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## 1.1. Foreword – Executive summary

The Global Community of Humankind with its 7 billion plus individual representatives after emerging into third millennium due to overall mismanagement of people, philosophy, human sciences, scientific and applied research, education and all parts of the global, international, national and local societal foundations has got difficult times ahead.

The Nature of the planet Earth has been exposed by humans to commence movements of many internal and external systems including the climate change system. The Nature ceaseless continuum, interdependences, interaction and co-operation of all matter, energy and information plus resulting synergy together with other contents of the Nature of the planet Earth is changing basic living environmental conditions and taking more and more in lives and properties from the humanity.

Our intention is not to criticize but to open blind paths for better tomorrow of humanity. To us only value are humans however many of them. We think the path for longevity of global community of humankind or humanity is within the better education of tomorrow people.

With this book we are happy to present philosophical system thinking about the Nature and needed requisitely holistic systemic approach.

Please, do not look for numbers, modeling, and at present sciences most attractive descriptions, because Slovenians, we are happy to have own language and expressions within it.

Our mother tongue Slovenian is understandable to only about 2 million of Slovenians, and we are proud to have our language, but to communicate with the global community of humankind we have chosen English,

Please do not prize our English in this book. It is not form but content, which count for. We did not write nice book but the book with the message.

In our world of humans we have “l’art pour l’art” approach to too many complex issues and among them is our understanding of the Nature and our coexistence with the nature of the planet Earth. As long as the engine of the humans progress is “money” as “Money Master Monster leadership” of global community of humankind, we shall be on suicidal path. People do not care for qualities of content, but for the form of it. Latest achievement of the particles research – boson – is typical example of not thinking of individual content quality but only form.

Misinterpretation of the general Nature content we think, the reason is because explorations of the form do not allow realistic thinking process for understanding the content. And when discussing the nature of the planet Earth – humans are busy only with form.

We are not poets but due to our experiences and exceptional quality of the poem “CREATION IN REVERSE BY SINFUL MAN” written by late Prof E. Just and published in our book “Our Common Enemy – The Climate Change System Threat”, ISBN 961-91826-0-X, Ecimovic et al, 2006, we think it is nice to put this poem here and is as follows:

Prof. E. Just M. D. (+ 1990)



### ***CREATION IN REVERSE BY SINFUL MAN***

In the end, man destroyed heavens and Earth.  
And the Earth became void and drifting smog moved upon the face of the deep.

For man said: »Let us make industries, power stations and vehicles that creep along freeways and send a great cloud of smoke and noxious gases into the sky«.

And it was so. And there was no light in the morning, and in the evening, because of smog. And the man saw what he had done, that it was no good, and he said: »It is the price of success and progress«.

And man said: »Let us add to our achievements by exploding nuclear devices in the atmosphere«. And it was so. And radio-active fall-out mingled with the smoke and noxious gases in the firmament.

And the firmament above the earth became poisoned and sterile. And man said: »It is in the interest of our national security«. This was sixth day before the end.

And the smog and radio-active material fell on the seas and the dry land and contaminated every herb yielding seed and every fruit tree yielding fruit. And man said: »It is not very good, but we cannot put the clock back«. This was fifth day before the end.

And by his work, man created great deserts and changed the climatic conditions so that winds swept the dust of the Earth skywards to mingle with the smog which blotted out the sun by day and moon and stars by night, so that night and day became the same.

And man saw the work of his hands and said: »Our conquest of Nature is near complete! «. This was fourth day before end.

The third day before the end man said: »Let us dump our industrial effluents, raw sewage and garbage into the streams and waterways and seas«. And it was so. And the waters upon Earth became foul so that all life in the waters died.

And the remainder, man fished up with great nets for processing in factory ships. The great whales he hunted with sonar devices and explosives weapons and harpoons so that the whales were no more.

And because of the poisoning of the firmament and despoliation of the Earth and denuding of the seas, all cattle and creeping things and every beast after their own kind ceased to multiply and died upon the whole face of the Earth.

This was the third day before the end.  
And the man said: »Situation is very serious indeed – we had better do something«.



The second day before the end man found it is too late to save creation and himself and he choked and starved to death so that factories and other mighty works were desolated and decayed. And no one was found to mourn him upon the face of the Earth.

On this last day before the end ravages rested from the works of man and cursed the ruin he had wrought on the creation.

And at the end the Earth became just more planet eternally and meaninglessly spinning into space.

The Poem was written, as far as we know, in Czech mountains after collapse of the Eastern European Alliance – Warsaw Pact - under SSSR leadership.

The writer was, as far as we know, the president of the European Vegetarian Society and man with outstanding intellectual qualities.

Ourselves as humble servants of the sciences, we were happy to learn of his creation, and we think it was great at the time when was written, and was written on the experiences of the past, for present and future.

Our sincere hope is that humanity shall avoid destruction and achieve better tomorrow, longevity and sustainable future.

“The Sustainable Future” methodology or social technology has got attributes needed for requisitely holistic approach as in philosophy so in life of global community of humankind.

The “Anthology 2 - 2000 – 2014” is presenting work on the nature sciences, environmental sciences, and physics, as a root of the nature science, requisite holism, system thinking, operational research, complex problem solving and new approach for better tomorrow of the global community of humankind on the planet Earth system.

We are concluding this “Foreword – Executive Summary” with short definition of the sustainable future of humankind, which is as follows:

**“The Sustainable Future of Humankind is Harmonious and Complementary Coexistence of the Global Community of Humankind and the Nature of the Planet Earth System”**

We support saying – “From putting together sustainable development and sustainable future of local community to achieve sustainable future of global community of humankind”.

Please accept our best wishes dear Reader, to you, your family, and global community of humankind with peace, respect, reason, morality, wisdom and sustainable future.

Timi Ecimovic<sup>1</sup> and Matjaz Mulej

<sup>1</sup> This digital book »Anthology 2 - 2000 – 2014« is our message of hope for humanity longevity. Present is summary of the past, and future is unpredictable, but with good work of humans - present could be better and future will follow as humanity will work. We are discussing »Human project« or »The world of humans« or »The Human Eco-Sphere« as it is. The truth is not that what we are saying, thinking or implementing, but the truth is what the future will be.



## **1. 2. The Exclusive Foreword by Sir Prof Dr Roger Haw Boon Hong**

It is not easy to write a book as writers will tell us. In Slovenia has many writers, journalists, columnists but there are few scholars who write and publish their work for free of charge.

My two fellow colleagues Prof. Dr. Dr. h c Timi Ecimovic and Prof. Emeritus DDr. Matjaz Mulej are those few academicians who steadfastly voice concerns simultaneously in international space and published their research works in the popular internet media.

These two writers offer rare and fresh perspectives of the substance and spirit of change that needs to be imbibed not just by change masters but by the citizenry at large. They selflessly share the privileges of their experiences with readers. There are two main contents which include the requisite holism and the nature.

The work provides contents for thinking as well as intimate examples of the processes and ways a scholar applies thinking by thoughtfully raising many critical questions of The Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Future of Humankind, C & ISR – Individual Social Responsibility, Globalization and System Thinking development.

Both writers applied their scientific system thinking approach background and understanding of the complex actions and interactions of various elements to analyses the interactions of various base components of society in the social order or social disorder. It is neither doctrinaire nor obsequious to authorities. It is neither a period work nor a treatise.

The work leads us to intellectual adventures across the generations, across parochial and universal cultures.

The content of articles cultivates the mind and assists readers to clarify values. The work inspires intellectual empowerment in unobtrusive ways.

These two authors- Timi and Matjaz engagement with some of the top events and personalities in the world are shared with us so that we begin to peep into the world of thinkers and thinking, relatively unpolluted by politic manipulations of ideas.

Both writers draw from their experiences in various institutions and countries of the world. Lessons are learned from other institutions programs and from some of the best minds, East and West.

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Philosophically saying »The best philosophical ideas will educate, consolidate and unite humanity« has great value only whether humanity accept realities of the life.

Present technological achievements, Money Master Monster Leadership, social order 1% against 99%, The Climate Change System Impact, societal crisis, wars, riots, and genocides etc., are content of the present of the global community of humankind and reason for blind alley for future life of humankind.

We need renewal of all values, which have brought us to the present. Observing present of the humankind it is seen that the longevity of Homo sapiens is in the jeopardy.

Let us unite for peace and harmony of entire humankind and sustainable future. We owe it to our descendants.



Throughout the works there are carefully selected relevant quotes and references, from world leaders, scientists and scholars. As a scholar with passion for change, these two writers impactful mastered, appreciated and shared these quotations and references. They select their references for profound observation and deeper reflections.

They also invite us to use the trained mind to be above and beyond the machine-or-mechanistic world-view. Human thinking development of potentialities and talents are to embrace not just the sciences and technology and business, but are to embrace philosophy, ethics, literature, history, religion and the arts.

The critical pen that scribes or the keyboard that types critical thought exercised on contemporary issues is a rich source of the mindscapes of understanding contemporary realities and charting out ideas and actions for shaping future possibilities.

Both writer commentaries keep pace with the body of ideas on development. They understand well the nature of the obsolescence of knowledge and invite readers to continue to learn and adapt for their own future survival, conscious of indigenous perspectives and wisdom.

Throughout their scientific work there is clear evidence that they champion the nurturing of intellectual curiosity and creativity. The work is interspersed with ideas of change, creativity, competence, concepts, re-conceptualization and reinvention of the known, new skills set, new modes of problem solving, and search and discovery of new solutions.

The two authors advocate the nurturing of interconnections of people-idea-technology and wisdom, the integrated research and development, innovation and commercialization within the new knowledge paradigm of sustainability led mindset.

To power the new trans-disciplinary research clusters that is integrated focus on social transformation, engineering and technology, ICT as well as education and attention to fundamental research.

The book is not just a collection of writer's writings...improving the standard and sustainability of the quality of life, and also, moving the economy up the value chain.

These two authors also explore the notion of thinking and deep thinking for the future, of the importance of translation and learning from other cultures, the necessity of trans-generational knowledge transmission and academic collegiality, the quest for level playing field in education, the supremacy of ideas and critical need to foster a sustainable and ecological mindset, the need for genuine interreligious dialogue and global peace and harmony, the matter of the convergence of knowledge, of divergence and dissent, of intertwined complexities and uncertainties and the changing of mindset to the innovation led mentality, the focus on social innovation besides the mere focus on commercial innovation.

They believe that no discipline is superior to any other discipline for all forms of knowledge lead to the betterment of human civilization. The writers use the findings of reports as evidence for the substance and directions of change required.



Based on such reports and ideas from the knowledge corpus the writers commits to uphold uncompromising excellence and guard against conflicting roles and expectations which unwittingly subvert the pursuit of excellence and leads to mediocrity.

Personally I find the book engaging and elegantly informative as well as instructive.

**Roger Haw**

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#### **4. The Introduction:**

Anthology 1 was written by Ecimovic, Stuhler and Vezjak, and has been published by Rainer Hampp Verlag – München, Mering, 2000, ISBN 3-87988-501-X, paper, soft cover book, 208 pages. 22 presentations have been selected, 21 in English and one in Slovene. It was time of research, observations, recording and reporting on the nature, space and environment protection, commencement of the climate change system, system thinking and basics of the nature.

The human sciences progress was always under mind control of small number of powerful people. For ancient time human sciences did not play so important role as after the end of Neolithic. The reason was communications and countless number of languages without the ability to write. First writings are app. 7.000 years old discussing as theory, Actual commencement is after “Old World” some 5.000 year ago – Sumerian Cuneiform script recorded around 3.000 years B. C.

Actual beginning of recorded history of Western Civilization of humankind was in 776 (First Olympiad) as beginning of recorded Greek History.

Fast development followed and human sciences flourished. - With great minds of: Confucius (551 – 479 B. C.) of Chine, Siddhartha Buddha (563 – 483 B. C.) of India, Socrates (470 – 399 B. C.), Plato (427 – 347 B. C.), and Aristotle (384 – 322 B. C.) of ancient Greeks to mention some.

Prehistoric humankind construction and commencements of human eco sphere as protection of lives and properties were underground and on ground construction (Cappadocia in Turkey as underground living environment, Stonehenge and many other Neolithic monuments as on ground constructions, and “The Hypogeum of Paola” on Malta Island as on and underground construction – today it is only underground part which could be seen.

In some time in those millenniums the mathematics took strong position as the scientific language of the humankind. As result during the end of Antiquity and commencement of the Middle Ages or medieval period (5<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> century A, C,) all monumental, common and special constructions have been on ground. Smaller and larger cities have been commencement of the human eco sphere.

The knowledge of the philosophy in antiquity and mathematics in middle ages make differences between common people and scientist. It was still era of mental abilities as basic quality of scientist. Great discoveries followed and the planet Earth as whole becomes known to humanity.

The industrial era (17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> century) was guided with mathematics – humanity scientific language, engineering and sciences become separate groups of scientific knowledge. The nature sciences have been busy with discovering the forms of countless the living creatures, their classifications and descriptions. Mathematics were discovering more and more sophisticated methods of numbers usefulness, it was time of social sciences and fast cultural development. The money invented and innovated in the ancient China become nice partner of the humanity. Human sciences have been developing in the line of specializations.



Countless specialization took place and resulted in the individuality of the sciences. Nice scientist as Galileo, Copernicus and many others become obsolete. Specialist scientist took over development and result was more and more specific knowledge development with peaks as nuclear, quantum, Nano, particles and other scientific achievements. Human eco sphere was more and more separated from the nature of the planet Earth and commencement of the pollution – harmful interference between humans and the nature of the planet Earth was taking more and more quantities and qualitative changes in the biosphere – the living environment for humans and other “living creatures”. The life has got two dimensions – living nature and other nature.

The planetary energy system status was self-sufficient for millennia, and with humans changes become insufficient. Humans introduced countless forms of energy support for human eco sphere, from tremendous unparalleled in history of humankind development of electricity, combustion engine and much more. As result we have planetary energy imbalance and global warming.

Communication technologies as great achievement of the humanity are opening countless opportunities for making money on common people of the Earth. 99% of people are payers and minority 1 % is more and more reach.

Space research with great achievements – man on the moon, man in space, man technical achievements within stars and deep space and many more has resulted with pollution od own planetary exosphere with tremendous quantity of waste – broken technical facilities, many chemical pollutions etc.

Societal research with “philosophic”, marketing, economic, social and “Money Master Monster Leadership” achievements resulted with comfortable life of 1 % and 99 % are people on whom 1 % are parasites. The future and longevity of humans are more and more questionable.

From harmonious life of prehistoric and antiquity era to dark era of pollution and slavery to journey of sustainable future of humankind or harmonious and complementary coexistence of humans with the nature of the planet Earth and knowledge on the nature in general, that is what our intention is to have as content of this second Anthology.

Our lead philosophy is closely connected with existence of Homo sapiens on the planet Earth and as it is expressed “Human born without mistake is born death” or “Errare humanum est” or “To err is human” we hope for better tomorrow and sustainable future of humankind.

Ending this introduction dear reader please accept our best wishes for peace, respect, morality, wisdom and sustainable future to you, to all humankind and our descendants.

Prof Dr Time Ecimovic and Prof Emeritus DDr Matjaz Mulley



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We are commencing this Volume 1 with contribution written in December 2001. During 2001 our work included co-operation with the United Nations the sustainable development activities together with number of colleagues, from whom we are mentioning, Sir Prof Dr Roger B Haw, Malaysia, late Prof Dr Rashmi Mayur, New Jersey – New York, USA and Mumbai – Bombay, India, late Prof Dr Elmar Stuhler, Freising (Brezine), Germany, Prof Dr Slavko Kulic, Zagreb, Croatia, Prof Dr Marion Hersh, Glasgow, Scotland, Prof Dr. Michael O Sulleabhain, Cork, Ireland, Prof Dr Jan W. Dobrowolski, Krakow, Poland, etc. The SEM Institute for Climate Change was at 7<sup>th</sup> year of activities and with over 10.000 members from different parts of the Earth, and The University of Maribor was doing fine.

First contribution 2001 is as follows:

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## ***“10 YEARS AFTER THE RIO SUMMIT”***

### **Processes towards a Sustainable Future for the Earth**

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### **The Abstract**

Agenda 21, a blueprint for making the planet Earth sustainable in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, was adopted at Rio Summit 1992. A sustainable future for our civilization could be the result of good work at local communities around the world on Local Agenda 21 Processes. An understanding of current nature, space and environment protection problems is closely linked with systems thinking and systems theory.

The climate change system of nature has been recognized as a second threat to present civilization, nuclear technologies being the first. Both make questionable the future of our civilization, and have been examined as large systems, with a view to enhancing understanding and promoting complex problem solving.

### ***The Discussion***

Agenda 21, a blueprint for making the planet Earth sustainable in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, was prepared as a by-product of the Earth Summit in 1992, by the member nations of the United Nations. In 2002, after a decade of efforts by the nations of the world, an evaluation conference will be held in Johannesburg in South Africa. The main objectives of global efforts at that time will be to assess the success and failures, at national and global level, of policies, plans and actions by governments, NGO's, professional organizations and local governments, in fulfilling their responsibilities towards the defined goals of the Earth Summit and Agenda 21 for Change. The purpose is not simply to evaluate, but also to prepare plans for the future. Recognizing that the overall conditions of the planet Earth in each area of concern and in many local areas remain grave and disturbing, besides the global plan of action, local plans of actions will be specially emphasized. Unfortunately, in too many parts of the world, there have been no special efforts to prepare a Local Agenda 21. Therefore, NGO's in South Africa are planning a special series of meetings for this purpose. Their objective is to see that Local Agenda 21 processes remain a focal point of efforts for the next ten years. At the same time, member governments of the UN are planning to attend to the national and global plans of action and policies and to reaffirm their commitment to saving the biosphere from further destruction. Recognizing that there have been innumerable warnings concerning human survival and the threat to life itself, the meeting in South Africa may be seen as facing an ultimatum.

It is necessary to initiate work worldwide, not only to prepare a new plan of action considering the changes during the last ten years, but also to plan and work on setting up special experiments in different parts of the world, in order to test the viability and practicality of the effective protection of nature, space and the environment through Local Agenda 21 processes in varying conditions of life around the world. Here, innovative change is at the root of all sustainable development efforts – change, which emphasizes not only policies at the macro (global) level, but also changes in life style, in technological development, and the use of resources, in order that at the end of the next ten years, unlike during the previous 10 years,



we can build in a dynamic evaluation system, which will give us continuous assessment of our accomplishments, while at the same time guiding us in redirecting our efforts towards expediting our objectives. Such a system is possible only by building in the techniques of system sciences, with work plans at the local level involving local people at every stage.

It is unbelievable that there are many people (a majority), including leading politicians, who do not accept the impact of climate change on the biosphere of the Earth. They believe that the biosphere is there to meet the needs of their life-style and nothing else. They do not see human beings (*Homo sapiens*) as social beings whose continuity is based on the reproduction and social behavior of the species. Individuality, which is a golden capability of humans, is a key factor towards understanding the social behavior of the species. During the last 150 years the cumulative effects of our school curricula, the development of market democracies, our leaders' behavior, our technological achievements, the development of a social model, the destruction of nature, space and the environment, and other known impacts of our civilization, notwithstanding the efforts of human individuals, specialists, experts and technical geniuses, have brought us to the point of possible destruction of the biosphere and our entire civilization. Our nuclear technologies, which by the way should never come out of scientific and research laboratories, have opened the final door. Climate change, as the second major threat to the existence of our civilization, has been misused by politicians and bureaucrats, so that the majority of the world population, confronted with water pollution, energy production and consumption, synthetic chemicals as PCB's, CFC's, DDT and others, life style, food production, deforestation, desertification, soil erosion etc. think that humans have been responsible for this phenomenon. The climate change system is an integral part of the biosphere and nature. It has many interdependent subsystems, and could be understood by drawing upon systems thinking (see Fig. 1.).

Fig. 1: The Basic Seven Terms of Systems, Systemic, and Holistic vis-à-vis Non-Systemic, and Traditional Thinking

<b>Systems – Systemic – Holistic Thinking</b>	vs.	<b>Non-Systemic – Traditional - Thinking</b>
<b><i>Interdependence/s – Relation/s – Openness</i></b>		<b><i>Independence –</i></b>
<b><i>Dependence – Closeness</i></b>		
<b>Complexity (and Complicatedness)</b>		<b>Simplicity – or Complicatedness</b>
<b>alone</b>		
<i>Attractor/s</i>		<i>No influential force/s, but isolation</i>
<i>Emergence</i>		<i>No process of making new attributes</i>
<i>Synergy, Systems</i>		<i>No new attributes resulting from relations</i>
<i>Whole and Holism</i>		<i>Parts and partial attributes only</i>
<i>Networking, Interactions, Interplay</i>		<i>No mutual influences</i>

The basic few terms belonging to the concept of system thinking, may in summary include the left column, and fight the right column (See: Mulej at al., 2000)

From the viewpoint of the entire nature, the climate change system is amongst the most complex systems and obviously it is a macro system. The largest system humans can think of is the cosmos, second to that is the solar system and third the system of the planet Earth. Planet Earth is a large system of matter and energy and a minor part of it is the biosphere. For



humankind it is the most important living space, and all that we have as an environment for our existence. The biosphere system includes climate change system as an important major subsystem, which is responsible for living conditions within the biosphere.

From systems theory, which is the basis of systems thinking, we may understand the many interdependencies there are within the system of the Earth's biosphere and the climate change system. From the natural sciences we know that all of life's creatures are dependent on mean life conditions, which are moderated by the climate. With a change in the mean surface temperature within a 12-month period of 1 degree Celsius centigrade the majority of plants from our surroundings would be lost forever, and many other creatures would disappear as well. And that is the end of the story.

In the course of the history of the planet Earth, there have been many times when climate changes occurred, and always the impact on the biosphere caused changes in life on earth. The last such period was 120.000 to 60.000 years before our time, and there was the Little Ice Age around 1.000 years ago, at a time when the people of Greenland were rearing cattle. The later transformation of local conditions resulted in producing a society there as it is even today (Eskimos). Amongst basic life conditions we have to understand temperature, humidity, water and air, and all of them are part of the biosphere. On one hand we have the biggest part of the Earth, which is made of solid matter (unique composition of the planet Earth). On the other hand we have the biosphere, a minor part of the Earth consisting of surface and atmosphere. The rest of life on the Earth is evolution, which is a dynamic system of changes and adaptations to the living conditions in the biosphere. And we are at this very moment in a difficult stage of transition and living condition changes caused by the climate change system, which has been triggered by humankind. We think that this makes sufficiently clear the need for an action plan, in which the major part of humankind will be engaged in working together for the survival of our civilization, if it is still possible.

At this world forum we shall put forward our hope to understand the present dilemma and possibilities for the future. We are agreed on pursuing sustainability as a path for survival, using Agenda 21 for Change as a blueprint and Local Agenda 21 processes as a path towards a sustainable future for local communities and a possible road to a sustainable future for our entire civilization. Our recommendation is to have more co-operation, tolerance and understanding amongst scientists, politicians, international businessmen, international and national administrators and local communities in the course of protecting nature, space and the environment by means of Local Agenda 21 processes.

Local Agenda 21 processes present an opportunity for scientists and researchers to place information, education and practical solutions to more or less complex problems at the disposal of humankind in local communities around the planet Earth.

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### WORLD GOVERNANCE – WORLD PARLIAMENT, WORLD GOVERNMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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#### **Abstract:**

**The World Governance idea has been around since humans first developed means of information exchange. The present movement has its genesis in the last 150 years of the history of our civilization. There are a number of initiatives and arguments for and against world parliament and world government, and basically they are coming from social sciences.**



Triggered by the development of our civilization, the consumption of natural resources, production of synthetic chemicals, life style, and run out from our nuclear technology laboratories represent the Number One threat to the existence of our civilization, the second threat being climate change system, reflecting a response by the very nature of our Earth, which is already evolving and is capable of destroying our civilization.

Not only because of social reasons, which prompt the call for a Constitution of the Earth, a World Parliament and World Government, but also from a natural sciences point of view, we need world governance for survival of our civilization. The sustainable life of our civilization on the planet Earth has to be underpinned by guided action. There is an option for our survival, if we put together all our resources, abilities, and action to combat as of now the impact of climate change system on the biosphere of the Earth.

Climate change system is at present destroying daily a part of the achievements of our civilization.

**The presentation:**

**WORLD GOVERNANCE – WORLD PARLIAMENT, WORLD GOVERNMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE SYSTEM**

**Introduction:**

The present status of the biosphere, nature, space and the environment, as well as the scientific and research knowledge at the disposal of humankind and our social system are driving our civilisation nowhere. Individual, regional, national and international interests do not permit a new approach to survival due to social, financial, political, and bureaucratic pressures, war philosophy, and lack of tolerance between people.

We, the people of the Earth, have to recognise the need for action towards the establishment of a world constitution, a world parliament, and a world government as a possibility for our survival, with responsibility to co-ordinate social issues, and to harmonise the needs of humankind, and nature, space and environment capabilities.

Present practice on the Earth such as the destruction of all waters with synthetic chemicals, bio and air (rain-induced) pollution, the destruction of air due to land, sea, air traffic, the results of war actions, the destruction of the ozone layer, agriculture practice destroying soil fertility and producing deserts, global warming, and of course the explosive reproduction of humankind, cannot be dealt with by simply taking national interests into account. They should be a major responsibility of world government.

The climate change system, which is responsible for living conditions within the biosphere, needs special scientific research, and world governing action.

Nature, space and environment protection, which should take care of biosphere, need special scientific research and world governing action.



The necessary scientific and applied research to cope with the above issues cannot be provided on the basis of civilisation's current scientific and research capacities, due to the engagement of scientists with war and the demands of bureaucracy. Therefore, a new approach is needed for a redirection of scientific work towards needed knowledge for nature, science, and the environment as well as climate change.

Scientific work, as a basic source of knowledge, needs special co-ordination at worldwide level and should be an integral part of world governance.

### **The Climate Change System**

An integral part of nature is the climate change system. From the system theory point of view, and from macro system thinking, we may say that there are macro systems and micro systems. Macro systems are the cosmos, the solar system, the planet Earth, the biosphere, and climate change system etc. Micro systems are individual creatures, aircraft, automobiles, countries, national governments etc.

To be able to understand the need for world governance, humankind should understand the systems within which we exist, and systems we consist of and that we create. It is important due to the known fact that any system will remain as is, as long as all systems within it are in a similar mode. If and when any major or minor part of the system moves the whole system will commence to move. It is not possible to predict in which direction the system will move. This is what is happening with the climate change system.

The climate change system, due to the triggering effect of humankind's impact on the biosphere – depletion of the ozone layer, global warming, deforestation, desertification, erosion, input of synthetic chemical substances, consumption of fossil fuels, etc. – commences to respond in the way a system does. This means living conditions within the biosphere are changing. One important aspect is that if the mean land mass temperature changes by one Celsius centigrade within 12 months, the change will force extinction of up to 90 % of known plants. Important is how and what will be evolution of two major sub systems – the Earth land mass - configuration changes due to a rise in land mass temperature, and secondly - sea waters - change in terms of salinity, currents, ability for CO<sub>2</sub> carbon dioxide storing, expansion due to rise of average temperature, and possible impact on bio systems: eutrophication, phytoplankton, and other life forms.

The climate change system becomes unstable due to global warming and ozone layer depletion.

Scientifically it is possible to correct global warming by fostering phytoplankton reproduction, and consequently consumption of CO<sub>2</sub> carbon dioxide, which may decrease global warming.

But if it is used without scientific control, it may produce another Ice Age and consequently the end of our civilization. So we are at this point, as the old Romans would say between Scylla and Charybdis, which were two rocky islands on the sea route from Greece to Rome where many ships were sunk.



Decisions of such weight should not be left to national governments or the UN, since they do not recognize the importance of the issue.

The climate change system ultimately would change living conditions within the biosphere and geography of the Earth so much that our civilization will end.

### **Recommendations**

One planet, one government is our first recommendation. Of course the planet Earth Constitution is first and the planet Earth Parliament and Government follow in line, after ratification of the planet Earth Constitution.

Secondly we recommend a new approach to the social order, which has to reflect present experience, and the establishment of a new contract for humankind living on the planet Earth.

The goal is to prevent explosion of humankind reproduction, enforce ethics and tolerance amongst peoples of the Earth, enforce law and order, and with skilful governing allow coming generations to live on the planet Earth.

Thirdly we recommend redirections of scientific work from war armaments, market-oriented and synthetic chemicals technologies research and development, to discovering systems of nature, space, the environment and cosmos, as essential elements of knowledge needed for survival.

As an integral part of the presentation are The Phytoplankton Project, in which we address issues and possibilities for complex problem solving, and the poem Creation In Reverse By Sinful Man, by Prof. E. Yust M D (+ 1990), as a philosophical report on our civilisation.

### **References**

The presentation is based upon independent scientific work of authors within the issues of nature, space and environment protection, and the climate change system.

The presentation is not a scientific paper but the paper written by scientists.

The goal is to foster understanding amongst peoples of the Earth about climate change and related issues.

The scientists who contributed to this presentation by their work or ideas are as follows: Dr. Rashmi Mayur, Mumbai, India; late Prof. Dr. Dr. Helmut Metzner, Tübingen, Germany; Prof. Dr. George Pethes, Budapest, Hungary; Prof. Dr. Slavko Kulic, IOM, Zagreb, Croatia; Prof. Dr. Marjan Vezjak, Vrhnika, Slovenia; Dr. Elmar A. Stuhler, Freising, Germany; Prof. Dr. Micheal O Suilleabhain, (Ed.), Ireland; Dr. Marion Hersh, Glasgow, Scotland; Dr. Glen Martin, Philosophy Professor, USA; Prof. Dr. Nina Dorofejeva, Ukraine; Prof. Philip Isely, Lakewood, USA; Yogi Shanti Swaroop, India; Prof. Dr. Elohimjl, Mexico, Mautendorf, Austria; and many others from the past and present.



3.

During 2001 we had international conference in Vienna, Austria.

## *XVIII International Conference*

WACRA EUROPE est. 1984

### **Sustainable Development through Research and Learning**

**September 19 – 25, 2001, Vienna, and Krems in Austria**

With sustainable development as its overarching issue, this conference seeks to show how the dynamics of our civilization jeopardize its healthy development by adversely affecting our nature, space and environmental protection. The choice of the Austrian capital as its venue offers a unique opportunity to explore problems shared by Western and Central Europe alike and in so doing to promote a globally minded pursuit of research-based solutions. We are inevitably challenged to analyse how global, regional and local needs are interlinked. The organizers envisage a holistic, multidisciplinary, trans or supra disciplinary approach which highlights essential prerequisites if civilization is to adapt its thinking to the attainment of sustainable development. Scientist, researchers, scholars, practitioners, public administrators, students and concerned citizens are invited to enhance their awareness of these problems in a steadily deteriorating global situation, to underpin their motivation to act responsibly and to promote the adoption of remedial measures based on research and best practice.

Learning to be globally minded through research on selected complex cases and involving Central European States which are seeking membership of the European Union.

Within this framework the conference aims to provide once again a forum where thinkers, scientist, researchers, scholars and experts can analyse, discuss and synthesize their thinking on these issues, thinking which derives from diverse perceptions, concepts, theories and cases coming from diverse disciplines. The conference aspires to:

1. Evaluate in a comparative context prevailing social and economic behavior and policy measures in Central European states seeking membership of European Union, focusing on the food chain, other material flows, and quantitative and qualitative aspects of the waste problem.
2. Identify means of assisting Central Europe to carry out the necessary changes and adaptations so as to achieve standards compatible with sustainable development in an enlarged European Union.



3. Explore the future role of Austria and, in particular, Vienna – Krems - Wachau in promoting sustainable development in Central Europe especially by means of strategic partnerships.
4. Familiarize participants with real life cases or projects in the area of Vienna – Krems - Wachau, focusing in a comparative context on food chains, reduction of material flows and waste management.
5. Analyze the main reasons why decision makers at micro, mezzo and macro levels tend to ignore the need for ecological and ethical criteria and standards and the basic principles of Agenda 21 for Change?
6. Identify means of averting a situation where Europe becomes a self-centered region, basing its own sustainable development on resources imported from developing countries outside of Europe, at unfair terms of trade, and therefore frustrating sustainable development in the latter countries.
7. Signal ways of managing Local Agenda 21 Processes overshadowed as they are by the risk factor of the climate change.

As part of the conference the Thinkers' Corner will provide a forum with a strong ethical emphasis in which world thinkers, scientists and concerned citizens could discuss how research and formal as well as informal educational processes may help to ensure the continuation of our civilization in ways which counteract trends towards soil deterioration and desertification, sub-human living conditions and starvation.

Within the Conference a special Symposium will discuss how a General Systems Weltanschauung can be used to show that the feasibility of solutions to local and regional problems is influenced by global restrictions and possibilities. This approach owes much to the work of Ludwig von Bertalanffy, and the symposium is intended as a mark of homage to him on the occasion, this year, of the centenary of his birth.

Two years after we lost Prof. Dr. Dr. Helmut Metzner, The President of The European Academy for Environmental Affairs will be over in time of the conference, let us remember him and his work.

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#### 4.

As an outcome of the XVIII WACRA international Conference in Vienna, Austria, participants unanimously accepted establishment of the World Thinker's Forum

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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**Korte, December 6<sup>th</sup> 2001**

Dear Reader,

Re.: WACRA EUROPE e. V. 18th International Conference »Sustainable Development Through Research and Learning«, Vienna / Krems, Austria, 19. – 25. September 2001

## **REPORT**

WACRA EUROPE Est. 1984 – World Association for Case Method Research and Case Method Applications – held its 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference in co-operation with:

1. European Academy of Sciences and Arts, Vienna, Austria,
2. SEM Institute for Climate Change, Korte, Slovenia,
3. Vienna University of Technology, Vienna, Austria,
4. Danube University, Krems, Austria,
5. Federal Government of Austria and Government of Lower Austria.

The 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference was chaired by:

1. Prof. Dr. Felix Unger, Honorable Chairman, President of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, Vienna, Austria,
2. Dr. Elmar A. Stuhler, Chairman, and Chairman of WACRA Europe, Freising (Munich), Germany,



3. Prof. Dr. George Pethes, Co Chair, Vice President of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, Budapest, Hungary,
4. Prof. Dr. Emelyan M. Emelyanov, Co Chair, Kaliningrad, Russia,
5. Dr. Rashmi Mayur, Co Chair, Director of the International Institute for Sustainable Future, Mumbai, India.

The 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference was managed and moderated by Dr. Timi Ecimovic, Head of SEM Institute for Climate Change, Korte, Slovenia.

The preparatory activities:

The relatively late commencement of the 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference organization was due to co-ordination work in the pre-preparatory stage.

In late April the invitation and call for papers was send out up to 250 addresses and few thousand of e – mails.

It was decided that the official language of the conference is English language.

As result 40 papers were accepted with over 40 authors and 20 co-authors from 15 countries.

The preliminary program was prepared, and was sent out in late June to 300 mailing addresses and few thousand e – mails.

An unknown number of researchers and potential participants from Russia, Ukraine, Belorussia, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Romania, Bulgaria, India, and Pakistan did not participate at the conference due to visa problems.

Secondly, a number of participants from USA did not attend the conference due to event on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001. Thirdly many researchers from Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Albania, Romania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Croatia, Slovak Republic and Turkey did not attend due to lack of funds.

The “conference policy”, including the financial affairs, was managed by Dr. Elmar A Stuhler, the Chairman of WACRA Europe, and assisted by Prof. Dr. Elohimjl, Mauntern, Austria.

We received patronage from the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, and the President of the Academy was appointed Honorable Chairman of the International Conference.

Prof. Dr. George Pethes, Vice President of the Academy, and Co-Chair of the conference has performed opening of the conference, as scheduled.

The Vienna University of Technology represented by Univ. Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Hofkirchner, from Institute of Design and Technology Assessment supported the conference with room and logistics at Karlsplatz, Vienna.



By September the “Book of Abstract” with other relevant information was completed. For last preparations Dr. Elmar A. Stuhler, and Dr. Timi Ecimovic arrived in Vienna on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

On 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September the welcome and registration of the participants took place, and each has received a copy of the “Book of Abstract” and other information on conference and City of Vienna.

The main hotels of the participants were Hotel Vindabona, Laudongasse 36, and Hotel Auersperg, Auerspergstrasse, 09, Vienna, and both were on walking distance from Technical University the venue of the conference.

The Conference:

19<sup>th</sup> September – was Opening Session and Annual Meeting of WACRA EUROPE e. V.

20<sup>th</sup> September – first full day, Chairman was Dr. Rashmi Mayur, from International Institute for Sustainable Future, from Mumbai, India.

09.00 opening by Prof. Dr. George Pethes, Vice President of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts,

Dr. Rashmi Mayur presented interesting situation on the world as per the present situation of the society, nature, space and environment protection, United Nations activities and international community activities.

Dr. Elmar A. Stuhler – Introduction to the conference with review on own research related to the teaching effectiveness of case courses and the complex problem solving towards environmental protection and sustainable development as well as reflections on previous conferences of WACRA EUROPE e. V. and partners.

Dr. Timi Ecimovic, “The Climate Change Impact to Biosphere”,

Followed was presentation by team of Prof. Dr. Zeiger then Prof. Dr. Makarenko and others. The moderator of the conference Dr. Timi Ecimovic favored the discussion as path for understanding between the participants.

Late afternoon The Thinker’s Corner started, and with large contributions from all present participants, the World Thinker’s Forum was established. The organization and chairmanship were trusted to Dr. Timi Ecimovic, and the Institute for Climate Change.

21<sup>st</sup> September – second day, was chaired by Prof. Dr. Emelyan M. Emelynov, Kaliningrad, Russia.

Solar architecture presentation by Ms. Peter Holzer and field study at vicinity of Vienna was major event in the morning and early afternoon. Afternoon was followed by presentations and discussions.



In the afternoon Dr. Brix, Head of the Austrian Research Foundation, lectured about the Civil Society Movement in Austria as mean for sustainable development.

As special part of the conference first session of the symposium General Systems Weltanschauung as mark of homage to late Prof. Dr. Ludwig von Bartalanffy first century of his birth was performed by Prof. Dr. Elohimjl. Very interesting presentation and discussion was result of the momentum in sciences on system thinking, learning and enlargement of the knowledge.

System thinking was linked with all activities of humankind, and understanding of relations between society, biosphere and Earth.

22<sup>nd</sup> September - third day was chaired by Dr. Elmar A. Stuhler, Chairman of WACRA Europe.

The day was assigned to field studies at Kautzen and Dobersberg, Lower Austria. We have seen interesting local community's activities, the long distance hitting, and cultural heritage application at village level. Also we had presentations of Hon. Mr. Richard Bartak, Czech Republic, Ms. Roshni Udyavar, from India, and others together with local community members and lord mayor.

It was interesting to learn about lack of knowledge on Agenda 21 activities, not by content but by form and international approach. Actually Agenda 21 was by all nations accepted platform for nature, space and environment protection at Rio Summit, and we found out that these two villages in Lower Austria had no information on Agenda 21.

23<sup>rd</sup> September – was chaired by Dr. Timi Ecimovic, Head of SEM Institute for Climate Change, Korte, Slovenia.

The day was assigned for presentations and discussions. Practically we were at session from 09.00 till late afternoon 19.00. Morning started with presentation by architect Drago Muvrin from Croatia, and followed by madam Isolde Schonstei, Vienna, and Prof. Dr. Norbert Derner from technical University Munich.

24<sup>th</sup> September – was chaired by Prof. Dr. Jozica Knez Riedel, from University Maribor, Slovenia.

The day was assigned to presentation and discussions and commenced with presentation from Prof. Dr. Majda Bastic, Maribor University, Slovenia and Prof. Dr. Jozica Knez Riedel followed. Till early afternoon were presentations and discussions, followed by second session of Bartalanffy Symposium. Prof. Dr. Elohimjl presented second and conclusive part of Bartalanffy System theory application at scientific and social level. Late afternoon Dr. Elmar A. Stuhler closed down the 18<sup>th</sup> WACRA EUROPE International Conference.

The present report is an integral part of final documents from 18<sup>th</sup> WACRA EUROPE International Conference. Other parts are report by chairman, financial report and



proceedings, which will be published as part of the Research on Cases and Theories by Rainer Hampp Verlag, Mering, Germany.

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## 5.

Presentation of the basic World Thinker's Forum paper has been revised in 2011. After establishment of the World Philosophical Forum, Athens, Greece, 2009, and The Declaration "The World Thinker's Panel on the Sustainable Future of Humankind" announced on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2011 the World Thinker's Forum become obsolete.

### *WORLD THINKER'S FORUM*

On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2001 at the Technical University, Vienna, Austria, World Thinkers' Forum was established, as a spin-off from the XVIII International Conference of WACRA EUROPE, e.V., est. 1984, entitled 'Sustainable Development through Research and Learning'.

Recognizing that an increasing number of thinking people are concerned about the declining conditions of life in the world, and understanding that the situation is worsening beyond repair in many areas, the participants of the conference decided to set up The World Thinkers' Forum.

The organization of the Forum has been entrusted to Prof. Dr. Timi Ecimovic, Head of SEM Institute for Climate Change, Korte, Slovenia, and Dr. Rashmi Mayur, Director of the International Institute for Sustainable Future, Mumbai, India, whom we lost during Johannesburg UN SD 10 years after Rio summit in 2002.

The World Thinkers' Forum is an independent, non-governmental, non-political, non-profit, non-bureaucratic organization linked with the SEM Institute for Climate Change. The world headquarters are at Korte 124, 6310 Izola – Isola, Slovenia.

The Administrative Committee of the World Thinkers' Forum will be globally representative, and it is important to recognize that North and South are equitably represented. On a voluntary basis continental, regional, country and group focal point, representations, and liaison offices etc. will be established, and please send us your proposals for co-operation. The main purpose of the forum is to bring to the attention of world human society some of the critical problems and issues for the survival of our civilization, which people around the globe can attend to.

The forum objectives are as follows:

- Education
- Training



- Consultation
- Preparing plans and policies
- Influencing governments and international agencies
- Suggesting local and global actions in order to solve relevant problems and make the world sustainable.

Some of these objectives may sound ambitious, but for a large number of thinkers time is the critical factor.

The World Thinkers' Forum is open to anyone who cares to become a member of the group and contribute to our efforts. We hope to have members around the globe from different sectors of life, since our approach will be holistic, and the problems we will deal with will be comprehensive.

**The World Thinker's Forum will deal with the following issues:** Environment, Sustainability, Technology, Economy, and Socio-political issues

We recognize that most of these issues are interlinked and interdependent, and are interdisciplinary such as environmental and economic issues. At the same time we understand that some problems are local while others are global, such as soil erosion, ozone depletion and the destruction of terrestrial and marine life etc.

Although there exist innumerable organizations in the world, working on local and global problems, needs are vast, and many such efforts are called for all around, bearing in mind that one need not duplicate the work to be done. We are open for interaction, co-operation and work with a common purpose. We may modify our objectives as we progress and learn about the efforts of others.

The purpose of this information is to allow potential thinkers of the world to participate in the World Thinkers' Corner.

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Since Dr. Rashmi Mayur passed away is vacant.

Please check home page [www.institut-climatechange.si](http://www.institut-climatechange.si) and there is simple possibility for enrolment



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## **U.S. UNLEASHES TERROR TO FIGHT TERRORISM**

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September 11 has become a metaphor of our age. According to *The Economist*, that was the day “when the world changed.” The Buddha has told us: “Everything in the world changes eternally.” Then, what was so special about Tuesday, 11 September 2001? In reporting the incident, a TV journalist announced: “It was an event incomparable with any in the recent era.” That summarizes the event — its details, its impact and its unprecedented consequences. As one of the leaders of the NGO movement at the United Nations put it: “The world will never be the same again.”

Yes, it was a shattering event, a spectacular act of violence. The two World Trade Center towers in New York City and part of the Pentagon building in Washington D.C. were destroyed, crashed into by hijacked planes in a barbaric act of terrorism, killing nearly 7,000 people. Of course, such events of devastation are not new to humanity. Several hundred buildings have been destroyed in Iraq during the last 10 years of bombings by the United States, and more than half a million people have died there. What is important about New York and Washington D.C. was that it happened in the United States: the richest, the most powerful and the well-armed country in the world - in short, the most invulnerable. “How can anyone ever commit terrorism against the United States?” was the question asked by a diplomat at the UN during a meeting on terrorism. Something that had been considered impossible had occurred. It was totally unthinkable, unimaginable. It is this element of surprise, unexpected happening, which makes terrorism poignant.

Simultaneously, unknown and unrecognized by a majority of the people, another event was playing out: media terrorism. Within moments, the 11 September assault burgeoned into a journalistic supernova. Playing on the two tall buildings and their collapse' repeated incessantly for four days, embellished with the apocalyptic language of Armageddon, the episode was a global melodrama that reached more than half the population of the world, unto its very farthest corners. Everyone suffered (when America suffers, the world must suffer). Meanwhile, on 26 January of this year in an earthquake in Gujarat, more than 50,000 people were killed and several thousand buildings were reduced to rubble. Much of the world is unaware of the event. The rest seem to have forgotten. It happened in India. And India, as we know, is poor.

On 1 October, a special meeting on terrorism was called by the General Assembly of the United Nations to find a global solution to the problem of terrorism. The meeting ended on 5 October with an international consensus on fighting terrorism, agreed upon by more than 160 countries. Neither the General Assembly nor the Security Council of the United Nations called a meeting on terrorism when, on 9 March 1993, 12 bombs exploded in different parts of Mumbai, destroying property and maiming or killing several hundred people. Or when that Cuba happens urged the Security Council to act when a Cuban aircraft was blown in flight by terrorists, killing 73 people on board in 1976.

On 7 October, the United States, along with UK and other members of the supporting coalition, unilaterally commenced their barbaric assault on Afghanistan, proclaiming it as a 'war' against terrorism. For the first time, the world was challenged by the superpower as US President, George W. Bush, cautioned: “Every nation in every region now has a decision to make. Either you are with us or you are with the terrorists.”



Who has given permission to the United States and England to bomb Afghanistan? On what basis can the Security Council validate the attacks by a country or group of countries to retaliate against an unknown assailant by attacking and bombing innocent and vulnerable people, already reduced to living in a virtual Stone Age? In what way can it be called self-defense for the United States to attack Afghanistan, as was claimed by the newly-appointed US ambassador to the UN, John Negroponte, that the assault was in keeping with Article 51 of the UN Charter, when in fact the Charter has no allusion whatsoever of a unilateral attack by one nation on another in 'retaliation' or 'self-defense'.

All the claims by Tony Blair, the British Prime Minister, and Pervez Musharraf, the Taliban-supporting turncoat, of having proof of Osama Bin Laden's involvement in the terrorist attacks in the US, are baseless, unproven: total lies. The premise is more than questionable. There are many groups, in the Middle East and elsewhere, prepared to go to any lengths for retribution for the inequities and oppression of their people; for revenge, for justice. These groups exist in great numbers in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Sudan and elsewhere.

One must recognize the irony of the age of globalization and its inherent duplicity. We find here a marked double standard by which human lives are valued. A week ago, four UN workers engaged in deactivating and removing old but still-lethal landmines became victims of badly-aimed bombs in civilian areas of Kabul. Two days later we saw another village mistakenly hit. Four children perished. The survivors in the family had to abandon their home and become refugees. And bombing continues indefinitely, night after night and during the sunlit day, with several hundred defenseless people paying a cruel price for no crimes of their own.

Whether he is guilty or not, no one knows where Bin Laden is. For all we know, he may even be in New York. No one has been able to prove that he masterminded the suicide attacks of 11 September. What is clear; however is that most of the infrastructure in Afghanistan is now reduced to dust? Only 6% of the people had access to electricity. Now they too are in darkness. This is a cyber-war in which the enemy cannot be found. Where are the members of the Taliban? With B-12 bombers, stealth fighters and hundreds of spy satellites circling the earth, the Americans cannot find the Taliban! Nor do the Americans recognize that the Al-Qaida network (one of many) does not exist only in Afghanistan, a country that most people in the world did not know existed until 1975, when it was dragged into the Cold War.

**For the United States, terrorism elsewhere does not count. There are hundreds of terrorist camps in Pakistan, harboring training groups in the name of religion, for attacks against India in Kashmir. Yet Pakistan is an ally against terrorism for the US. The governments of both India and Pakistan, in cowardly and self-serving fashion, have bowed. They have submitted to the United States: India, so that its sanctions may be lifted, and Pakistan, also for removal of its sanctions as well as for other financial benefits.**

All this may sound insane, Machiavellian and hellishly corrupt, but such is the world. Unless people everywhere recognize that what happened in America is only a beginning, violence, throughout this new century, will grow exponentially, and its manifestations will be increasingly, and subtly, refined. One day, several million will have to die if biological,



chemical and nuclear terrorism is unleashed. No matter how much money Americans spend, there is no security against this most insidious and vicious terrorism. Otherwise, the CIA, with its expenditures of more than \$30 billion, would have had the power to head off the dastardly acts of 11 September, carried out with remarkably sophisticated coordination and the simplest of technologies.

For the world's people, especially those living, impoverished and powerless, in the former European colonies of Asia, Latin America and Africa, the future is no less dark and grim than it has been for the last 500 years. The plans to eliminate them set into motion half a millennium ago, are no less alive in 2001. In many of these former colonies, war is the norm and the buying of arms - \$30 billion worth in 1999 (50% from the US) – is the prize. Afghanistan was the most unexpected victim of the Cold War.

There is another story to the assault on Afghanistan — the old story of controlling the earth's fast depleting resources. The US Republican government, heavily backed by the oil industry, is possibly clearing the way for US oil giant, Unocal, to build a pipeline from the oil-rich Central Asian republic of Turkmenistan (with an estimated six billion barrels of oil reserves) to the Pakistani port of Gwadar, via Afghanistan — to be sold to the emerging economies in South and South East Asia, where a runaway demand is burgeoning.

But, even as the United Nations, the US and its partners in the 'war against terrorism' are looking for a future broad-based government in Afghanistan, almost none have envisioned any role for women, who have gone through the most horrendous atrocities under the various power-hungry fundamentalist regimes. All the idealistic talk by the UN of toppling the demonic Taliban regime, will have no value, if another extremist group takes over and women, after being used as a gimmick, are relegated back to the their prisons of veil.

September 11 heralds three momentous changes for this century:

- The events of the last five years suggest that the United Nations may become a subsidiary of the State Department of the United States.
- The United States will assume legitimate authority to use its military power in order to establish a global hegemony, which means most of the world's nations will become vassal states; and
- NATO, consisting of 19 Euro-American countries, will become a global army (as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Europe, on 9 October announced, "NATO countries will provide an allied military presence in the eastern Mediterranean and demonstrate our resolve").

Beyond that, governments around the world will increase their powers over the citizens as George Orwell prophesied in his book '1984', through the "thought police" - surveillance, wiretapping and other insidious methods of intrusion into citizens' personal lives. As one Genovese *Carabiniere* boasted, "Civil liberties will be an issue of the past".

The only recourse for citizens of the world is to deflate these extraordinary powers of their governments, most of which are controlled by the armament industry whose only goal is to manufacture and push arms by creating global fear, insecurity and paranoia. Ultimately our



cause is to create a sane and secure world. And so, as the Malaysian Ambassador said in the General Assembly meeting, "We must fight against all forms of terrorism" - social terrorism (a UN report says that 9,000 women were murdered under the dictates of the dowry custom in India in 1999); religious terrorism (all through the centuries, millions of people have been butchered by racists, bigots and religious fanatics); state terrorism (where was the United Nations when the US walked into Panama and Grenada in the 1980's? What about the US bombing of Sudan in 1998?). And corporate terrorism, which traditionally is a most cruelly ground down the poor.

In this century, considering what lies ahead, it is imperative that all people relentlessly and courageously struggle against all forms of injustices. In the process, many thousands, even millions, may die. But there is no choice. The agents of real terrorism - corporations, imperialistic governments and the media that serve them - control all the known weapons of terrorism. If we value our lives and those of our children, we must work towards building a world without artificial borders. A world where the rule of law established by the UN as a world institution, that is the World Government, will work for six billion people in order that one day we shall all have freedom, equality, justice and sustainability. Our world will be peaceful. Our Earth will regain its beauty. Our children will grow in love - not, as now, in fear.

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