

MAPPING THE PATH TO A FLOURISHING HUMANITY

International Conference on Consciousness-Based Leadership and Management

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THE WORLD IS ONE HUGE FAMILY

The world has evolved to become more prosperous over the last more than 100 years. Yet grand challenges such as climate change and social inequality pose an existential threat to our species and the world. Rapidly transforming technologies and societies are generating alienation, fear and anxiety. Pandemics recognize no national borders. There cannot be peace and flourishing in the world till everyone is cared for. Ancient scriptures and many scholars suggest raising the consciousness of the people and viewing the world as one huge family, in which every person's actions provide benefit to the entire family. Many organizations and institutions around the world are working tirelessly, in diverse ways and levels, towards raising the consciousness of the world. For the last 50 years, Maharishi International University has spearheaded groundbreaking research on consciousness-based approach to society, leadership, management, education, defense, and more.

This conference aims **to bring together leading voices from around the world to discuss broad approaches and proven techniques for promoting a consciousness-based view of leadership and management for a more blissful and peaceful world.** Ideally, this conference will arrive at an alignment and consensus on the best approaches for moving forward together in the right direction. **We welcome the full spectrum of research around the growing convergence between ancient scriptures and modern quantum sciences.** Researchers from the fields of leadership, management, education, entrepreneurship, physical sciences, social sciences, arts, religion, philosophy, social action, and others are warmly invited to contribute to and participate in the conference. Formal research studies demonstrating proof of efficacy of a method or technique will be welcome; and papers exploring new perspectives and theories are also welcome. **Other non traditional modalities that may lend themselves to raising of consciousness, such as music, dance, dialog, poetry, humour, stories, and meditations will also be welcome.** Business leaders and entrepreneurs are encouraged to share their experiences and principles in working towards universal human flourishing. The conference will have an emergent quality, with just enough structure for bliss and creativity to flourish.

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Dr. Satinder Dhiman

Satinder Dhiman, PhD, EdD, serves as Associate Dean, Director of the MBA Program and Professor of Management at Woodbury University's School of Business, in California. He holds a PhD in Social Sciences from Tilburg University, Netherlands; and a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Pepperdine University, Los Angeles; He is the Author or co-author of 30 books, including *Holistic Leadership: A New Paradigm for Today's Leaders*



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Dr. Cathy DuBois is Associate Dean for Graduate and Online Programs and Professor of Management in the College of Business Administration at Kent State University (USA). She holds a Ph.D. in Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management from the University of Minnesota. Her numerous publications address a range of diversity and organizational sustainability issues. She currently chairs the Responsible Management Education Affinity Group for AACSB.



Dr. Chris Laszlo

Chris Laszlo is a Professor of Organizational Behavior at Case Western Reserve University (USA), where he researches and teaches flourishing enterprise. Laszlo received his doctorate with distinction in economics and management science from the University of Paris. He is author of *Quantum Leadership* (2019) among other books from Stanford University Press. He is currently also the program-chair-elect of the MSR interest group in the Academy of Management.



Prof. Dr. Sharda S Nandram

Dr. Sharda Nandram is Professor at Nyenrode Business at Universiteit in the Netherlands. She did her Ph.D. in Social Sciences at the Vrije University of Amsterdam. She is co-founder of Praan Group, and co-founder of the OMRISE research group. Her research interests focuses on Integrative Intelligence. She is author and co-author of many books including *Managing VUCA through Integrative Self-Management*.



Dr. Judith Neal

Dr. Judi Neal is the Founder, Chairman, and CEO of Edgewalkers International. She was the founding director of the Tyson Center for Faith and Spirituality in the Workplace at the Sam M. Walton College of Business, University of Arkansas. She received her Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior from Yale University. She is a founding member of the MSR interest group in the Academy of Management.



Dr. Kathryn Pavlovich

Dr. Kathryn Pavlovich is the Professor and Co-Chairperson of the Department of Strategy and Human Resource Management at the University of Waikato Management School. She earned a PhD from Waikato University, New Zealand. She is the editor of the *Journal of Management, Spirituality and Religion*. Her recent research includes Quantum Empathy at the intersection of quantum sciences and social sciences.

THEMES

THEMES OF THIS CONFERENCE INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

Consciousness based approaches to leadership and management

- Shared prosperity through enlightened business practices
- Promoting productivity, happiness, and profitability
- The future of work, skills, and action
- United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- Personal Development studies
- Development of Collective Consciousness for World Peace

Paradigms, Theories and Dynamics of a Peaceful and Flourishing world

- From the Physical Sciences, including quantum sciences, Artificial Intelligence, and more
- From the Social Sciences, including economics, management, psychology, humanities, arts, and more
- From Spirituality and Religion, including value and belief systems, meditations and rituals, and more

Consciousness-based approaches to leadership and management education

- Empirical research on techniques and outcomes
- Experiential and cognitive education
- Scalable interactive education and adaptation to education at a distance

KEY NOTE SPEAKERS



Dr. Robert E. Quinn

Dr. Robert E. Quinn is the Margaret Elliot Tracy Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan, Ross School of Business. His research and writing focuses on purpose, leadership, culture and change. He is a cofounder of the Center for Positive Organizations at the University of Michigan. He has also published 18 books, including *Deep Change* which is a long-term best seller. He is a fellow of the Academy of Management and the World Business Academy.



Dr. Subhash C. Kak

Dr. Subhash C. Kak is the Regents Professor of Computer Science Department at Oklahoma State University–Stillwater. He is also a renowned Vedic scholar and has written many books on Vedic literature. He was awarded him with Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award in India. He is also an appointed member of the Indian Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council.



Dr. David W. Orme-Johnson

Dr. David W. Orme-Johnson is Professor Emeritus of Psychology at Maharishi International University in Fairfield, Iowa. He is a leading researcher on Transcendental Meditation and Super Radiance Effect and has authored or coauthored more than 100 research papers. He is an editor of the eight volumes of collected works on TM. Learn more about his work at truthabouttm.org

CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRS

Dr. Anil Maheshwari

Dr. Anil Maheshwari is a Professor of Management at Maharishi International University. He earned a Ph.D. in Management from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. He developed the V-theory of transcendence, and his research interests focus on World Peace. He is the author of many books published by McGraw-Hill.



Dr. Dennis Heaton

Dr. Dennis Heaton is Dean of the College of Business and Professor of Management at Maharishi International University, Fairfield, Iowa. He earned an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Boston University. He has published extensive research on consciousness-based education and the unified theory of leadership.



About MIU: Maharishi International University was founded in 1971 by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi to fulfill the highest ideals of education. MIU has pioneered a unique system of higher education, Consciousness-Based Education™, that systematically cultures students' full creative intelligence which is the basis of learning. The pedagogy includes weaving the Transcendental Meditation® (TM) technique into the daily instructional plan. The university has also conducted research and published hundreds of research papers on the benefits of TM and TM-Sidhi techniques and other Vedic technologies for individuals and society.



About MSR: The Management, Spirituality and Religion Interest group at the Academy of Management was founded in 1999 and it explores how spirituality and religion can influence organizational dynamics and affect management outcomes. MSR is devoted to defining the relevance and impact of spirituality and religion in management, organizations and society. Major areas of study include theory building and empirical research around the issues of faith, spirituality and religion as they influence principles and practices in management.

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SUBMIT PROPOSALS BY:

February 1, 2021

PLEASE SUBMIT A 500 WORD ABSTRACT TO:

conference21@miu.edu.

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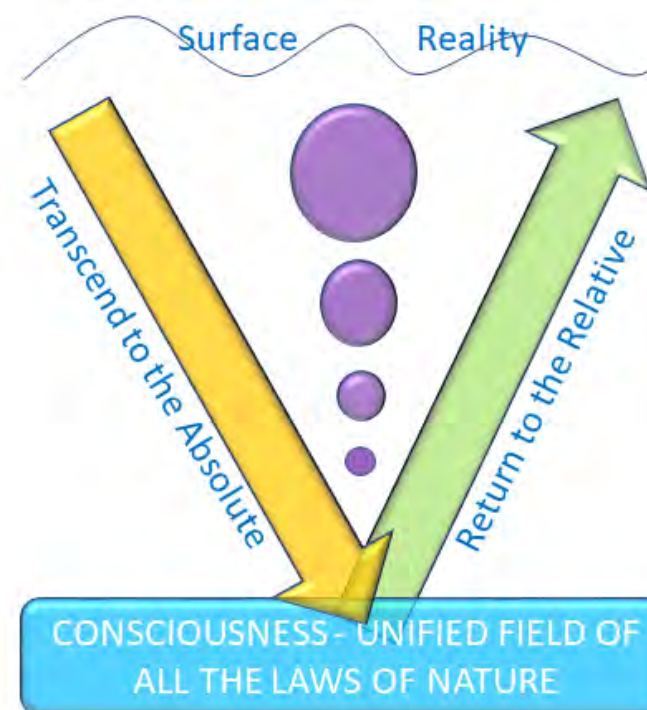
March 1, 2021.

THE FINAL PAPER (3000-5000 WORDS) IS DUE BY:

May 1, 2021

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON:

Friday May 21 to Sunday May 23, 2021



THIS ONLINE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION WILL BE FREE.

THE CONFERENCE IS PLANNED TO BE HELD IN A VIRTUAL / DIGITAL FORMAT.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE DIGITAL COPY OF THE PRESENTATIONS, WHERE POSSIBLE.

THERE WOULD BE AN EXPERIENTIAL COMPONENT TO THE CONFERENCE.

ANY POSSIBILITIES OF ONSITE VISIT TO FAIRFIELD WILL BE COMMUNICATED LATER.

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