, activist for World Without Wars and Violence, and member of the Coordination Committee of Abolition 2000.

# A European Look at What Unites Us towards the Universal Human Nation

In this part of the event, our panellists will reflect more on the European landscape, from the perspective of education, the role of social movements in the world of politics and the deadly effects of poverty, now endemic in Europe.

## Panellists



Piero P. Giorgi, Italy/New Zealand

Neuroscientist, professor of peace studies, associate researcher at the Centre for Peace at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.



Riccardo Petrella, Belgium

Italian political scientist and economist, professor at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium.



Sabine Rubin, France

French politician, member of the French National Assembly for France Insoumise

## Moderator



Ricardo Arias, France/Colombia

Editor of the French edition of *Presenza*.

# A new culture for a new world

In this last session we will delve into the essential elements that will be necessary in a new culture fit for human beings. Our panellists, who bring their experience from the fields of economics, interculturality, journalism and social movements - all of them women - will give us the benefit of their experience and a regard from different generations.

## Panellists



Rosa Galindo, Spain

Councillor for the Malaga Ahora bloc in Malaga City council. Humanist activist for many years working in: human rights, feminism, migration, bank evictions, citizen participation and local government, among others.



Clara Gómez-Plácido, Spain

Social anthropologist and activist in Convergence of Cultures.



Marianella Kloka, Greece

Editor for Pressenza in Greece.



Mayte Quintanilla, Spain

President of the association, Humanists for Universal Basic Income, part of the Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN).

## Moderator



Juana Pérez, Spain

Editor of the Spanish edition of Pressenza.

# Poetry for the Universal Human Nation

At the end of our opening panels, different writers inspired by the utopic vision of the Universal Human Nation will give their poetic contributions accompanied by the guitar.



Luca Cellini, Italy

Editor and writer for *Pressenza*. Anti-militarist, activist in the League of Conscientious Objectors, the Humanist Movement, Greenpeace and the Social Forum.



Nadège Gattoni, France

Guitarist and founder of the Association Résonances, to experiment and develop a benevolent pedagogy, for a student's full development.



Evita Paraskevopoulou, Greece

Graphic designer and social activist with World Without Wars and Violence.



Juana Pérez, Spain

Editor of the Spanish edition of *Pressenza*.



Silvia Swinden, United Kingdom

Journalist. *Pressenza* Editor in London. Author of the Book "From Monkey Sapiens to Homo Intentional: the Phenomenology of the Nonviolent Revolution"



Soli Tii, Germany/United Kingdom

Singer, composer, producer, visual and sound artist



# Working areas

All the information regarding speakers and activities is accurate at the time of printing but is subject to last-minute change. Please consult the website for the latest information.

[www.humanistforum.org](http://www.humanistforum.org)

# A New Economy for the Universal Human Nation



The drift of the economy – from the production of goods and the provision of services towards financial speculation and the concentration of wealth in less and less hands, something growing exponentially thanks to the technology developed in recent decades – makes us see the urgency of implementing a new economy that meets the needs of all human beings, without distinction, and that ensures the welfare of all people, above the benefit of a few.

In recent times, new economic trends have emerged and some are already being implemented, albeit still at a local level. The “Economy for the Common Good”, the “Resource-based Economy”, the “Universal and Unconditional Basic Income”, the “FairCoop” and other currents all stress the need for a fairer and more inclusive economy, one that reduces inequalities and puts human beings at the centre.

To our working group at the Humanist Forum 2018, we are inviting representatives of all these trends and asking them to briefly present their proposals, so that we may look for common points and try to converge in a common future action, which will allow us to approach this ideal of redistribution of wealth and collective enjoyment of the benefits of progress, because this is the fruit of the action of many generations throughout history and of all of us.

## Moderator



Angel Bravo, Spain  
Humanists for the Universal Basic Income

## Round table discussion

A round table discussion in which each representative of the different trends in new economics will present their proposals to end up looking for the common points that allow for convergent action in the direction of a radical transformation of the economic system.

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## Speakers



Dani Guardiola, Spain  
Economics based on resources



Maro Horta, Spain  
FairCoop



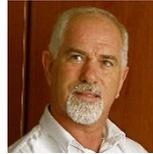
Mayte Quintanilla, Spain  
President, Humanists for Universal Basic Income.



Carlos Rossique, Spain  
Montero de Burgos study group.



Txema Sánchez, Spain  
Nulla politica sine ethica



Leopoldo Salmaso, Italy  
Moneta bene commune



Guillermo Sullings, Argentina  
Economist and author.

## Documentary Film – “UBI: Our Right to Live”

The documentary talks about the right of all human beings to subsist by the mere fact of being born. It is an idea already with history, but that has spread spectacularly in recent years, especially due to the fact that technology threatens to leave most of the population without employment to cover their needs. The documentary is composed mainly of interviews not only with the founders, who have been working on this idea for more than thirty years, but also with academics and activists, who tell us about their activities and experiences around the world.

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## Speakers



Julen Bollain Urbieto, Spain  
Economist, politician and researcher, specialising in basic income.



Alvaro Órus, Spain  
Spanish documentary producer.

# Achieving a world without nuclear weapons



15,000 nuclear weapons remain in existence in 2018 despite the 1970 commitment by UN member States to disarm. With 100 nuclear weapons exploding on cities, a nuclear winter can be created that is capable of killing up to 2 billion human beings, saying goodbye to human civilisation as we know it in the process. With 1000 nuclear weapons we can say goodbye to the human species.

However, in 2017, a milestone was reached with the creation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons: the first new global nuclear treaty to come into existence for 20 years. ICAN won the Nobel Peace prize for their contribution to this treaty. Disarmament groups are reinvigorated and are making new efforts in many directions to advance towards a world without nuclear weapons. Yet what are the obstacles to nuclear disarmament? What are the challenges the disarmament movement faces? What can social movements do to push governments to take even more steps? And what are the nuclear related issues that can help us reach out to other movements?

In this working group we will try to answer some of these questions and bring together organisations from different fields to show the benefits that can be obtained from uniting our forces together.

## Moderator



Tony Robinson, Hungary/United Kingdom

Editor of the English edition of *Presenza*, activist for World Without Wars and Violence, and member of the Coordination Committee of Abolition 2000.

## Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the latest developments in nuclear disarmament activism and the humanitarian consequences that make their elimination so important.



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| Place<br>Room 10.2 | Time<br>16:15 – 17:45 |
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## Workshop

An interactive session on the experience of previous campaigns and activities that are planned for the future.

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| Place<br>Room 10.3 | Time<br>18:00 – 19:30 |
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## Speakers



Jordi Álvarez Caules,  
Spain  
Political activist for the  
Humanist Party in  
Santander



Angelo Baracca, Italy  
Retired professor of physics  
and history of physics.  
Anti-nuclear, anti-war and  
environmental activist.



Aurora Bilbao, Spain  
Doctor and specialist in  
clinical analysis. Emeritus  
Professor at the  
University of the Basque  
Country.



Luigi Mosca, France  
Doctor in Physics who has  
worked at laboratories in  
France, Switzerland and  
Russia. Nuclear  
disarmament activist.



Giovanna Pagani, Italy  
Teacher, honorary  
president of WILPF, Italy.



Teresa Ruso Bernadó,  
Spain  
Political activist for the  
Humanist Party in  
Barcelona



Ali Sahib, Iraq  
Human rights and  
minority rights activist.



Carlos Umaña, Costa  
Rica  
Doctor, president of  
IPPNW in Costa Rica and  
ICAN coordinator for Latin  
America and the  
Caribbean.



## Violence, Nonviolence and Active Nonviolence: relationships and differences

We are proposing a dialogue in order to frame the concepts of violence, nonviolence and active nonviolence.

We live in an intensely interconnected world: cultures, ethnic groups, religions and social systems in which violence is derived from the actions of individuals and great powers that influence social destinies, as well as from a value system based on power and a culture of violence.

Unlike other historical moments, we are in possession of destructive means of inconceivable power, there is a real risk of entering into a nuclear conflict that threatens the survival of all mankind. Today, more than ever, it is essential that human beings reconvert their inclinations to exploitation, discrimination and violence, in a new direction of life that manifests itself in the exercise of nonviolence on a social and personal level.

How do we conceive this transformation? Not as a form of naive pacifism, but as an active, conscious nonviolence. It would be a way of life that includes other people and that tends to resolve from its roots the violence, hatred and discrimination (racial, gender, religious, etc.) on which it is based.

With the word violence we refer to:

- Physical violence, aimed at destroying the body of the other.
- Economic violence, related to the theft and / or denial of the most basic means of sustenance and survival.
- Psychological violence, from intimidating and deceiving to mass conditioning, which introduces into the consciousness unnecessary desires, false conceptions and prejudices that operate chaining us from the physical to the psychic level.
- Racial, religious and sexual violence, in which unique models are imposed, suffocating and denying any form of expression that does not coincide with them.

These forms of violence are the origin of all social and personal conflicts, interacting in multiple ways.

It is evident that a deep rejection, a moral dislike of all this violence, is not generalized in all geographic and cultural latitudes, but has been normalized and even, at times, institutionalized. However, there are groups and individuals in the committed search for overcoming violence. This is what this working area is about: how to expand nonviolence as a way to resolve social and personal conflicts and the construction of the Universal Human Nation.

## Moderator



Luz Jahnen, Germany  
Coordinator, Poetry against Arms.

## Panel discussion and exchange

Between idea and action - active nonviolence today.

Meeting with initiatives where active nonviolence has a central place:  
Experiences, questions, exchange.



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## Workshop

Solving conflicts - true reconciliation - an experience

Bringing nonviolence into your life: an hour of personal experience.

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| Place<br>Room 4 | Time<br>12:15 – 13:45 |
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## Forum Café

Active nonviolence tomorrow – an exchange of ideas and projects. How to spread active nonviolence in a world full of all kind of violence? Join us for a mega-brainstorming.

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## Speakers



Michaela Ahimsa,  
Czech Republic  
Vila Flora



Claudia Caruso, Italy  
Alpha Observatory



Luca Marini, Italy  
Alpha Observatory



Philippe Moal, France  
World Centre of Humanist  
Studies, Barcelona,  
Observatoire de la Non-  
violence, Paris



Luis Antonio Serna  
Cabeza, Spain  
Campaign  
NOVIOLENCIA2018,  
Madrid

Bakayoko Zoumana,  
Ivory Coast

# Collective works of art



## as expressions of a new non-individualistic and selfish sensibility

For over 500 years in the field of the visual arts in Europe there has been an accentuation of the individual at the expense of the whole. This attitude started with the Renaissance and is clearly revealed in Vasari's "Lives..." In idealism and romanticism, the myth of the lone artist, against everyone, suffering and divine, is exalted. In Modern Art, the artist is elevated to be the main actor over work, consensus and social communication. The artist in contemporary art increasingly loses centrality if not the façade; power is gradually absorbed by critics, curators, the big museums and auction houses, where even the artist and their works experience the irrational and speculative flux of the market. Extreme individualism, competition, and abuse are also underlined in arts historically collective: the figure of the musical conductor, the director, the actor and the famous ballerina take all the credit for the collective work of art, receiving more remuneration than all the others.

Likewise, there has been and continues to be, another social, more popular and collective, and underground line that interprets the arts as an expression of the whole for the whole. Just as in medieval historical and pre-renaissance workshops, artists created and participated in a mutual enriching in which the interest was placed on the creation of places and moments of beauty, and a profundity in which none of the "actors" ends up as the protagonist. This chorus, which is expressed when the artist, with their technique and inspiration, is at the service of a collective ideal from where they allow themselves to be crossed and surpassed, has always given rise to higher and nobler art. Street art, murals, interventions in poor neighbourhoods and collectives that create group art often express certain characteristics of a new sensibility in which the individual is not found at the centre, but rather there is a generalised, depersonalised community. In fact, the whole changes and improves the individual in a climate of interchange; in the case of the artist who allows themselves to give the best to others through their sensibility and their work.

In this working group we want to undertake and give the light of day to those experiences that expresses "us" in art.

## Moderator



Simone Casu, Italy

Teacher, painter, photographer, writer. Founder of the Estetra Institute of Transcendental Art and of the Desiderio Crea tour inspired by Silo's Message.

## Projection of photos, videos and testimonials

Presentation of a great canvas with the manifesto of the Universal Human Nation, which is being carrying out thanks to the joint creation of 12 humanist realities distributed across Italy. The project is called Desiderio Crea.



Presentation of the method of co-creation.

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### Speakers



Paola Giordana di  
Nardo, Italy  
Educator and trainer in  
games and laughter.



Francesco Guarrancino,  
Italy  
Holistic researcher and  
experimenter.



Fabio Matteucci, Italy  
Graphic and creative  
designer.

# Culture and Social Progress



## The Prospects of a New Civilization

We are now in the historic moment of Human Change, in the moment of the birth of the real human being and this is what motivates this working area.

No matter what we do to change society for the better, as individuals or through political or social action, nothing will really change if the underlying culture contradicts our aims.

We can work from dawn to dusk, all of us Earthlings, to build a better world for all, but if the underlying culture is poisoned with individualism and the misunderstanding that happiness comes from receiving rather than giving and other reigning misconceptions, all our efforts will be to no avail...

We will not be able to build a world without wars and violence, nor without the global warming, inequality or any other of the social and personal catastrophes threatening our existence if the underlying culture – the system of values and beliefs, the way of seeing things in the world – contradicts those dreams.

## Moderator



Júlíus Valdimarsson, Iceland

Musician and life-long activist in the Humanist Movement

# Documentary film – The World is my Country



The true story of the daring, controversial, decades-ahead-of-his-time World Citizen #1 Garry Davis.

A song-and-dance man desperate to stop a war, pulls off an act of political theatre so gutsy and eye-opening that it sparks a huge movement—drawing Albert Einstein, Albert Camus and a cast of thousands into a story that Martin Sheen calls “a roadmap to a better future.”

This riveting story of one man’s courage is getting standing ovations in film festivals because it inspires audiences with the key to how we can shift our culture and build a world that can outlaw war. It inspires a new way of looking at the world that empowers us to invent the people-powered governance tools we need to harness humanity’s great creative genius to actually solve the vast problems threatening our future.

This Humanist Forum screening is a special private preview for attendees only because so far the filmmakers can only afford a very limited licence to use all the amazing historic footage in the film. To help enable the film-makers to release the film to the general public please click on the donate button at [www.theworldismycountry.com](http://www.theworldismycountry.com).

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## Workshop

In this workshop we will endeavour to find answers to the fundamental questions on our way towards a Universal Human Nation: What are the elements necessary to build a nonviolent and human culture for all? And, how can we build a New Civilization favourable to progress of human beings and all life on earth?

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| Place<br>10.3 | Time<br>12:15 – 13:45 |
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## Speakers



Arthur Kanegis, United States  
Writer/Producer,  
president and founder of  
Future WAVE.



Guillermo Sullings,  
Argentina  
Economist. Author of the  
book “At the Crossroads of  
Humanity’s Future”.



Ragnar Sverrisson  
Iceland/Kenya  
A long-time activist in  
Kenya for Convergence  
of Cultures

# Good Knowledge



Good Knowledge emerges right at the start of human history to address our species' shortcomings. Its direction implies the transformation of the given conditions that cause pain and suffering. This aim of the quest to overcome adverse circumstances is to expand human freedom. For human beings to be able to continue their evolution towards freedom and increased personal and social happiness, it is necessary that Good Knowledge grows and is affirmed.

Together we will ask what Good Knowledge is and how we can practice it in today's world.

## Moderators



Roberta Consilvio, Italy

Psychologist and music teacher, World Centre of Humanist Studies (Rome)



Fulvio De Vita, Italy

Videographer and Scholar in Spirituality and Human Cultures, World Centre of Humanist Studies (Rome)

## Workshop



Learning to think (in a complex world. A brief introduction to the Structural Dynamic Method with Roberta Consilvio.

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| Place<br>Room 7 | Time<br>10:15 – 11:45 |
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## Panel discussion

Good knowledge for the future of human beings.

What is knowledge? And what is GOOD knowledge? We will discover together how knowledge can liberate human beings from pain and suffering, how it leads to justice and reconciliation, and why we need it in order to humanise ourselves and discover new possibilities of consciousness.

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## Speakers



Juan Anton Espinosa,  
Spain  
Author, “The Heart of  
Mysticism” and  
“Surpassing revenge, a  
new spiritual horizon”.



Elena Fumagalli, Italy  
Pharmacist, World Centre  
of Humanist Studies  
(Rome)



Luís Filipe Guerra,  
Portugal  
Expert in Human Rights,  
World Centre of  
Humanist Studies (Porto)



Lorenzo Palumbo, Italy  
Researcher at National  
Health Institute (Italy),  
World Centre of Humanist  
Studies (Rome)



María Angélica Soler  
Carreras, Spain  
Expert in training for  
personal and social  
development, World  
Centre of Humanist  
Studies (Madrid)

# Human Rights



## The role of Social Movements in the defence of Human rights

Some of the challenges we face as Human Rights defenders:

### Global Jurisdiction

Genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, torture, extra-judicial executions and “disappearances” are so serious that they constitute crimes against the whole of humanity, and therefore, every State has the obligation to bring those responsible to trial. No more impunity!

### The defence of Human Rights and their development in every sense of the word

To strengthen a culture of activism, promotion, guarantee, development and defence of Human Rights and cooperation for the development of people, in a culture of legal security and peace.

### Digital Rights

Technological development puts in a new dimension of Virtual Existence in which a handful of private mega-companies play a predominant role. At the same time, Artificial Intelligence is changing and social “reality” will change even more, ending up being enormously beneficial if this technology is put at the service of others, otherwise, the gap between rich and poor will get even wider.

*Human rights are not in universal effect as we would wish, and that is because there is not a universal power of humanity, but instead these rights depend on the power that one part of humankind holds over the whole. Since we find in every latitude that even the most elementary demands for control over one’s own body are trampled upon, we can speak only of aspirations that have yet to be transformed into rights. Human rights do not belong to the past, they are there in the future, calling to our intentionality and fuelling a struggle that is reborn with every new infringement upon human destiny. Thus, every demand made, every voice raised on behalf of human rights is meaningful because it shows the powers-that-be that they are not omnipotent, nor do they control the future. – Silo*

## Moderator



Federico Palumbo, Italy

Human Rights Activist, producer of the documentary film: Tupac Amaru, something is changing.

## Programme of activities



The definite programme for this working area has not been finalised at the time of publishing this programme. Please check the website for more information for details of the activities and speakers.

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### Speakers



Claudia Caño Spain  
Lawyer, Specialist in  
Human Rights and  
International  
Cooperation, FIBGAR  
foundation.



Mario Aguilar, Chile  
Teacher, author and  
president of the Chilean  
College of Teachers.

# Humanist and nonviolent education



## Education for human beings

It's urgent that human beings learn from an early age to express their own humanity and are capable of living in solidarity, equity and nonviolence. Postnatal learning is essential for this to happen; education received in the first years marks a large part of ones future.

The ultimate aim of education for nonviolence is to give people the capacities that can contribute to society in terms of growth and development for all, people without violence, consistent, strong and with solidarity.

This education must be integral, permanent, shared, community-based, founded on the centrality of every person and on nonviolence as a methodology of action and as a way of life.

For many years, currents of thought, pedagogical movements, thinkers, academics and individuals have been moving in this direction that humanists have synthesised in the ideal of the "Universal Human Nation". It's necessary and urgent that these people come together, interchange experiences and work together to bring out this new model of social organisation and education.

Ultimate aim: the creation of an education network for a Universal Human Nation

We propose that this forum leads not only to looking for the common points of the many realities that work in the field of education for the full development of human beings, but also to the construction of a truly international network of associations, institutions, schools and individuals that have the intention to research, experiment, build, and spread a type of education that affirms our "humanity" as the central value, an attempt to surpass discrimination in all its forms.

## Moderator



Olivier Turquet, Italy

Publisher, founder of Multimage, and coordinator of the Italian edition of *Presenza*, International Press Agency.

## Promotors

This working area has been developed with the contributions of the following organisations and associations:

Educ'Art professional association (Belgium)

Energy for Human Rights (Italy)

Association "Le Meilleur de Soi" (France)

The Community for Human Development (Italy)

World without Wars and Violence (Greece, Italy, Spain)

COPEHU (Italy, Peru and Spain)

Era Convergence (Spain)

Run This Way (Canada- France)

Tindaya Education (Spain)

World Centre of Humanist Studies, Ti con Zero (Italy) and Noesis (Spain)

## Panel discussion

The framing for Humanist and Nonviolent Education and why we need it with Prof. Mario Aguilar, Prof. Piero Giorgi, Prof. Tiberio Feliz Murias.



Moderated by Consuelo Fernández.

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## Presentations of Nonviolent Education projects

Presentations of projects and experiences in the development of nonviolent education in different countries worldwide, with the presence of associations, education experts and activists.

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## International Humanist Nonviolent Education Network

The official launch of a network to take forward the ideas presented in this forum

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## Panellists



Mario Aguilar, Chile  
Teacher, author and  
president of the Chilean  
College of Teachers.



Piero P. Giorgi, Italy  
Neuro-scientist, Professor,  
and Researcher at the  
Peace Centre of Otago  
University, New Zealand.



Tiberio Feliz Murias,  
Spain  
Professor in Education  
Science at UNED, Madrid.



Consuelo Fernández,  
Spain  
COPEHU and World  
without Wars & Violence

# I exist because you exist



## Experiences of feeling and interpreting others in a different way

In order to reach the Universal Human Nation, we can't believe that the rules or laws that protect and promote diversity, freedom and the profundity of existence will lead to a substantial transformation of human beings. Profound change can only happen when the ways of feeling and perceiving others change. The golden rule that says "treat others the way you want to be treated" emerges from a visceral rejection of violence. This cultural, emotional and physical change with respect to the comprehension and acceptance of other human beings starts within us by feeling ourselves as an inextricable part of the Whole, not only by being a part of it, but rather by being a creative and constructive expression of it.

It is a joy to belong, to be a part of and to see that in freedom and the possibility of humanising ourselves in those around us, or by humanising those around us, therein lies our personal destiny.

### Moderator



Simone Casu, Italy

Teacher, painter, photographer, writer. Founder of the Estetra Institute of Transcendental Art and of the Desiderio Crea tour inspired by Silo's Message.

## Experiencing the “human” in others.



Presentation of the experimental study that puts in doubt beliefs that affirm that the bond between human beings is only historical, social, spatial or physical contiguity. On the basis of experiments, we underline that we are united by something more profound and essential that transcends time and space, uniting all human beings of the present, past and future.

Followed by laboratory experiences of unusual contact of humanity and sacredness of others.

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### Speakers



Paola Giordana di  
Nardo, Italy  
Educator and trainer in  
games and laughter.



Fiorella Orazzo, Italy  
Works in the arts,  
dedicated to theatre and  
music teaching for both  
children and adults.



Domenico Orlando,  
Italy  
Silo’s Message



Sabrina Pepe, Italy  
IT professional and  
Humanist.



Emanuela Widmar,  
Italy  
Retired, World Centre of  
Humanist Studies

# Images as a tool for change



An image isn't just what our eyes perceive. The generation of images is also a fundamental activity of human consciousness which mobilizes us towards a new state of being; from a simple image of meeting a friend to go for a walk, to a more complicated image of creating a social revolution. The body doesn't move unless there's first an image, a representation generated in the consciousness. An image in this sense is not just a picture in one's head, it comes with a set of emotions and moods, a chain of associations to other images and memories, and it can be accompanied by a strong energetic charge that moves us to do great things, or not and we are left sitting on the sofa doing nothing.

In this working group we will go deeper in this topic and ask ourselves, how can we stimulate our psyches, in a world of negative images, to create new, positive and transcendent ones?

## Moderators



Nikos Stergiou, Greece  
Photographer, World without Wars and Violence



Evita Paraskevopoulou, Greece  
Graphic Designer and Activist, World without Wars and Violence

## Documentary Film: Balkan Blues – Stories from Mostar



Mostar Sevdah Reunion is a multicultural world music band set up after the end of the conflict in former Yugoslavia with the aim to promote the “sevdahlinka” music genre and facilitate interethnic reconciliation in the Balkans. The producer and founder Dragi Sestic and the guitar players Miso Petrovic and Sandi Durakovic, emigrated to the Netherlands in mid ‘90s, now miss their hometown Mostar, where they come back every year to record albums or hold concerts. The documentary tries to describe the artistic and social tensions of the town through the voice of the three musicians and other local artists, accompanied by the typical Balkan flavour of the music, which represents, thanks to its universal language, an instrument to promote tolerance and social harmony.

With the presence of the Director, Lucio de Candia from Italy.

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### Presentation and round table discussion on images in social activism

Various projects on the theme of images including: Images in Social Activism: Evita Paraskevopoulou; Presentation of the photo project “The Other Side”: Tijen Erol (Turkish-Cypriot) and Merobe Bobbe Theoklitou (Greek-Cypriot); “Peace is...” international photo contest as an educational tool: Nikos Stergiou; Showing the inner images of FICNOVA with Pepa Benitez.

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### Speakers



Lucio de Candia, Italy  
Film director, Balkan Blues.



Tijen Erol, Cyprus  
Graphic designer and documentary photographer



Merobe Theoklitou, Cyprus  
Photographer, member of Unite Cyprus Now



Pepa Benitez, Spain  
Active Nonviolence International Film Festival (FICNOVA)

# Independent Journalism and Social Activism



Control by governments and corporations of the mainstream media together and the content they produce is increasingly present. Thus, private media are in the hands of banks and big corporations, while public media organisations are manipulated by governments.

Moreover, fewer and fewer media moguls control the traditional information networks, which translates into the standardization of discourse and the elimination of critical thinking. A diverse, just and caring society must have a plurality of media: public, commercial, community... that reflect the ideological, political and cultural disparity of the community; media managed with economic independence and ideological freedom.

Faced with this situation, it is urgent to establish contacts and find ways of mutual support among those who deal with independent information and those at the forefront of social transformation. It is necessary and urgent to carry out this task from the social base, where change is already manifesting.

The proposal of nonviolent and independent journalism, which gives voice to social movements and disseminates concrete experiences of social activism, represents an opportunity for the construction of a new sensitivity, new values and a new way of acting together.

## Moderator



Pilar Paricio, Spain  
Editor, Pressenza International Press Agency

## Round table discussion



Interchange among social movements, fronts and activists from different parts of Europe and journalists from independent media, around the question: How to build a network among social activism and independent journalism?

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### Speakers



Gunther Aleksander,  
Brazil  
Editor, QuatroV



Daniel Cruz, Spain  
DiEM25 Barcelona 1 DSC



Carmen Esbrí, Spain  
Committee for the  
Defence of Public Health,  
Madrid



Pía Figueroa, Chile  
Co-director, Pressenza  
International Press Agency



Natividad Jiménez,  
Spain  
Publisher of a neighbour  
newspaper in Madrid



Alex Ross, Germany  
Journalist, Neue-Debatte



Krystyna Schreiber,  
Spain/Germany.  
Journalist, Pressenza,  
German edition.



Antonio Sempere, Spain  
Freelance photo-journalist



Sara Toledano, Spain  
Platform for People  
Affected by Mortgages,  
Madrid



Paco Vaquero, Spain  
Humanists for the  
Universal basic income.

# Interculturality, encounter and dialogue among human beings



The advances in communication media, migratory processes, the displacement of populations because of conflicts in their countries or even the rise in tourism, locates human beings from different cultures in the situation of having to increasingly inter-relate. You could suppose that this makes differences between some cultures and others manifest, but at the same time it leads us to discover “something common” which makes us equal, something not as easy to describe as the differences, but easier to recognise as something profound and powerful that trivialises simple appearances.

Some sectors prefer to highlight factual differences, and although they could contemplate this from an aspect of diversity, of variety, of multiplicity that enriches... they emphasise what is “different” more as something threatening, invading and usurping. Of course, they could ask themselves how their own culture has collaborated or collaborates in the subjugation and ransacking of those populations whose own destination is today denied them.

But the recognition of “different people” makes the recognition of the same pain, the same suffering, the same joy, the same yearnings and hopes emerge in “oneself” ... essentially, contact with others favours contact with oneself, permitting every human being to go back and ask themselves the fundamental questions about who they are and where they’re going.

This is extremely important in times in which the world is being increasingly dehumanised, in which people stop feeling their essence and increasingly feel like an object, a number, a cog in the system... Suddenly, the encounter and dialogue with other cultures allows us to rediscover ourselves as human beings.

In this working group we will cover the subject of interculturality as one of the signs of these times that will most help us to see progress as a universal value.

## Moderators



Clara Gómez-Plácito, Spain  
Activist, Convergence of Cultures



Íñigo Gómez-Plácito, Spain  
Activist, Convergence of Cultures

## Round table discussion



The framing for this round table concerns the big challenges of interculturality in the present moment which will lead to an interchange on experiences from different collectives in these fields. The event will finish with a proposal for a campaign to advance in these issues. “There will be no progress unless it is by everyone and for everyone.”

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# Medicine: Big pharma, governments and the people



In Europe and worldwide, the price of new medicines is rising year on year, especially where there is no therapeutic alternative. As a result, treatment for life-threatening infections and diseases, like HIV/AIDS, cancer, hepatitis C etc., are increasingly unaffordable for both individuals and national health systems. This is the result of an ineffective and costly Research and Development (R&D) system that rewards new medicines with fixed-term monopolies (patents) and encourages unaffordable price setting. This patent-based system grants pharmaceutical companies monopolies, which allow them to charge exorbitant prices totally unconnected to the cost of developing and manufacturing the medicines. Urgent measures must be taken to ensure that people can afford the medicines they need. At the same time, new models of R&D must be engaged to meet therapeutic needs.

In this working group, we call for the creation of an R&D system that is driven by public health needs and delivers medicines that are universally accessible and affordable.

## Moderator



Marianella Kloka, Greece  
Editor for *Presenza* in Greece.

## Documentary film “Medical Research: Houston, we have a problem”



Documentary which collects a series of interviews with health and research experts and opinion leaders from all over the world, critically debating about the current obsolete model to obtain pharmaceutical drugs and the health consequences for citizens in both developing and developed countries.

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### Panel discussion

Our working group will hear two presentations from our invited speakers:

“Medical Innovation as a commons” – David Hammerstein

“Initiatives for affordable medicines & sustainable healthcare systems in Europe” - Apostolos Kalogiannis

These presentations will be followed by questions and answers from the audience.

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### Speakers



David Hammerstein,  
United States/Spain  
Intellectual property  
specialist, former MEP.



Apostolos Kalogiannis,  
Greece  
Project Manager,  
PraksisAccess.

# Politics and social mysticism



**Social Mysticism** is about considering Human Beings as something more than their cultural, sexual, religious, ideological, or artistic manifestations... and, of course, as more than their political ideas.

Social mysticism is recognising yourself in others even if they aren't part of your culture, sexuality, religiosity, art... and even your political persuasion.

It's more than exercising a right: it's the overcoming of human suffering regardless of existential condition.

## **Politics:**

To talk about politics, today, is to talk about corruption, manipulation, overlooking, hypocrisy... It's a word appropriated by the continued action of many people who shamelessly practice it at an institutional level.

In its current form, politics prevents people from developing, either individually or socially, be it materially or professionally... In other words, kept in a state of survival, how can we realise our potential?

How could we develop our creativity at the service of society and the wider humanity?

**Politics must be born again like the phoenix and get rid of its anti-humanism. It needs social mysticism!** Those who practice it must have the qualities of virtue and truth as their highest priority. And not rely so much on information, specialisation, and of course, arrogance and condescension in its negative meaning. Neither should "politics" be a "professional", or rather, "anti-humanist professional" career.

For humanists, **social action**, regardless of the field in which it is carried out, **has an influence in politics:** NGOs, associations, collectives, movements, etc., so politics isn't just the domain of parties.

*Could there be a way of doing politics without politicians and power without the powerful?*

*What do we need to be able to fight and to keep on fighting, without losing one iota of virtue and truth in our actions?*

*What do we experience in common with others who, from their organisations or individually, want to change the destructive direction that events are going in?*

*"So personal and historical responsibility do not arise from what people believe they do or decide, but rather from their support or rejection of the light from the beacon. It's the commitment to this light that allows us to speak about responsibility and direction. Everything else is the shadow of a shadow, the dream of a dream; the image of a mirror in a mirror." Silo, 2003*

## Moderator



Charles Ruiz, Belgium  
Humanist Party, Belgium



## An Agora of citizens from the present and from the future

These and many other questions have awakened the need to share, for a few days, with other people from other places, points of view and experiences, in a friendly ambit and treating others the way we would like to be treated.

**The inspiration, courage and flame that feeds the sacred fire needed to reach people's hearts can only come from the most profound part of ourselves.**

**It's from this social mysticism, working together, with virtue and truth that our future will come.**

We hope you like this proposal that it leaves open the possibility for particular reflections to emerge through presentations, documents, videos, etc.

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## Speakers



Guillermo Sullings,  
Argentina  
Economist. Author of  
the book "At the  
Crossroads of Humanity's  
Future".



Florcita Motuda, Chile  
Musician, and elected  
member of the Chilean  
Congress. (video message)



Paco Vaquero, Spain  
Humanists for the  
Universal Basic Income

# Social and political convergence



Recent years have seen the emergence of new phenomena; in some cases social movements have taken a more protagonist role in elections, in others new political parties have emerged from social movements, and in yet others, political and social movements have joined forces to create new realities which are redefining the way politics is seen today.

These phenomena are repeating in different continents. Podemos and regional parties in Spain, France Insoumise, the European DiEM25 and the Chilean Frente Amplio illustrate the different variations.

Yet, despite the advances, there are many challenges: How can movements and parties co-exist without giving up their own identity? How can they avoid being labelled as naïve left-wing phenomena? How can they truly remain transversal? How can they give participation to individuals? How can they avoid dependence on certain media figures in order to get space in the media? And how can they balance the need for open, “horizontal” participation while able to maintain efficient mechanisms for taking decisions and trust in those elected to represent the members? And, how can these platforms and parties progress in their social objectives while neoliberalism advances?

All of this, and more, will be developed in this working area.

## Moderator



Juana Perez, Spain

Editor for *Presenza*, International Press Agency in Madrid, and activist with Humanists for the Universal Basic Income.

## Round table discussion



Social movements that have influenced political life in different countries; Political formations that have been formed from parties that have lost their identity and others in which different actors haven't lost identity; Parties that seek to lead social movements; Social movements that have transformed into political formations. In all these varied situations perhaps the most important thing is to clarify one of the greatest difficulties that is presented in practice:

What are the keys that should be strengthened so that political parties don't become disconnected from social movements that have brought them to positions of power, those that they claim to represent, without losing efficiency in their functions?

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### Speakers



Marcos Cleri,  
Argentina  
Deputy in the Argentina  
National Congress, from  
the province of Santa Fe



Elena de León, Spain  
President of the  
Federation of Women's  
Associations, Madrid



Miguel Angel  
Fernández, Spain  
Political activist. Member  
of the Malaga Ahora  
electoral alliance.



Tomás Hirsch, Chile  
Member of the Chilean  
National Congress for the  
Humanist Party



Sergio Pascual Peña,  
Spain  
Elected member of  
parliament for Seville in  
the bloc Podemos-En  
Comú Podem-En Marea  
and Member of the  
Development Committee



Sabine Rubin, France  
French politician, member  
of the French National  
Assembly for France  
Insoumise



Juan Luis Ruiz-  
Giménez, Spain  
Public health activist,  
member of the White  
Wave, Madrid



Luis Silva García, Spain  
Councillor for "La  
Rinconada Sí Se Puede" in  
La Rinconada, Seville,  
Spain.

# Social Ecology



## for the defence of our common home

The state of the environment has been deteriorating for decades. Today the environmental crisis has a global dimension which started to fully manifest itself in the 1970s.

We are witnessing serious technological imbalances: we have reached Mars, but we cannot replace the petrol engine in our cars. In several metropolitan areas worldwide, air pollution, produced mainly by petrol-powered transportation, is one of the main causes of mortality. We invest in increasingly sophisticated weapons, but we cannot satisfy the most basic needs of most populations. In spite of the enormous technological progress that took place in the last two hundred years, the planet is today at its limit. Technological progress has allowed a more comfortable life; it has cured diseases and extended life expectancy (all this, nevertheless, only for a minority of the world's population) while plundering the resources of the planet, destroying the natural environment and filling it with hazardous waste.

The tendency of human beings to transform the environment in their favour has been reversed, endangering our very survival, under the pressure of restricted groups of power that act according to primitive reflexes, considering their own interests opposed at the expense of others.

The basis of this imbalance is the violence against nature and human beings, which is expressed in exploitation, discrimination and authoritarianism.

For this reason, we believe that ecology and social justice are two closely related issues that can be summarized in the name of Social Ecology.

We need to establish a "Principle of Responsibility" towards life, towards future generations and towards all species that cohabit on the Planet. We are calling into question the frantic economic development, and aspire to the birth of a truly human and sustainable society.

## Moderator



Marco Inglessis

Researcher at the Italian Institute of Health (ISS), president of Energia per i Diritti Umani, Italy.

# Speeches, theatre, debate, panel



Over the course of two sessions a series of presentations will be given in the form of video recordings and live in the venue.

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## Speakers



**Roberto Benatti, Italy**  
Physical education teacher and posturologist. Researcher of spirituality in nature



**Claus Kiær, Denmark**  
Humanist, social activist, coffee barista and home brewer.



**Riccardo Petrella, Belgium**  
Campaigner on issues of poverty and water as a common good.



**Jacopo Segnini, Italy**  
Humanitarian worker at Save the Children and expert in food safety and malnutrition.



**Quintina Valero, Spain**  
Economist and photographer producing stories on human rights and humanitarian crises

## Video presentations



**Raffaele Cirone, Italy**  
President of FAI-Italian Beekeepers Federation



**Domenico Coiro, Italy**  
Professor at the University of Naples in Aerospace Engineering and president of the research consortium in renewable energy



**Alfonso Navarra, Italy**  
Editor of the online magazine “Il sole di Parigi” (The Soul of Paris)



**Giorgio Schultze, Italy**  
President and Director of the Energy Service Company “La ESCO del Sole srl”.



**Vandana Shiva, India**  
Scholar, environmental activist, food sovereignty advocate.

# Social models and lifestyles



The relationship between Social Models and Lifestyles is intuitive. On one hand, each social model corresponds to a certain dominant lifestyle, and, on the other hand, a given lifestyle aims to become a social model. Throughout history social models and lifestyles were happening consecutively within the framework of different civilizations. And in the same way, today we live according to a social model that has a correlate in the current lifestyle, whose characteristics it is important to identify. However, it can be anticipated that the future will bring new social models with other lifestyles.

In a synthetic way, it can be said that each historical change marks the rejection of the accumulated contradiction and suffering and the advent of a new humanizing attempt. In that sense, there are strong indications that we are in one of those moments of transition, fuelled by historical acceleration and globalization. So it is pertinent to ask: what is the social model to which we aspire and what lifestyle corresponds to it? To what extent is it already here, in an embryonic or manifest way, in alternative lifestyles that are brewing within social minorities? How is this future image of the current system distinguished? What factors prevent it being specified? What does it depend on to go forward? How is human and cultural diversity incorporated into this new globalized social model? What is the role of each of us and our organizations in this process of transformation? ...

These are issues that we would like to begin to clarify during this forum among all of us, with the interest of being able to configure a guiding image not only for the collective future, but also for our personal daily life.

## Moderator



Luis Filipe Guerra, Portugal

Expert in Human Rights, member of the World Centre of Humanist Studies, Oporto, and president of the Human Rights Observatory.

# Presentations and workshop



The presentations consist of three concepts:

- Psychophysical foundations of social models and lifestyles – Fernanda Pereira Mendes
- Unity and contradiction in contemporary social models and lifestyles - Luis Filipe Guerra
- Food sovereignty and the right to adequate food: a new social model and lifestyle on the horizon? – Haidee-Laure Giles

The workshop will then continue with groups of interchange on the presentations, finishing with a joint reflection on the proposal for a humanist lifestyle.

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## Speakers



Haidee-Laure Gilles,  
Portugal/United  
Kingdom  
FIAN Portugal



Fernanda Pereira  
Mendes, Brazil  
Journalist and post-  
graduate student in  
Medieval Culture, Thought  
and Society.

# Technology for freedom and to improve the condition of humanity



There have been many technological changes in recent decades, such that the whole of humanity is now in a position to overcome the current stage of shortages and uniformly improve the quality of life for the entire world population.

However, even in countries where there is more abundance, we experience a worsening of the quality of life. Our future and the future of our children, including their job prospects and conditions, social rights, food, water and the environment, are also uncertain.

Wealth has been increasingly concentrated into the hands of a few who have appropriated common and private goods. So Wall Street and the various financial centres have successfully funded the electronics and IT industry (especially Silicon Valley) to optimize the few resources left to the rest of the population through mobile devices and applications and services that share everything from cars to homes, forcing people to rent out everything they own. In addition, most of the data that passes through both the internet and the Internet of Things (IOT) have been privatised for profit.

This even distribution of induced scarcity is portrayed by the media as something smart, cool, clever, all of course without questioning why there is a gap to the vast majority and why a very small minority is allowed to take everything else.

It is necessary to change paradigm, putting human beings as the central value so that biotechnology and nanotechnology really serve to extend the duration and quality of life for all; so that big data is a common good and serves to solve environmental issues, to anticipate and prevent disasters, to optimize resources and to improve the quality of the environment and life.

Electronic consultation and suggestion systems need to facilitate the practice of direct and representative democracy, not only in politics but also in other areas. Electronic systems for consulting patients, hospital workers, students, teachers and parental consultation systems to make educational choices close to the needs of the diverse population. Consultation will also be of benefit to workers in the private sector, who will need to have a margin of power in business decisions.

We aim to ensure that complementary, electronic coins do not encourage speculation and the plundering of others, but that they allow society to have the money it needs available so that everyone many have an excellent level of health and education, housing and quality of life.

Every association, organization, individual and foundation developing these new paradigms is invited to share their activities, visions and proposals with the aim of creating a collaborative network that has in this forum one of the many future steps to change society inspired by these paradigms.

## Moderator



Roberto Innocenti, Italy

A Free Hardware and Software activist, president and volunteer for Power Progress Community, Humanist Party activist in Milan.



## Round Table discussion

Speakers and participants will interchange about the questions raised by the framing. An invitation will be made to create activist networks.

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| Place<br>Room 10.1 | Time<br>12:15 – 13:45 |
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## Speakers

To be confirmed. Please check the website for more details.

# The change of epoch and the psycho-social background



In the historical process, we are experiencing a period of intense complementation at a planetary level, as well as an enormous technological acceleration. The last major revolution came about with the leap produced by a digital development that has enormously speeded up communications and the passage of information to a massive level. At the same time, the forms of human relationships and the perception of historical time are changing.

This planetarisation in which we are immersed is such that the fate of one place on the Earth is no longer independent from those of other places. The ongoing process is increasingly directing humanity towards a planetary destiny that is necessarily shared. And yet this does not mean that there's always a constructive dialogue. What it does imply, however, is a sharing of the globalised environment in both geographical and virtual forms. In this sense, multiculturalism becomes an irreversible fact.

We are at a historical crossroads of great importance in which a psychosocial background prevails characterised by: strong disorientation, psychological and existential destabilisation and uncertainty of the future. In particular, we are passing into an era (whose change was marked by the digital revolution) in which the effects of such a psychosocial background are tending to accentuate. The dangers of all of this are evident, but it is equally obvious, by the same historical mechanisms, that the current negative or positive developments will be managed by those generations that will handle the immediate and long-term future of the planet.

In this sense, the phenomenon of generational changes in the historical process and, in terms of present developments, how it applies to the generations that are close to coming into their own, gain importance.

## Moderator



Lorenzo Lucchesi, Italy  
Alpha Observatory



Paolo Papi, Italy  
World Centre of Humanist Studies "Ti con Zero", and  
Alpha Observatory

## Presentation and Development

Framework of the topic in its main aspects: "planeterization" in progress, digital revolution, the historical process and generations.



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| Place<br>Room 5 | Time<br>10:15 – 11:45 |
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## Development

Identification of trends in the current process from the point of view of generational changeover.

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## Conclusions and summary

The current situation and the role of the new generations in possible developments in a growing "planeterized" society. Possibilities and proposals.

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| Place<br>Room 5 | Time<br>16:15 – 17:45 |
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## Speakers



Francesca Lucchesi,  
Italy  
Alpha Observatory



Luca Marini, Italy  
Alpha Observatory, and  
World Centre of Humanist  
Studies "Ti con Zero".



Guillermo Sullings,  
Argentina  
Economist. Author of  
the book "At the  
Crossroads of Humanity's  
Future".

# The New Spirituality



Throughout mankind's process there have been cycles of great social instability, great injustice and great violence by those who detected power, but at the same time currents of thought were emerging that were going in a direction opposite to that violence and injustice that were stealing human subjectivity and transforming people into objects.

Today we're in a moment of great social convulsion that affects the whole planet and as happened in other historical moments, it is becoming increasingly palpable that human beings are rebelling against suffering, against pain, against mistreatment. This rebellion can be felt, can be observed in large sectors of the global population which is overflowing with solidarity day by day; helping others who live in inhuman conditions, and demanding equal opportunities for all from the de-facto powers.

The ancient – we dare to say since our species became human – “Golden Rule” is becoming increasingly present in the souls of many people. Today some formulate as “Learn to treat others the way you'd like to be treated.” People are starting to put human life as the central value and they aspire to reconciliation with others and with themselves.

A ray of sunshine is penetrating the hearts of human beings; little by little we're discovering that others are the same as us, despite external differences, with the same concerns and joy, the same fear: the fear of poverty, loneliness, death. We dare to say that the world is in a profound search, it is turning its eyes inwards and the questions that have accompanied us throughout our human history are being formulated with strength: The meaning of life, death and transcendence.

As humanists inspired by Silo's Message, we invite every individual and organisation with different forms of spirituality to share their internal experiences, studies and reflections about the elements which we see, in this moment of history, are pointing towards spiritual changes of great depth, such as the changes of fundamental beliefs that orientate human endeavour.

## Moderator



Aurora Marquina, Spain  
Silo's Message, Madrid

## Round table – The elements of a New Spirituality



The aim is to develop on the basis of personal experience, those aspects that point towards a new spirituality that is being born and expressed in different forms around the world. For example, the Recognition Ceremony in Silo's Message.

In this round table, our speakers will briefly present their conclusions from their own experiences and studies regarding the elements that point towards a New Spirituality. This will be followed by a dialogue among those present and some practices.

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| Place<br>Room 4 | Time<br>16:15 – 17:45 |
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### Presentations of two working papers

“The spirituality of active nonviolence and social change” and “Death in terms of meaning of life and human freedom”. These presentations will be accompanied by ceremonies, askings and reflections on resentment, mistakes and frustrations. Esther Bass will guide the participants through this session.

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| Place<br>Room 4 | Time<br>18:00 – 19:30 |
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### Speakers



Esther Bass, Spain  
Silo's Message,  
Barcelona



Oscar Martin de Burgos,  
Spain  
Sculptor.



Enrique Miguel  
Sanchez Motos, Spain  
Unificationist, writer,  
director of the project,  
Meetings with Love



Mónica Dones Sánchez,  
Spain  
Palliative care nurse.  
Member of the SECPAL  
spirituality group.



Enrique Collado, Spain  
Author. Silo's Message,  
Barcelona

# Women for Nonviolence



## The strength of the feminine

Society has not always been violent. Women have not always been discriminated against.

The current system was installed thousands of years ago, following a change in events that gave way to a patriarchal society: a society that has made huge progress, but also a violent and discriminatory social system.

To all extents this is a crucial moment in history, and the direction things take will depend on what we manage to build now. As women we have an enormous contribution to make in overcoming discrimination and violence, because we have thousands of years of experience of suffering, but equally we have thousands of years of experience in overcoming suffering, having developed innumerable nonviolent characteristics that allowed us to survive.

Throughout history women have championed anti-discrimination movements (suffragism and abolitionism), denouncing the violence of war (women against World War I, The Hague 1915) and promoting unity and agreement as a means of resolving many armed conflicts (Mali or Liberia). But because women are demeaned and discriminated against, all these actions have been systematically denied to an extent that they never seem to have existed, relegating women to a marginal role.

At this moment in time when millions are being massacred through war and famine, or being left to die in the sea or in deserts, when walls and fences are being erected instead of reaching out to those who are looking to escape, when life is threatened... We need to say ENOUGH!

We need women to get in touch with their virtues and their potential for change, to recognise that they are complete. We need women to develop, to express to the world their most profound models and to contribute their qualities.

We need to awaken the feminine in everyone (men and women) because until now it has been annulled or postponed. For a new nonviolent human being to emerge, it is necessary to find what is complementary to feminine and masculine principles, but this cannot be done if we deny one of the parts.

In this Area we want to exchange ideas and methods on how to join forces, to end such discrimination and violence, how to progress towards reconciliation, to create networks that allow us to make visible the actions that are being implemented and to support each other.

## Moderator



Encarna Escribano Martínez, Spain  
Association of Humanist Women for Nonviolence

## Panel discussion – Women and Nonviolence



After five presentations that will deal with the strength of the feminine as a driver of nonviolence, from different perspectives: social, education, ecology, migration and gender, an exchange on women's actions in favour of nonviolence will be opened to interconnect us in a network that allows us to make these actions visible and broaden their influence.

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| Place<br>Room 10.2 | Time<br>12:15 – 13:45 |
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## Workshop

Through our experience we will seek to awaken the feminine energy through reconciliation and contact with our Protector of Life, or with our Inner Goddess, so that she may express herself in the world at the service of Life and Nonviolence. In tune with this, we aim to elaborate the conclusions of the area and launch future projects.

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## Speakers



Annabella Coiro, Italy  
Expert in communication  
and education for  
nonviolence



Silvia Beatriz González  
González, Spain  
Promotor of peace and  
nonviolence



Jenny Infante Labrín,  
Spain  
Technician in Gender  
Equality Promotion



Lydienne Nkaleu,  
Cameroon  
President of the  
Committee of Assistance  
to the Needy Woman of  
Cameroon.



Nicole Ndongala, D.R.  
Congo/Spain  
President of the Karibu  
Association, Spain



Sudha Reddy, India  
Director of the Eco  
Foundation for Sustainable  
Alternatives



Carmen Serra Majada,  
Spain  
Co-founder of the  
Platform of People  
Affected by Hepatitis C in  
Valladolid.

# Workshops

## How to create conditions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> World March for Peace and Nonviolence

Demonstration effects, scalable actions, main route, convergent and regional marches, exemplifying actions, conferences and forums, large-scale surveys, human symbols, personal training and training in actions, educational field, circumventing, network of cities and parliamentarians, big events, etc.

### Facilitators



Rafael de la Rubia, Spain

Humanist, nonviolent social activist, conscientious objector, founder of World without Wars and Violence and driving force behind the 1<sup>st</sup> World March for Peace and Nonviolence that travelled through 97 countries in 2009. International coordination of WWWaV.



Jesús Arguedas Rizzo, Spain

Activist in World without Wars and Violence (Human peace and nonviolence symbols). Director of the neighbourhood newspaper, Vallecas VA.



Luis Silva García, Spain

Councillor for “La Rinconada Sí Se Puede” in La Rinconada, Seville, Spain and base team member of the 1<sup>st</sup> World March.

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| Place<br>Sala 7 | Time<br>18:00 – 19:30 |
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## Catching the eye of someone unknown, and then what?

Continue walking by or say hello? Touch and let yourself be touched or dodge, turnaround, mistrust?

Then one hand takes another, a head leans to one side and finally comes to rest on the shoulder of someone not so far away from what I am, not so different.

And so the horizon stretches out, breathing takes in more oxygen, kept in balance held by my hands.

To confront yourself to find affinities starting with simple gestures, recognising your own humanity also in the fears of others and calming down, healing and loving others' vitality.

Discovering yourself capable of concurring...

### Facilitator



Anita Brandolini, Italy

Orizzonti Alt|r|i Cultural Centre/Movement Research Centre.

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| Place<br>Room 10.2 | Time<br>10:15 – 11:45 |
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## Theatre

In addition to the work developed in the working areas, the European Humanist Forum 2018 is delighted to include the following theatre workshop:

### The Myth of Demeter and Persephone

The myth, theatre, guided experience and interchange.

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| Place<br>Gymnasium | Time<br>10:15 – 11:45 |
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## Photography

Three excellent photographers are also kindly bringing their work to the European Humanist Forum 2018.

### Photography by Antonio Sempere, Spain



"The Serbian Hell." Collection of informative photographs and press reports on the living conditions of refugees trapped on Serbia's borders with the European Union and "At the foot of the fence" about the long journey awaiting migrants who decide to travel to the "promised land" that Europe represents.

### Photography by the Gea Collective, Germany



"Women for Peace and Active Nonviolence"

Photography that highlights, recreates and transmits to the public the diverse and varied forms in which peace and active nonviolence are expressed, this time portrayed in contemporary women.

### Photography by Energy for Human Rights



The exhibition is the result of the first two years of the photo contest HUMAN. The aim is to promote our activities and the ideals of the Humanist Movement. The themes of the two editions we will exhibit during the Forum are HUMAN 2016 – The Universal Human Nation and HUMAN 2017 – Untold Stories.

# Programme



## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May

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| 17:00 | Registration  |
| 17:30 | Welcoming addresses<br>Begoña Corral and Dana Feminova<br><br>Official greeting by UNED<br>Tiberio Feliz Murias, representing the Rector of UNED  |
| 17:45 | An international look at What Unites Us towards the Universal Human Nation<br><b>Baltasar Garzón</b> – Jurist and founder of the Baltasar Garzón International Foundation for Human Rights and Universal Jurisdiction<br><br><b>Nicole Ndongala</b> – President of the Karibu Association, Spain<br><br><b>Guillermo Sullings</b> – Economist and author of “At the Crossroads of Humanity’s Future: The steps towards the Universal Human Nation”<br><br><b>Carlos Umaña</b> – Doctor and ICAN coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean.<br><br>Moderator: <b>Tony Robinson</b> |
| 18:30 | A European look at What Unites Us towards the Universal Human Nation<br><b>Piero P. Giorgi</b> - Neuroscientist, professor of peace studies, associate researcher at the Centre for Peace at the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand<br><br><b>Riccardo Petrella</b> – Political scientist and economist, professor at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium<br><br><b>Sabine Rubin</b> – Member of the French National Assembly<br><br>Moderator: <b>Ricardo Arias</b>   |
| 19:25 | A new culture for a new world<br><b>Rosa Galindo</b> - Humanist activist for many years working in: human rights, feminism, migration, bank evictions, citizen participation and local government, among others.<br><br><b>Clara Gómez-Plácito</b> - Social anthropologist and activist in Convergence of Cultures.<br><br><b>Marianella Kloka</b> - Editor for Presenza in Greece.<br><br><b>Mayte Quintanilla</b> – Humanists for the Universal Basic Income<br><br>Moderator: <b>Juana Pérez</b>   |
| 21:00 | Dinner  |

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May: working groups and workshop

| Session 1 10:15 – 11:45                                       | Room        | Session 2 12:15 – 13:45                       |
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| Workshop on the myth of Demeter and Persephone.               | Gymnasium   | Social Ecology                                |
|   | Column Hall | Human Rights                                  |
| Active Nonviolence  | 4           | Active Nonviolence                            |
| Change of Epoch and Psychosocial Background                   | 5           | Change of Epoch and Psychosocial Background   |
| Good knowledge  | 7           | Collective Works of Art                       |
| Humanist and Nonviolent Education                             | 8           | Good knowledge                                |
| Workshop: Catching the eye of someone unknown, and then what? | 10.1        | Technology for the Liberation of Human Beings |
| A New Economy for the Universal Human Nation                  | 10.2        | Women for Nonviolence                         |
| Medicine: Big Pharma, governments and the people              | 10.3        | Culture and social progress                   |

| Session 3 16:15 – 17:45                     | Room            | Session 4 18:00 – 19:30  |
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| Women for Nonviolence                       | Gymnasium       | Medicine: Big Pharma, governments and the people   |
| Humanist and Nonviolent Education           | Column Hall     | Humanist and Nonviolent Education  |
| Social and Political Convergence            | Exhibition Hall | Images as a tool for change  |
| The New Spirituality                        | 4               | The New Spirituality   |
| Change of Epoch and Psychosocial Background | 5               | Social models and lifestyles   |
| Active Nonviolence                          | 7               | Workshop on creating the best conditions for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> World March for Peace and Nonviolence |
| Social Ecology                              | 8               | Interculturality, encounter and dialogue among human beings  |
| Politics and Social Mysticism               | 10.1            | Politics and Social Mysticism  |
| Achieving a world without nuclear weapons   | 10.2            | Independent journalism and social activism   |
| I exist because you exist                   | 10.3            | Achieving a world without nuclear weapons  |

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May other events

After our working groups conclude at 19:30, everyone is invited to the Column Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of El Pozo to listen to musical interventions by the following performers.

### Soli Tii, Germany/United Kingdom



Soli Tii, singer, composer, producer, visual and sound artist. In 2015 she created the “Women of the World” project which mixes sound art: music and poetry, spoken word and chants from which are born songs that combine music with the voices of women in their mother tongue.

### Diego Cruz, Spain



Born into a family with a flamenco tradition. Since he was a child he was accustomed to having flamenco at home as something alive and every day, he grew up in Madrid, influenced by artists and groups from different musical scenes and environments. In addition to producing music for himself, he has helped write songs for several other artists.

His self-produced video clip "Mejorando lo presente" reached the final of the first edition of the International Active Nonviolence Film Festival.

Diego is a committed activist and has always supported different and very diverse social groups with his music, participating in all kinds of socio-cultural events.

The joyful mood doesn't finish here! Once our performances inside El Pozo have finished, everyone is invited outside into the square in front of the building to form a nonviolence symbol and we'll finish with music.

## Nonviolence symbol in the square



The circle has many meanings, but most of them are related to perfection. Two circles are joined together in this symbol: one to represent the individual and around them a larger one for the universe, society, or other people. But these two basic proposals are not separate from each other, so two semicircles connect them.

## Drum and Voice



Co-creative experimentation laboratory of DRUM AND VOICE coordinated by: Francesco Guarracino and Barbara Beth

Music, sound and singing have the privilege of speaking directly to the soul and this will certainly pave the way to create harmony among peoples.

Everyone is invited to participate with their instrument in a great moment of togetherness: an act in which drums, as well as ancient traditions – as indigenous peoples know well – move into the deep waters of consciousness to bring energy and joy to all.

# Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May

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| 10:00 | <p><a href="#">Working area synthesis</a></p> <p>Each working group can meet with those interested in making a final synthesis of the work done the previous day. The main purpose of this activity is to create one PowerPoint slide and a synthesis which will take no more than 3 minutes to read.</p> |
| 10:30 | <p><a href="#">Dance performance</a></p> <p>Anita Brandolini in collaboration with the Centro Cultural Orizzonti Alt r l (Performance of contemporary dance)</p>  |
| 11:30 | <p><a href="#">Synthesis presentations</a></p> <p>Each working group will have 3 minutes to present a synthesis of the work done and future images, if any, which have been created.</p>  |
| 12:30 | <p><a href="#">Where do we go from here?</a></p> <p>Presentations by organisations and individuals of future activities, projects, initiatives.</p>   |
| 13:30 | <p><a href="#">Final declaration</a></p>  |

## Contemporary Dance



### [FR/AGILE senzapaura Anita Brandolini Company](#)

They say there's no room for fragility. There's no time or space to show your fragility. "It's counterproductive!" they say. The imperative is to show yourself to be independent, determined, winning, attractive, individualist, invincible.

To take back ones FR/AGILITY, to KNOW yourself through others; to MOVE towards an evolution that is different to human relationships.

"I look for fragility in people. Making peace with your own is the secret to happiness. One of the things I find most beautiful in aging is that my eyes see much more beauty in others" – Wolfgang Tillmans.

## Paella in the Park

Once the forum has finished, everyone is invited to finish the day in the relaxed and inspiring environment at the Park of Study and Reflection, Toledo. Information for how to reach the park can be found on the website.

Those who have registered in advance for food will be able to eat their choice of paella served at the park.

Those who have not registered for food will in case be able to come bringing their own food with them.

For those who have requested a ticket for a bus, it will pick us up from El Pozo after the Final Declaration and will return back to Madrid around 9pm, leaving us at the Atocha train station, in the centre of Madrid.

Music and more cultural activities are foreseen to accompany us

### Mayte Quintanilla, Spain



Choir singer and activist in Humanists for a Universal Basic Income

### David Lazo, Spain



Musician. Writer of the music for the documentary “UBI: our right to live”. David is a multi-faceted musician with a professional career spanning more than 25 years. Producer, arranger and performer for singers, soundtracks, New Age, pop, TV and much more.

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