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CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 15th SYMPOSIUM
on
Personal and Spiritual Development
in the World of Cultural Diversity**

Chairs:

Prof. Kensei Hiwaki (Organizer), IIAS & Tokyo International University, Japan
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Our world today is changing rapidly into the “explosive and inhuman” direction, as human, social, familial, personal, spiritual, cultural and natural values have been grossly degraded by the extremely lopsided “free market” ideology that asserts “*Money is might that makes right*”. In other words, we are facing the unprecedented predicament that can be called “**Metamorphosis of Society** (Society of Transition and Transformation)”.

It is most meaningful today to reflect on our personal, spiritual and intellectual development, as well as to deliberate on more reasonable and decent personal-spiritual maturing that encourages our aspiration for a viable peace, harmony and human future. Such a common aspiration calls for a shift from the prevailing “explosion paradigm” to the “balance paradigm”. The paradigm shift may prove to be a better alternative in pursuit of personal integrity, maturity and mental-material well-being, as well as in pursuit of an empathetic, tolerant and harmonious lifestyle in the prospective global community. Also, the “balance paradigm” is highly conducive to enhancing diverse native holistic cultures and social value systems for a viable human future.

Our annual International Symposium on Personal and Spiritual Development has been continuous since 2004, and all the personally delivered papers up to 2017 have been

peer-reviewed and published in IAS books, entitled *Personal and Spiritual Development in the World of Cultural Diversity (Volumes I ~ XIV)*, edited by Prof. George E. Lasker and Prof. Kensei Hiwaki.

Our 15th Symposium invites your contribution related to **personal and spiritual development** under the “Metamorphosis of Society”, as well as related to a historical, social, cultural, political, economic, scientific, artistic, aesthetic, moral, ethical, philosophical, psychological, environmental and/or complex framework, particularly relevant to diverse native cultures and social value systems.

● **Title Examples** from past presentations:

Evolution of Spirituality; Integral Harmony: Integrating/Reinforcing Framework of Social Value System; Ethics in Scientific Research; Fear and Loving-kindness in Loving-kindness in Las Vegas; A Rational and Moral and Spiritual Dilemma; Rationalist Trap: Personal and Spiritual Desolation; Belief and Systems; Spirituality, Individuality and Identity; Attitude Change, Stereotypes and Tolerance; and so on.

If you are interested to present a paper at our 15th International Symposium, please contact **Prof. Kensei Hiwaki** as soon as possible by E-mail. Also, please send by E-mail attachment an **Abstract** of approximately 200 English words to **Prof. Hiwaki** and **Prof. George E. Lasker**, respectively, no later than **March 30th**, 2018. Notification of Acceptance will be sent you by April 9th, 2018.

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Your **final paper** (by E-mail attachment of **standard** Word file) must reach **Prof. Lasker**, **Prof. Hiwaki** and **Prof. Andreas Tinsz** (Chief Administrative Officer, E-mail: office@iias.info), respectively, by **May 9th, 2018**, if you want your paper to be published.

A **strict adherence** to our **Registration Procedure** and **Instructions to Authors** is required for publication of your paper. (For details, please visit our Website: HYPERLINK “<http://www.iias.edu>” <http://www.iias.edu>).

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