

# New Stakes for Cultural Diversity. In Search of Transversal Values through Dialogue.

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Day 2, 8 November 2007

Day 1, 7 November 2007

10:00-10:15 **Opening Remarks**

Master of Ceremonies: Hatsuhsa Takashima  
Konrad Osterwalder, Rector, UNU  
Koïchiro Matsuura, Director-General, UNESCO  
Tamotsu Aoki, the Commissioner of the Agency for Cultural Affairs

10:30-12:30 **First Session: "New Stakes for Cultural Diversity"**

Moderator: Tamotsu Aoki  
Takafumi Matsui, Professor, University of Tokyo  
*"What is the Homo sapiens?"*  
Eiji Hattori, Deputy Director, Research Center for Moral Science  
*"From Universal onto Transversal: New Logic for a New Paradigm"*  
Michael Palencia-Roth, Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois  
*"Narrativized Ethics: Homer, Aeschylus, and Hiroshima"*  
*Presentations will be followed by a discussion.*

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-17:30 **Second Session "Dialogue, a Bridge between Cultures"**

Moderator: Katerina Stenou  
Wei-Ming Tu, Professor, Harvard University  
*"Cultural Diversity and the Emergence of a Dialogical Civilization"*  
Kousei Morimoto, Abbot Emeritus, Todaiji Temple  
*"The View of Light and Ideas of Infinity in the Flower Ornament Scripture"*  
Yuzo Itagaki, Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo  
*"Qanât Digging and Tawhîd: History and Future"*  
Jacques Legrand, President, Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales  
*"L'histoire des peuples et des puissances nomades d'Asie septentrionale et la complexité de l'universalité humaine."*  
Jun Feng, Vice President, Renmin University  
*"The Idea of "Harmony" in Western Philosophy"*  
*Presentations will be followed by a discussion*

09:30-12:30 **Third Session "Toward a New Ethic of Cultural Diversity"**

Moderator: Moufida Goucha  
Nobumichi Iwasa, Director, Research Center for Moral Science  
*"We are All Members of the Network of Interdependency"*  
John Miller, Professor, University of Toronto  
*"Towards a Relaxed Spiritual Universalism"*  
Heita Kawakatsu, President, Shizuoka University of Art & Culture  
*"Garden as a Visual Beautiful Form of Transversal Values"*  
Shuntaro Ito, Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo  
*"Cultural Diversity and Transversal Values"*  
*Presentations will be followed by a discussion*

12.30-14.00 Lunch Break

14.00-15.30 **Public Session I**

Moderator: Hans van Ginkel  
Tae-Chang Kim, President, Institute for the Co-Active Study of Public Philosophy  
Naoshi Yamawaki, Professor, University of Tokyo  
Michael Palencia-Roth, Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois  
Jun Feng, Vice President, Renmin University  
John Miller, Professor, University of Toronto  
Kousei Morimoto, Abbot Emeritus, Todaiji Temple

15.30-16.00 Break

16.00-17.30 **Public Session II**

Moderator: Hatsuhsa Takashima  
Shuntaro Ito, Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo  
Heita Kawakatsu, President, Shizuoka University of Art & Culture  
Bhuvan Chandel, Vice Chairman, Indian Philosophical Congress  
Wei-Ming Tu, Professor, Harvard University  
Yuzo Itagaki, Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo  
Eiji Hattori, Deputy Director, Research Center for Moral Science