



In Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary
of the UN International Day of Peace

No Time to Lose: A Quest for Immediate Action for Planetary Crisis

September 17th, 2021 to December 17th, 2021

Host Kyung Hee University System
Organizer Kyung Hee University Global Academy for Future Civilizations
Kyung Hee Cyber University
Kyung Hee University Healthcare System

Objective

No Time to Lose: A Quest for Immediate Action for Planetary Crisis

Climate change and extreme disasters are sweeping the global community. The socio-ecological crises that mankind is facing, such as climate change, resource depletion, virus outbreaks, life extinction, social polarization and inequality, require us to make different choices and challenges than ever before. Now, mankind must overcome the common crisis of the global society and move toward a new transitional civilization. What should we change and where should we go?

The 2021 Peace BAR Festival(PBF) hosted by Kyung Hee University System explores the direction of human civilization in transition in the face of the ongoing global crisis. This venture begins by defining the multitude of problems faced by modern civilization as manifestations of a crisis on three levels – consciousness, knowledge, and politics. It then uses that definition as the basis for identifying the direction of the transition human civilization is required to make. These efforts are aimed at delivering to the world a consistent and integrated message that the only way to save the world from its total crisis is to charter a new path for human civilization.

First, a shift in consciousness. Changes in individuals' consciousness is a prerequisite in order to protect the earth, our collective home. Such changes must be geared toward restoring human creativity as a basis for unshackling human civilization from the myths of growth and consumption.

Second, a shift in knowledge. It starts with a critical reflection on the limitations of human-centered knowledge production that has powered human civilization over the centuries, which leads to an ecological transition from earth-bound knowledge to planetary knowledge that transcends territorial boundaries to encompass the whole universe.

Third, a shift in politics. Pursue global civic actions and governance for global politics. To avoid climate apocalypse scenario and to protect protecting earthly civilization, we need to bring human and non-human actors into the realm of politics. This calls for constructing a global community at the planetary level where Earth's ecological system is an integral part.

Kyung Hee University System has held the PBF every year since the 1st UN World Peace Day. This year, on the 40th anniversary of the International Day of Peace, the Kyung Hee University System launched 'Miwon Peace Institute' which encompasses establishing Global Academy Future Civilizations in each Kyung Hee University, Cyber University, and Medical Center. Miwon Peace Institute will plans and implement global civic cooperation agendas as a universal Kyung Hee future peace project platform and will continue its quest towards a better global transitional civilization.

This year's PBF will hold a series of dialogues until the second half of this year, focusing on the central agenda "No Time to Lose, A Quest for Immediate Action for Planetary Crisis". It will be a place to propose a socio-ecological transitional civilization that will save human civilization from global apocalypse and to pursue common planetary ethics and norms. We look forward to the participation and support of those who are interested in the future of society and future generations.

The Background of the International Day of Peace

The International Day and Year of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations under the initiative of Dr. Youngsik Choue, the founder of the Kyunghee University System (penname, Miwon). Dr. Choue first proposed the idea at the 6th Triennial Conference of the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) held in San Jose, Costa Rica in 1981. The proposal was incorporated into the Costa Rican Resolution which the IAUP adopted at said conference and sent to the UN. On November 30, the same year, the 36th UN General Assembly approved the resolution, thereby officially establishing the International Day of Peace and the International Year of Peace.

The UN General Assembly declared in its resolution 36/67 that the International Day of Peace has been established to "commemorate and strengthen the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples," and invited "all Member States, organs and organizations of the United Nations system, regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, peoples and individuals to commemorate in an appropriate manner the International Day of Peace, especially through all means of education." Since then the UN proclaimed every third Tuesday of September as the 'International Day of Peace'(fixed as September 21st in 2001) and 1986 as the 'International Year of Peace.'

The forecast of IAUP that the weakening of the Cold War regime would contribute to world peace was timely. At the time when the International Day and Year of Peace was being proposed, the tension between East and West also faced a new era with the proclamation of the International Year of Peace. On January 1st, 1968, US President Reagan and Soviet General Secretary Gorbachev shared New Year's greetings of peace to each other's nation. The two countries then held disarmament talks to ban all ballistic missiles and made efforts to end regional conflicts, paving the way for peace. Since then, a plan to reduce nuclear weapons has been prepared and efforts to resolve regional disputes have continued to ease tensions in the Cold War regime.

Program



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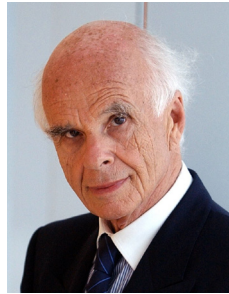
Commemorative Ceremony for the International Day of Peace - Sept. 17th (Friday) 16:00-16:50 (Korean Standard Time)	Opening Announcement	Young Guk Park Secretary General, Kyung Hee University System
	Update Report on International Day of Peace	Han Goo Lee Rector, Global Academy for Future Civilizations
	Commemorative Address	Inwon Choue Chancellor, Kyung Hee University System
	Voice of Future Generation	"The Future We Will Live In"
	Recitation of Commemorative Poem	"Raise Your Eyes and Look at the Sky, Look at the Ground" written by Miwon Dr. Young-Seek Choue, Founder of Kyung Hee University System
	Keynote Address	Ervin László Founder and President, The Club of Budapest
	Commemorative Song	"Now The Time Has Come" (Ringo Starr)

Dialogue Series in Commemoration of the International Day of Peace <No Time to Lose: A Quest for Immediate Action for Planetary Crisis>

Dialogue I - Sept. 17th (Friday) 17:00-18:00 (Korean Standard Time)	Video Presentation	
	Topic	The Crisis of Civilization on Earth and Revolution of Consciousness
Dialogue II - Oct. 15th (Friday) 10:30-11:50 (Korean Standard Time)	Panel	Ervin László Founder and President, The Club of Budapest Chung-Shig Shin Professor, Humanitas College, Kyung Hee University
	Topic	Are Homo Sapiens Destined to be Trapped in the Myth of Unlimited Growth or Do They Have the Potential to Transform Themselves?
Dialogue III - Oct. 29th (Friday) 10:30-11:50 (Korean Standard Time)	Panel	Paul R. Ehrlich Bing Professor Emeritus, Department of Biology, Stanford University Jae Chun Choe Distinguished Professor of EcoScience, Ewha Woman's University
	Topic	The Arrival of Extraterrestrial Intelligence in the Solar System: Will the Identity and Destiny of Earth be Rewritten?
Dialogue IV - Nov. 26th (Friday) 16:00-17:20 (Korean Standard Time)	Panel	Avi Loeb Frank B. Baird Jr. Professor of Science, Department of Astronomy, Harvard University Hyung Mok Lee Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Seoul National University
	Topic	The Age of Climate Change: How Can We Survive the Crisis?
Wrap-up Session - Dec. 17th (Friday) 10:30-11:50 (Korean Standard Time)	No Time to Lose: A Quest for Immediate Action for Planetary Crisis - Declaration for the future human society	

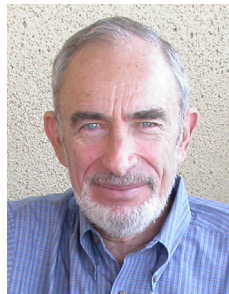
※ The dialogue series during PBF will take place online and can be seen on the PBF website.(pbf.khu.ac.kr)

Featured Presenters



Ervin László

- Doctorat és-Lettres et Sciences Humaines of the Sorbonne University
- Philosopher, systems scientist & integral theorist
- Co-founder of The Club of Rome and Founder and President of The Club of Budapest
- Received the Goi Peace Prize(2001), the Assisi Mandir of Peace Prize(2006), and the laureate of the Luxembourg Peace Prize(2017)
- Published among other books *Reconnecting to the Source*(2020) and *Upshift: Meeting the Challenge*(2021).



Paul R. Ehrlich

- Bing Professor Emeritus, Department of Biology, Stanford University
- Demographic theorist, biologist & entomologist
- President of the Center for Conservation Biology at Stanford
- Spearheaded the Millennium Alliance for Humanity and the Biosphere
- Authored 1,200 publications including *The Population Bomb*(1968) and 50 some other books



Avi Loeb

- Frank B. Baird Jr. Professor of Science, Department of Astronomy, Harvard University(1993-), Department Chair(2011-2020)
- Director of the Institute for Theory and Computation (2007-present) within the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics(2007-)
- Chair of the Board on Physics and Astronomy of the National Academies of Sciences (2018-2021)
- In charge of the Galileo Project for the Systematic Scientific Search for Evidence of Extraterrestrial Technological Artifacts(2021-)
- Published among many other books *Extraterrestrial*(2021) and *Life in the Cosmos*(2021)



Hans Joachim Schellnhuber

Source: PIK/Karkow, 2020

- Professor, University of Potsdam, Germany
- Atmospheric scientist, climatologist
- Director Emeritus of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research
- Researches climate change and tipping point theory
- First German recipient to be awarded the most prestigious'Volvo Environment Award' in the field of environment(2011)
- Published the book "Earth system' analysis and the second Copernican revolution" and more than 250 research papers

A Commemorative Ceremony for the International Day of Peace

In celebration of the 40th International Day of Peace, the dialogue series has adopted as its theme 'No Time to Lose, A Quest for Immediate Action for Planetary Crisis.' The program will bring together intellectuals and activists from home and abroad to underscore the imperativeness of a planetary-level transition in human civilization to stave off looming global disasters such as climate change, depleting resources, global pandemics, life crisis, and social bipolarization and ensure a better future for the global community. Key to the transition is facing up to the limitations of modern knowledge systems and instituting broad shifts in mentalities, knowledge, everyday life, and politics.

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The Voice of the Future Generation "The Future We Will Live In"

This part of the program is designed to discover Korean equivalents of Greta Thunberg and let them speak up about the limitations of modern civilization and steps to be taken to overcome them. We listen to what the future generation has to say about the direction in which human civilization on earth should be headed down the road.

Commemorative Poem: 「Raise Your Eyes and Look at the Sky, Look at the Ground」

(translated into English by Seon-jae Ahn) to be recited by Ho-seung Jeong

Those unending heavens,/ the heavens beyond the heavens/ and beyond them,
further distant heavens stretching,/ ah~ the infinite space of the Universe!

Dr. Young-Seek Choue (penname Miwon), the founder of the Kyung Hee University System, explored the meaning of civilization by asking questions about the source of existence. Getting a clear grasp of where 'I' came from is key to understanding the universe and the existence of humanity in it. Mentally traveling back through time in search of where 'I' came from is an exercise in adventure and creativity that looks to the future. This is the message that will reverberate from the poem "Raise Your Eyes and Look at the Sky, Look at the Ground" which will be recited by poet Ho-seung Jeong as its English translation (rendered by Prof. Seon-jae Ahn) is displayed as subtitles.

Commemorative Song: 'Now The Time Has Come' by Ringo Starr

Composed by Ringo Starr and Bruce Sugar

Sung by Ringo Starr, Richard Page, Colin Hay and Billy Valentine (Feat. Christian Collins and others)

Now the time has come/ Time has come for everyone/
To lay down all your guns/ And let the light of love shine on and on

The Peace BAR Festival will feature a video of "Now the Time Has Come" sung by Ringo Starr and his friends. Ringo Starr released the song in September 2016, in commemoration of the UN International Day of Peace. The song embodies fervent hope that the world would stop war and destruction in favor of peace and love even if just for one day.

Dialogue Series in Celebration of the 40th International Day of Peace

Dialogue I

The Crisis of Civilization on Earth and Revolution of Consciousness

The destructive ideologies of modern civilization are putting all life on Earth at risk. Averting the danger requires a transition toward a completely new set of paradigms and a new foundation of ethical norms that can be universally accepted and upheld by global citizens. It is in this context that the Festival has organized a talk series that invites some of the world's best minds to diagnose the problems of modern civilization and share their thoughts on the construction of a new future-oriented, global, democratic governance for the world's common good and future. Kicking off the series will be Dr. Ervin Laszlo, Founder and President of The Club of Budapest, who will address the urgency of 'mindset or consciousness shifts' as a prerequisite for successfully tackling the crisis of modern civilization and setting a new course of evolution for the future.

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Dialogue II

Are Homo Sapiens Destined to be Trapped in the Myth of Unlimited Growth or Do They Have the Potential to Transform Themselves?

Dialogue II will feature Dr. Ehrlich, a renowned American professor in population studies, who will offer insights into the destiny of Homo sapiens trapped in the myth of limitless growth. Scholars warn that Earth's capacity to support the coexistence of people and nature that has continued since time immemorial is nearing a breaking point. The dialogue will shed light on what kind of earth knowledge and practices are needed to save the future of human society from the looming crisis.

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Dialogue III

The Arrival of Extraterrestrial Intelligence in the Solar System: Will the Identity and Destiny of Earth be Rewritten?

This dialogue will feature Avi Loeb, Harvard professor of astronomy, who has championed research challenging Earth-centered conventional views on the universe. Dr. Loeb's discussion of the possible existence of space aliens will set the stage for rethinking our astronomical views and pondering the meaning of human civilization in the broader context of the universe, which will lead to an exploration of ways to restructure human knowledge systems to suit alternative takes on the cosmos.

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Dialogue IV

The Age of Climate Change: How Can We Survive the Crisis?

The presenter for this dialogue will be Dr. Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, founding director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research. Dr. Schellnhuber will discuss the threat of the climate change age and the breaking point at which the Earth system will no longer be able to support its inhabitants. The dialogue will be an opportunity to contemplate the apocalyptic scenarios about Earth's climate system and what can be done to head them off for a healthier Earth down the road.

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Wrap-up Roundtable

Human Civilization in Transition, Where Is It Headed?

This part of the dialogue series wraps up the program with discussions about how to reset the future direction of human civilization to successfully cope with the multitude of threats it faces and design a new global governance system suitable for a more sustainable future human society.

Wrap-up Session

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10:30-11:50
(Korean Standard Time)

**No Time to Lose: A Quest for Immediate Action for Planetary Crisis
- Declaration for the future human society**

Miwon Dr. Young-Seek Choue,
Credited for Proposing the UN International Day of Peace



Young-Seek Choue (1921-2012)

- Peace philosopher & peace activist
- Founder of Kyung Hee University, Chairman of Kyung Hee University System
- Pioneered the 'Live-Well Movement,' 'National Forestation Movement,' 'World Peace Movement,' 'Bright Society Movement,' and 'Neo-Renaissance Movement'
- Proposed the UN International Day of Peace and International Year of Peace in 1981, which were adopted by the 36th UN General Assembly
- Hosted the 1999 Seoul International Conference of NGOs
- Awarded : the Dag Hammarskjöld Prize, the UN Peace Medal, the Albert Einstein Peace Prize, the Mahatma M. K. Gandhi Prize for Non-Violent Peace, the Korean government's official Order of Civil Merit Mugunghwa Medal, and the Manhae Peace Prize.
- Published : 「The Theory of Democratic Freedoms」(1948), 「The Creation of a Civilied World」(1951), 「Reconstruction of the Human Society」(1975) and 「Oughtopia」(1979)

Dr. Choue was an intellectual and educator who believed in acting on his beliefs as a world peace theorist and activist. At the core of his activism was his call for a global community that practices 'peace and creation'. Such a global community would be free of war and disease, where creative cultures flourish on the strength of holistic education and a shared commitment to public goods. Dr. Choue's world peace movement was oriented toward putting into practice universal public values in service of a peaceful world that transcends national and ethnic boundaries.

Dr. Choue spearheaded momentous national and global initiatives. They include the 'Agricultural Development Movement' and 'Live-Well Movement' aimed at helping Korea rise from the ashes of war, and the 'Nature Preservation Movement,' 'Bright Society Movement,' and 'World Peace Movement' geared toward steering the world away from the blind pursuit of growth and expansion, and the shackles of the Cold War. In 1965, Dr. Choue led the founding of the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP). In 1981, he proposed the 'UN International Day of Peace and International Year of Peace,' which were later adopted and declared by the UN. This was followed by the publication of The World Peace Encyclopedia in 1987 and the hosting of the Seoul International NGO Conference in 1999.

Dr. Choue dedicated his adult life to bringing out a transition in human civilization that rejects exclusive competition and war in favor of global peace. He condemned modern civilization for being obsessed with a myth of limitless growth at the cost of destroying Earth's limited environment and ecosystems. These ideas are encapsulated in his vision of 'Oughtopia,' a world where peace is not an ideal but a reality. This year, which celebrates the 40th UN International Day of Peace, coincides with the 100th anniversary of Dr. Choue's birth.

History of Peace BAR Festival

In commemoration of the International Day of Peace promulgated by the UN at the 36th General Assembly in 1981 at its founder's proposal, the Kyung Hee University System has been hosting the Peace BAR Festival every year since 1982. The themes of the past conferences are as follows:

1982-1990	1982	Crisis and Peace in Contemporary World
	1983	World Peace: Is It Possible?
	1984	World Peace Through the UN
	1985	UN: The Past, Present and Future
	1986	Search for Causes of International Conflicts and Ways to Their Solutions
	1987	The Changing International Environment and Korean Peninsula in the Late 1980s
	1988	The North-East Asian Era and the Roles of Korea, China and Japan in the 21st Century
	1989	Peace Beyond the East-West Conflict: Northeast Asian Security and World Peace in the 1990s
	1990	The Search for a New World Peace Order with Reference to the Changes in the East-West Relations
	1991-2000	1991
1992		Democracy and New International Order in the 21st Century
1993		Peace in the Northeast Asia: Toward Greater Regional Cooperation
1994		Restoration of Morality and Humanity
1995		Tolerance, Restoration of Morality, and Humanity
1996		Peace Strategies for Global Community and the Role of the UN in the 21st Century
1997		Visions and Realities in the 21st Century: The Role of East Asia
1998		Global Visions Toward the Next Millennium: Modern Civilization and Beyond
1999		Will World Peace Be Achievable in the 21st Century?
2000		Global Governance in the 21st Century

2001-2010	2001	Toward a Global Common Society Through Dialogue Among Civilizations
	2002	A Global Common Society Through Pax U
	2003	Building a Global Common Society Through Neo-Renaissance
	2004	Urgent Tasks for Peace: Overcoming Terrorism
	2005	After Ideology: The 21st Century Talks
	2006	Reinventing Universality for the 21st Century: Beyond Freedom and Equality
	2007	Transformative Challenges: In Search of New Humanity and Community
	2008	Future Civilization, Future University: A New Horizon for Knowledge and Praxis
	2009	Kyung Hee Peace Workshop
	2010	The Body and Civilization: A New Horizon
2011-2020	2011	The Body and Catastrophe: Towards a New Utopia
	2012	Humanity, Politics and Civilizations
	2013	Civilizations and Higher Education: In Search of Great Learning
	2014	Cosmic Humanity and Public Practice
	2015	On the possibility of Common Values for Humanity
	2016	Transformative Challenge: The Worlds of Human Mind and Planetary Engagement
	2017	Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All
	2018	Korean Peninsula in the age of Transformative Civilization: Values and Philosophy
	2019	Do Future Generations have the Future?
	2020	The Era of Urgency, a New Horizon for Political Norms



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