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**The 19th Symposium on
Sustainable Development:
Theories, Strategies and Global Governance Systems**

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Currently we are witnessing the unprecedented human predicament—**Metamorphosis of Society** (Society in Transition and Transformation)—a consequence, most likely, of the devastated native cultures and social value systems worldwide as well as of the highly lopsided market value system. The lopsided value system, consisting fundamentally of aggressive “**Might-makes-right**” competition (**antagonism**), material/money-centered lifestyle (**materialism**), politico-economic sanctification of atomistic individuals (**individualism**), progress-oriented innovation and economic expansion (**progressivism**), and self-seeking profit/benefit enclosure (**egotism**), may be largely responsible for the unprecedented and unforeseen Societal Metamorphosis, the devastation of native cultures and social value systems, and the tardy advance in Sustainable Development.

Under the plutocratic manipulation and emphases on the market-based economic growth worldwide and the Modern Civilization’s “reckless run” toward human self-destruction, the world population at large is suffering from inordinate instability, uncertainty and insecurity, coupled with the deterioration of human and natural environments. More than ever, we need to act more seriously and indomitably for a sustainable human future. With such aspiration, it is highly worthwhile to investigate the unfortunate Societal Metamorphosis in relation to Sustainable Development.

Our annual Symposium on Sustainable Development has been continuous since Year 2000, and all the personally delivered papers up to 2017 have been peer-reviewed and published in the respective IIAS books, entitled *Sustainable Development and Global Community (Volume I ~ Volume XVIII)*, edited by Prof. George E. Lasker and Prof. Kensei Hiwaki.

At our Symposium on Sustainable Development, we adhere to the **definition** of the term “Sustainable Development” provided in *Our Common Future* (1987), to avoid

unnecessary definitional complication. It goes: “Sustainable Development is the development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”. More explicitly, Sustainable Development means “a process of change in which the exploitation of resources, the direction of investment, the orientation of technological development, and institutional change are made consistent with future as well as present needs”. With a further clarification by the 2002 World Summit, the definition now goes: “Sustainable Development is built on three interdependent and mutually reinforcing pillars — economic development, social development and environmental protection—which must be established at local, national, regional and global levels”.

Our **19th Symposium** invites your paper on Sustainable Development under the “Metamorphosis of Society”, as well as your review, evaluation and/or recommendation relevant to Sustainable Development. Also, greatly appreciated is your contribution that refers to human-personal maturation, human ethos, education, diverse sound cultures, social value systems, responsibilities of governments, international agencies, financial organizations, mass media, producers and/or consumers (among others).

Please contact **Prof. Hiwaki** as soon as possible by E-mail, if you are interested in presenting a paper at our 19th Symposium on Sustainable Development. Also, please send an **Abstract** of approximately 200 English words to *both* **Prof. Hiwaki** and **Prof. George E. Lasker** (Conference Chairman), by E-mail attachment no later than March 30th, 2018. Notification of acceptance will be sent you by April 9th, 2018.

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Your **final paper** must reach Prof. Lasker, Prof. Hiwaki and Prof. Andreas Tinsz (Chief Administrative Officer, E-mail: office@iias.info), respectively, by E-mail attachment no later than May 9th, 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.iias.edu>” <http://www.iias.edu>).

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