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### CALL FOR PAPERS

## The 17<sup>th</sup> Symposium on **Personal and Spiritual Development** in the World of Cultural Diversity

#### Chairs:

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In view of the on-going *reckless-run of Modern Civilization* leading the world into an *explosive and inhuman direction*, the most effective strategy to defend the people themselves against the on-going grave predicaments, perhaps, is a full-fledged and indomitable endeavor to regain *decent human character* based firmly on their respective Native Cultures and social value systems. Our 17<sup>th</sup> Symposium on **Personal and Spiritual Development** offers a forum to discuss such vital issue for a viable human future. Peoples and societies in our contemporary world have been *continuously debased* by the prevailing force of Market Value System that represents the Core Synergism of Modern Civilization. For such modern value system has been *grossly lopsided* with the mutually-reinforcing features of materialism, individualism, progressivism, egotism and antagonism. Further, the world people have long been *exposed to* and *inculcated by* the grossly lopsided/self-righteous modern values—Market Value System—to degrade and destroy their own cultural, natural, social, personal, familial, spiritual and intellectual values.

Consequentially indeed, human politico-economic conditions have become highly volatile, explosive, inhuman, chaotic and uncontrollable. It is, therefore, most meaningful now to *reflect on* our personal, spiritual and intellectual development, as well as to *work for* more

reasonable and decent personal-spiritual-intellectual maturing that promotes our aspiration for a viable, meaningful and harmonious future. Such common aspiration calls for a long-term worldwide collaboration to *rectify* the globalized Market Value System, *enrich* Native Cultures across the world and *reinstitute* a sound social value system in each society through a determined *collaborative-conscious* endeavor.

Our 17<sup>th</sup> **Symposium** invites *your contribution* that relates to our future-oriented **personal and spiritual development** that hinge intrinsically on sound social Synergism. Also invited is *your contribution* for enriching cultural, historical, social, political, economic, scientific, artistic, aesthetic, moral, ethical, philosophical, psychological, environmental aspects and/or their combined framework.

The annual International Symposium on Personal and Spiritual Development has been continuous since 2004, and all the personally delivered papers up to 2019 have been peer-reviewed and published in IAS books, entitled *Personal and Spiritual Development in the World of Cultural Diversity (Volumes I ~ XVI)*, edited by Prof. George E. Lasker and Prof. Kensei Hiwaki.

If you are interested to present a paper at our 17<sup>th</sup> **International Symposium**, please contact **Prof. Kensei Hiwaki** as soon as possible by E-mail. Also, please send by E-mail attachment an *Abstract* of your paper (approximately 200 English words) to **Prof. Hiwaki** and **Prof. George E. Lasker**, respectively, no later than March 30th, 2020. (*Notification of Acceptance* will be sent you by April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.)

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Your *final paper* (E-mail attachment of standard Word file) must reach, respectively, Prof. Hiwaki, Prof. Lasker and Prof. Andreas Tinsz (Chief Administrative Officer, E-mail: [office@ias.info](mailto:office@ias.info)), by **May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**, if you want your paper to be published.

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

**Important Dates:**      **Abstract due:**      **March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**Final Paper due:**      **May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**