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**The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Conference on  
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&  
**The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Institute for  
Advanced Studies in Systems Research and Cybernetics (IIAS)**  
(To be held in Baden-Baden, Germany, July 30<sup>th</sup> ~ August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018)

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

A Special Focus Symposium on  
**Metamorphosis of Society**  
**Society in Transition and Transformation**

Organizer/Chairman  
Prof. George E. Lasker, IIAS, Canada

This Symposium will provide a forum for presenting papers dealing with studies of transition and transformation of a contemporary society. It will examine various aspects of societal metamorphosis and the ensuing socio-political developments occurring in different parts of the world.

Our world and our society are currently undergoing rapid changes that are profoundly influencing nearly every facet of our life. The Symposium will study the circumstances as well as all the relevant factors, actors and agents that evoke and produce such transformative changes in our life.

The Symposium will explore how advanced Information Technology and Communication Media may impact future sociopolitical and geopolitical developments of our society and how they may influence our future life. It will study the underlying root causes and impact of current conflicts, wars and crises on peaceful evolution of humankind. It will also examine the causes and impact of drug addiction, mental disorders, rising violence, terrorism and criminality. It will study the impact of unchecked mass migration of people on the future of our culture, on our way of life, and on various facets of our society and our civilization.

The Symposium will also examine the deteriorating quality of our life, the deteriorating quality of air, water and our food; pollution of our environment; chemical/biological toxic contamination of our earth, rivers, lakes and oceans. It will also address one of the most pressing issues of our time related to the practice of various unscrupulous industrial, agricultural, mining, oil and other producers where the economic expediency and maximizing profits takes precedence over clean air, earth, water, food and a clean living environment.

Within the domains and realms of Sociocybernetics and Sociosynergetics we intend to also discuss the dynamics of sociopolitical controls and manipulation that influence the transformation and transition of our society, increased militarization of our culture and the loss of our liberties and personal privacy. We will also discuss the strategies and tactics used by ‘Big Brother’, by the Orwellian Actors, and the Agents of the ‘Deep’ State of the ‘Swamp’ to influence, manipulate, control and dominate us. Ultimately, we will search for the ways and means of how best to preserve peace and avert nuclear annihilation of our Planet Earth, and how best to replace the Culture of War, Violence and Malaise by the Culture of Peace, Cooperation and Prosperity.

Papers are also welcome with new proposals and ideas about how to identify, assess measure, quantify, and formally define, model and visually represent the societal transitions, transformations and transmutations, and how to foresee, forecast and anticipate societal changes in the future.

Please contact **Prof. Lasker** as soon as possible by E-mail, if you are interested in presenting a paper at a Focus Symposium on Metamorphosis of Society. Also, please send an **Abstract** of approximately 200 English words to **Prof. Lasker** (Conference Chairman), by E-mail attachment no later than March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Notification of acceptance will be sent you by April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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Your **final paper** must reach Prof. George Lasker by E-mail attachment no later than May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Your strict adherence to our **Registration Procedure** and **Instructions to Authors** is required for publication of your paper. As regards the **Registration** and **Instructions**, please visit our Website: HYPERLINK “<http://www.ias.edu>” <http://www.ias.edu>).

**Important Dates:**      **Abstract due:**                      March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
   **Final Paper due:**                      May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.