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IMAGINING POSSIBLE FUTURES

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**ECONOMIC PANEL #1:**
IMPACT OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND DIGITALISATION ON SOCIETY

*Hall: Imperial Ballroom*

**Moderators:**
- Eva Kallij, Member of the European Parliament for Greece, Chair of the Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
- Rob van Kraneburg, Co-Founder of Bricolabs and the Founder of the Council, Independent IoT Thinktank

**Speakers:**
- David Gorodyansky, CEO & Co-Founder of AnchorFree, Inc.
- Spiros Margaris, Venture Capitalist and Founder of Margaris Advisory
- Jens Wendland, Cultural and Media Science Specialist, Lecturer at the University of the Arts and Humboldt University, Berlin
- Wolfgang Pingeit, Founder and CEO of Gilrain
- Natalya Kaspersky, President of the “InfoWatch” Group of Companies
- Vinod Pardey, Head of Government and External Affairs, BMW Group India

16:30 - 16:45

**COFFEE BREAK**

*Hall: Imperial Ballroom Foyer*

16:45 - 18:45

**POLITICS PANEL #1:**
NEVER AGAIN: DEMANDS FOR A NEW GLOBAL SECURITY ARCHITECTURE

*Hall: Imperial Ballroom*

**Moderator:**
- Walter Schwimmer, Secretary General of the Council of Europe (1999 – 2004), Co-Founder of the DOC Research Institute

**Speakers:**
- Vladimir Yakunin, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, DOC Research Institute, Head, State Governance Department, Faculty of Political Sciences, Moscow State Lomonosov University
- Hans Köchler, President, International Progress Organization
- Sergey Markedonov, Associate Professor at the Russian State University for the Humanities
- Piotr Dutkiewicz, Professor and Director, Center for Governance and Public Management, Carleton University Ottawa
- Kumiyo Haba, Professor at Aoyama Gakuin University, Vice President of the International Studies Association
- Claude Béglé, Member of Swiss Federal Parliament

20:00 - 23:00

**OPENING CEREMONY AT PALACE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF THE KNIGHTS OF RHODES**

**Speakers:**
- H.E. Cyril Kogerakis, Metropolitan of Rhodes
- Fotios Chatzidiakos, Mayor of Rhodes
- Vladimir Yakunin, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, DOC Research Institute, Head, State Governance Department, Faculty of Political Sciences, Moscow State Lomonosov University
- Zhengyue Hu, Vice Chairman, China Soong Ching Ling Foundation
**SATURDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2017**

**10:00 - 12:00**

**ECONOMIC PANEL #2:**
ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIC MODELS – CURBING INEQUALITY

*Hall: Imperial Ballroom*

**Moderators:**
Fred Harrison, Director of Land Research Trust
Manuel Monte, Senior Advisor on Finance and Development at the South Centre in Geneva

**Speakers:**
Ian Goldin, Professor of Globalisation and Development, Oxford University, Vice-President of World Bank (2003–2006)
Vladimir Popov, Research Director in Economic & Political Science, DOC Research Institute
Jayshree Sengupta, Senior Research Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India
Daisuke Kotegawa, Senior Advisor of PWC Arata, Research Director of CANON Institute for Global Studies
Holger Heims, Managing Partner, Falcon Group, Switzerland

**POLITICS PANEL #2:**
BEYOND THE WORLD OF CLASHES: TOWARDS A MULTIPOLAR ORDER

*Hall: Arlade*

**Moderator:**
Raffaele Marchetti, Senior Assistant Professor in International Relations, LUISS Guido Carli University

**Speakers:**
Jia Qingguo, Dean, Department of Diplomacy, School of International Studies, Peking University
Peter W. Schulze, Co-founder of the Dialogue of Civilizations Research Institute, Professor, Political Science Department, Georg-August University of Göttingen
Richard Sakwa, Professor of Russian and European Politics, University of Kent
Adrian Pabst, Reader in Politics, University of Kent
Allexey Malashenko, Chief Researcher, DOC Research Institute
Alexander Dubowy, Senior Researcher, Scientific Cluster for Polemology and Legal Ethics, Institute for Higher Military Command, Austrian National Defence Academy

**12:00 - 12:10**

**COFFEE BREAK**
*Hall: Imperial Ballroom Foyer*

**12:10 - 14:10**

**SOCIETY PANEL #2:**
CHALLENGES TO HUMANITY: TRADITIONALISM VS. POSTMODERNITY

*Hall: Imperial Ballroom*

**Moderators:**
Natalia Yakunina, Chairman, Board of Trustees, “Sanctity of Motherhood” All-Russian Program
Larry Jacobs, Managing Director, World Congress of Families

**Speakers:**
Jean-Christophe Bas, Founder and President, The Global Compass
Brian Brown, President, World Congress of Families
Fred Dallmayr, Packey J. Dee Professor, Departments of Philosophy and Political Science, University of Notre Dame
Irina Nikitina, President of the Musical Olympus Foundation
Igor Ashmanov, Managing Partner, “Ashmanov and partners”
Scherto Gill, Executive Secretary and Research Fellow of the Guerrand-Hermes Foundation for Peace
Theresa Okafor, Director of the Foundation for African Cultural Heritage

**14:10 - 15:30**

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15:30 - 17:30                              | SUMMIT # 2:
                                          | GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SCENARIOS: WHERE THE INTERESTS
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                                          | **Hall:** Imperial Ballroom
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                                          | Dimitris Psarrakis, Economic & Monetary Policy Advisor at the European
                                          | Parliament
                                          | Djoomart Otorbaev, Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic (2014–2015)
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                                          | Vicky D. Kefalas, Investment Committee Member, European Fund for Strategic
                                          | Investments, European Investment Bank
                                          | Vladimir Yakunin, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, DOC Research Institute,
                                          | Head of the State Governance Department, Faculty of Political Sciences,
                                          | Moscow State Lomonosov University
                                          | Li Xiguang, Director Tsinghua University International Center for
                                          | Communication, China
                                          | Andrei Klepach, Deputy Chairman (Chief Economist) – Board Member,
                                          | Vnesheconombank of Russia
                                          | Richard Werner, Chair in International Banking, University of Southampton
                                          | Santhosh Jayaram, Partner & Head, Climate Change & Sustainability, KPMG
17:30 - 17:45                              | **COFFEE BREAK**
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17:45 - 18:45                              | **EUROPE’S REFUGEE CRISIS: CRISIS RESPONSE FROM RHETORIC TO REALITY**
                                          | **Hall:** Ariadne
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                                          | Mary Dejevsky, Writer and broadcaster
                                          | **Panelists:**
                                          | Fintan Drury, Veteran journalist, businessman and volunteer
                                          | Jana Bouluś, Programme Coordinator with Humanity Crew
                                          | Lucy Popescu, Writer, editor and critic with a background in human rights
17:45 - 19:00                              | **DOC REFLECTION AS A GLOBAL THINK TANK**
                                          | **Hall:** Imperial Ballroom
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                                          | Jiahong Chen, Research Director in Social and Cultural Studies, DOC Research
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WELCOME ADDRESSES
October 6, 2017 (9:00 – 9:30)
Imperial Ballroom Hall

Georgios CHATZIMARKOS
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Vladimir YAKUNIN
Chairman of the Supervisory Board, DOC Research Institute

OPENING PANEL
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Concept Note
The plenaries will focus on a discussion of the possible scenarios that humanity should develop in key areas of human activity: politics, the economy, and society. The 15th Anniversary Rhodes Forum provides time and space for us to reflect on achievements made in these areas and to look to the future, incorporating perspectives from countries across the globe - including regions that are seeing the emergence of new centres of power. The Rhodes Forum has proved to be an unbiased platform that enables people around the world to work together through the fundamental principles of dialogue to develop applicable analyses and practical solutions for national and international policy-makers and institutions.
SUMMIT №1
GLOBALIZATION AND THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY
October 6, 2017 (11:30 – 12:45)
Imperial Ballroom Hall

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Concept Note
It is widely acknowledged that the modern globalization model shaped and upheld by neoliberal ideas is supported and promoted mostly by developed countries. Democratic societies were mostly seen and assessed in relation to the free market, whereas development in general was estimated in terms of GDP and consumer spending. However, the 2008 global financial crisis has put the possibility of the global neoliberal system in question. Meanwhile, technological advances of the BRICS countries took place suggesting new rules to globalization scenario. In other words, the world is shifting towards a multipolar interconnected system. At the same time, existing models of global governance still fail to provide vision for inclusive future. Due to the lack of inclusive internal policies, populist parties increasingly gain political influence. Governments and leaders are yet to tackle the problem and develop solutions agreeable to every party, and this summit is to provide certain opinions and insights on the issue.

Main points for Panel Discussion
1. Globalization as a driver of democratization. Is the world ready for this?
2. The role and place of cultural and religious values in the modern democratic society.
3. Economic growth or common values: what will bring the world together?
4. Intercultural and interreligious dialogue-building activities and their role in shaping of modern civil society.
ECONOMICS PANEL #1

IMPACT OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND DIGITALIZATION ON SOCIETY

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Concept Note

New technologies and the digital economy are able to foster the economic development of both developing and developed countries, by increasing productivity and removing barriers to entry. Nevertheless, without global collaboration and government involvement, the digital economy could aggravate existing social problems and increase the gap between developing and developed regions, and urban and suburban areas. The benefits of new communication technologies and the digital economy are not equally shared (the so-called digital divide) and are mostly enjoyed by those living in tech-friendly urban areas. In the coming years, this divide could be sharpened, and opportunities to move up the income ladder and improve productivity will be strongly connected with the access and the ability to make good use of digital infrastructure. This panel will make steps forward with discussions of the digital economy and new technologies, with a focus on particular sectors of society. The panelists will debate the role and value of the digital economy in providing strong foundations for dialogue, governance, and commerce, as well as its possible impacts on society.

Main points for Panel Discussion

1. What are the main trend lines for the digital society to follow in next decade?
2. How will accelerating digitalization impact the future outlooks of emerging countries?
3. What opportunities could be provided by new technologies and digitalization for supporting viable alternative to the existing socio-economic model?
4. Which economic sectors would benefit most from the development in new technologies?
5. What are the prospective benefits of digitalization to personal convenience, public safety, efficiency, and the environment?
6. Which tools do policy-makers have at hand to ensure that all sections of society are benefitting from new technologies and to stop further wealth concentration and to avoid persistent mass unemployment?
7. What role should Artificial Intelligence play in the future society?
SOCIETY PANEL #1
SOCIAL MOBILITY AND MIGRATION:
THROUGH THE PRISM OF VALUES AND CULTURES
October 6, 2017 (14:30 – 16:30)
Ariadne Hall

Brunson MCKINLEY
Former Director General,
International Organization for Migration

Anne-Marie BUSCHMAN-PETIT
Co-Chair, Association for International Mobility

Vaclav KLAUS
President of the Czech Republic
(2003-2013)

Demetrios PAPADEMETRIOU
President of MPI Europe,
President Emeritus of MPI

Anatol LIEVEN
Professor at GU-Q and a senior fellow of the New America Foundation in Washington DC

Ivan JURIC
Programmes and Operations Advisor, John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation

Catherine WALSH
Director of the Doctoral Program
Latin American Cultural Studies

Moderator

Moderator
Concept Note

The common values that both underlie all cultures and make genuine civilization progress possible are those of inclusiveness and mutual respect. Realisation of those values is the necessary precondition for adequate self-identification and acceptance of the identity of ‘the other’, including his or her culture and values. Therefore, this panel’s discussion on migration policies and social mobility, and their relationship to the principles of dialogue, is of the utmost importance for future developments in Europe, Asia, and across the world. Immigration has a considerable impact on societies, but is not always viewed as positive, and can lead to political polarisation, as well as the rise of xenophobic movements. All around the world, questions of cultural and religious identity, multiculturalism, communitarianism, assimilation, and border control have reached the top of the political agenda. The link between these will be the priority for the panel’s discussion. Processes of integration will be discussed, highlighting the interplay between migration, social mobility, and common values. The interrelationship between social mobility and migration, and its consequences for sending and receiving countries will also be a focus for discussion. Should this be ‘communitarianism’?

Main points for Panel Discussion

1. What forms migration should take and how to manage it in line with each society’s economic interests and social ethos in the age of mobility and ever deeper interdependence?

2. What are the main policy areas, which require particular attention in order to get the most out of one’s immigrants?

3. Is it possible that mass migration from conservative and strife-torn Muslim countries can lead at best to deeply divided and ghettoised societies; at worst to ethno-religious conflict and the end of Western democracy?

4. What is the role of governments in managing migration?

5. How are migration and social mobility trends changing over time?

6. What is the current context, practice, and project of exile/displacement/deterritorialization of Indigenous and Afro-descendant communities in Latin America today?

7. What are the communal ways of inventing and recreating life in conditions of dignity, migration, culture, and values?
POLITICS PANEL #1
NEVER AGAIN: DEMANDS FOR A NEW GLOBAL SECURITY ARCHITECTURE
October 6, 2017 (16:45 – 18:45)
Imperial Ballroom Hall

Walter SCHWIMMER
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Piotr DUTKIEWICZ
Professor and Director, Center for Governance and Federal Public Management, Carleton University Ottawa

Kumiko HABA
Professor at Aoyama Gakuin University, Vice President of the International Studies Association

Claude BÉGLÉ
Member of Swiss Parliament (TBC)
Concept Note

As conflicts with the involvement of major powers pose an increasing risk to political stability and global security, concepts of peaceful geopolitical pluralism and global governance are becoming an ever more vital cornerstone of a global security architecture. There is the risk of the world being pushed to the brink of new armed confrontations, and the memory of World War II, as well as other major twentieth century conflicts, leads the world community to raise its voice against the mere possibility of a new global war. Concepts of better cooperation for conflict prevention between major powers and other crucial stakeholders in common global and regional security shall be highlighted during this panel. Its participants will focus on ongoing and potential conflicts, and will particularly deal with strategies and approaches for overcoming tensions, for example, in the Middle East, and mitigating the risks of possible confrontation, for example, in Eastern Europe. At the same time, we have to identify the obvious terrorist threats worldwide and develop joint answers to such threats.

Main points for Panel Discussion

1. Is there a commonality of sources in major current conflicts?
2. What are possible approaches to responding the cyber-threats in terms of IR system stability?
3. What are the ways out of the Iraqi and Syrian statehood crisis?
4. Current dynamics of the Korean peninsula conflict. What next steps are to be taken by international community and regional actors?
5. Is there a potential of strengthening the UN role in conflict prevention and mitigation?
6. Demand for a new security architecture in Europe and ways to meet it.
7. How to confront spreading of Daesh and international terrorism ideology?
8. Return of Geopolitics in international agenda: boon or bane?
ECONOMICS PANEL №2

ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIC MODELS – CURBING INEQUALITY

October 7, 2017 (10:00 – 12:00)
Imperial Ballroom Hall

Fred HARRISON
Director of Land Research Trust

Manuel MONTES
Senior Advisor on Finance and Development, the South Centre

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Daisuke KOTEGAWA
Senior Advisor of PWC Arata; Research Director of CANON Institute for Global Studies

Holger HEIMS
CEO of Falcon Equity Group; Managing Partner of Falcon Equity Advisors GmbH
Concept Note

In the postwar period, some regions of the Global South managed to bridge the gap with the West in per capita income, but other regions continued to fall behind. The issues of poverty, social injustice and economic imbalance between the developed countries and the rest of the world and the frustrations of wide sections of the world’s population will continue to fuel destructive political and social emotions, unless a viable and lucid alternative economic model, capable of curbing inequalities between countries, is negotiated, designed and introduced. At the same time, economic and social inequalities within countries started to grow in many developed and developing states since the early 1980s, after a period of decline of six decades that followed the First World War (1920-80). This could be the reason for increased social tensions and the rise of the populist and ethno-chauvinism parties in recent years. The panel aims to address the causes of recent trends and possible recipes for ensuring inclusive and sustainable development.

Main points for Panel Discussion

1. Convergence and divergence in the global economy. Are developing countries catching up with developed countries?

2. What policies should developing countries pursue for rapid catch up with the rich countries?

3. Is the Chinese model sustainable - both in terms of its internal dynamics and its impact on the rest of the world?

4. What kind of international economic order is needed for quick catch up of developing countries?

5. What are the major drivers of income and wealth inequalities?

6. What are the main driving forces behind the increase in inequality in major countries since the early 1980s?

7. What are the consequences of growing inequalities within countries?
POLITICS PANEL №2
BEYOND THE WORLD OF CLASHES: TOWARDS A MULTIPOLAR ORDER
October 7, 2017 (10:00 – 12:00)
Ariadne Hall

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Guido Carli University

Jia QINGGUO
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School of International Studies,
Peking University

Peter W. SCHULZE
Co-founder of the Dialogue of
Civilizations Research Institute

Richard SAKWA
Professor of Russian
and European Politics,
University of Kent

Adrian PABST
Reader in Politics,
University of Kent

Alexey MALASHENKO
Chief Researcher,
DOC Research Institute

Alexander DUBOWY
Senior Researcher, Scientific Cluster for
Polemology and Legal Ethics, Institute
for Higher Military Command, Austrian
National Defence Academy
Concept Note

Undoubtedly, the last decade of the twentieth century and the first decade of the new millennium witnessed fundamental shifts in the power constellation of international actors. So far, we can distinguish transformations influenced by the interplay of Washington, Moscow, and Beijing, and, less significantly, by the European Union. The current global order, established by the hegemonic US and founded on liberal institutions and universal values, is now being challenged by nascent counter forces. If successful, these forces would eventually create a multipolar or polycentric global order. Nevertheless, the central question remains unanswered: can the emerging polycentric global order provide security and welfare for the international community? Or do we see the globalization of internal conflicts by external actors in the international system? This panel is devoted to the question of how this multipolar world order may look and how it can be achieved. In a globalized world, sustainable development and security go hand in hand, as the effects of environmental destruction have the potential to cause conflicts over scarce resources. Moreover, these conflicts could lead to forced migration, which in turn could destabilize regions or countries of destination. Another way to address the security challenges the world is facing today is to focus on internal policies and security.

Main points for Panel Discussion

1. Is there really a new world order in the making and what are the contours, which actors will play a designing role?

2. If the world is going multipolar or polycentric, will it remain reduced to many poles or will there be alliance structures around poles?

3. Can a multi polar world provide peace, welfare and stability?

4. Is there a chance to reform the UN?

5. Looking at Europe: where is Russia going to?

6. Will the integration process of the EU deepen, widen or going to be immobilized?

7. Will regional alliances and institutions replace a possible world order?

8. Is there a chance to revive the understanding of Russia-EU relations, which is essential for the whole of Europe?
SOCIETY PANEL №2
CHALLENGES TO HUMANITY: TRADITIONALISM VS. POSTMODERNITY
October 7, 2017 (12:10 – 14:10)
Imperial Ballroom Hall

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Concept Note

Humanity and human society seem to be lost amidst the titanic changes occurring in the contemporary world. Of course, this is not the first time that humanity has been through this process of self-development. Throughout history, societies have established traditions that have later been replaced, as those societies acquire new knowledge, allowing growth and learning to continue. But is it right to assume that the emergence of new science or technologies, traditions or beliefs, must result in the destruction of everything that has gone before? Must previous human endeavours be devalued and all trace of previous traditions be eradicated, to usher in the new dawn, the new ideas and the new traditions? In the face of the sometimes overwhelming, influence and power of technology and its tendency to impose cultural uniformity through globalizations, we need to maintain and deepen dialogue between our cultures, to learn about and defend our shared values and to understand and discuss our differences. Where necessary, seeking empathy where currently there is enmity. So that we avoid the possible degradation of the core values of civilization. With the growing trend for individual nations and cultures to seek to assert their national, cultural and traditional identities on the world stage there is an equally growing requirement for dialogue to become the new universal platform, to avoid a clash of civilizations and to allow the formulation of a new set of shared human values. The panel will discuss the definition of contemporary human identity crises in the period of transition from the modern to the post-modern era, the degradation of humanity, the rise of barbarism and the need for awareness of the dangers of the social manipulation that can occur, when highly sophisticated IT instruments are used.

Main points for Panel Discussion

2. Values grow from the distillation of every day rituals and the traditions of families and societies, modified on a daily basis by the experience of living and the development of our thoughts and knowledge, allowing each generation to build on the knowledge and wisdom of the generation before.
3. Ways of dealing with the crisis faced by humanity. Protecting life spaces and allowing freedom for humanity in all dimensional realms including the family, society, nature and the spiritual world.
4. However, it is essential that these fundamental values remain, to coexist in the new worlds that we create, or people will find themselves lost in a disintegrating and dehumanized world.
5. As human behaviour is increasingly modified to fit in with the requirements of new technological advances, how can we protect human consciousness from the dehumanizing effect of machine like conformity and the dangers of mass manipulation on an individual or group basis, through the misuse of sophisticated IT systems?
6. The use of dialogue as a shared spiritual resource, to cultivate humanity and build bridges between civilizations which are based on different value systems. So that in the East and the West and all over the World, people can live side by side in harmony.
7. Sometimes the quest for greater knowledge creates change at a speed, that people and the established traditions and values of society, struggle to keep up with. This in turn, creates uncomfortable periods of adjustment where the bonds with essential human values appear to be loosened.
SUMMIT №2
GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SCENARIOS: WHERE THE INTERESTS OF BANKS, INDUSTRIES, GOVERNMENTS, AND SOCIETIES MEET

October 7, 2017 (15:30 – 17:30)
Imperial Ballroom Hall

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Concept Note

The Global Sustainable Development is generally viewed in context of population growth, trade and communication intensification and new technological advances in the energy market. This means that a large number of high quality infrastructural facilities is rising in demand. At the same time, active urbanization, environmental change and growing inequality mark global development. New digital technologies acquire unlimited channels of influence on many areas of everyday life. On one hand, they provide new development opportunities, and on the other, create threats such as unemployment. To support economic development and human well-being, leaders, businesspersons, expert and scientific communities’ representatives should have a thorough understanding of global infrastructure developments and invest in research and innovation more important than ever. As the world is rethinking globalization, more and more countries are adopting inward-looking policies, thus, new models and platforms of international cooperation for investing and building sustainable and resilient infrastructure are vital for inclusive growth, which requires both economic and social progress.

Main points for Panel Discussion

1. Infrastructure Mega-projects as a response to the Current Crisis of World Development.

2. Existing and Emerging Models of Funding, Governance, Development and Maintenance of Infrastructure Projects.

3. The Role of the Technological Progress in the Construction and Operation of Infrastructure.

4. Research and Innovations as a Cornerstone of Sustainable Infrastructural Development.
EUROPE’S REFUGEE CRISIS:
CRISIS RESPONSE FROM RHETORIC TO REALITY

October 7, 2017 (17:45 – 18:45)
Ariadne Hall

Outline: A 1-hour session, opening with a screening of the short film Refuge https://vimeo.com/182161070, introduced by film-maker and activist Caoimhe Butterfly, on the refugee crisis in Europe, its causes and possible solutions. In keeping with the Rhodes Forum spirit, the emphasis will be on practical issues and applicable solutions.

Specific questions to be addressed include:

- What infrastructure challenges does this massive movement of people pose to recipient and host countries?
- How can local communities act to help respond, and to help mitigate excessive stress on local infrastructure at particular arrival points?
- What role does criminal trafficking play?
- How can the refugee crisis be addressed at a local, national, and international level? What is its economic impact to areas of origin and arrival?
- What actions can be taken to address emergent disbalance and tensions within host communities?
DOC REFLECTION AS A GLOBAL THINK TANK

October 7, 2017 (17:45 – 19:00)
Imperial Ballroom Hall

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Concept Note

The DOC RI Rhodes Forum takes a strong position in favour of 'dialogue' to protect the future of humanity. We conduct research in critical areas, such as the importance of inclusive infrastructure development, alternative economic paradigms, civilizational values, and the global fight against terrorism, as well as the importance of restoring humanistic values in societies across the world. We analyse economic, political, and social trends and offer expert commentaries. Our ambition is to find original, unconventional, and non-mainstream solutions to pressing world problems. DOC RI tries to explore new ways to contribute to a shared, global knowledge of how we can reverse the dangerous developments that the world at large is facing. In this session, we will introduce the DOC RI research mission and report our research results from the past year. As a unique global think tank, and with the support of all of our participants, DOC RI aims to develop and present a series of policy recommendations that have come out of the 2017 Rhodes Forum.