

Press Release

ANNUAL GLOBAL PHILOSOPHY FORUM AT HAVERFORD COLLEGE SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015 (Stokes Auditorium, 1:00pm to 6:00pm) CONSCIOUSNESS, CONNECTIVITY AND QUEST FOR THE UNIFIED FIELD OF GLOBAL WISDOM, SCIENCE AND SPIRITUALITY

TOPIC: MAKING SENSE OF OUR GREAT EVOLUTIONARY SHIFT: IMAGINING A TRANSFORMED WORLD THRIVING IN SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Featuring our two invited distinguished keynote presenters-PETER BROWN and LAURENCE BRAHM

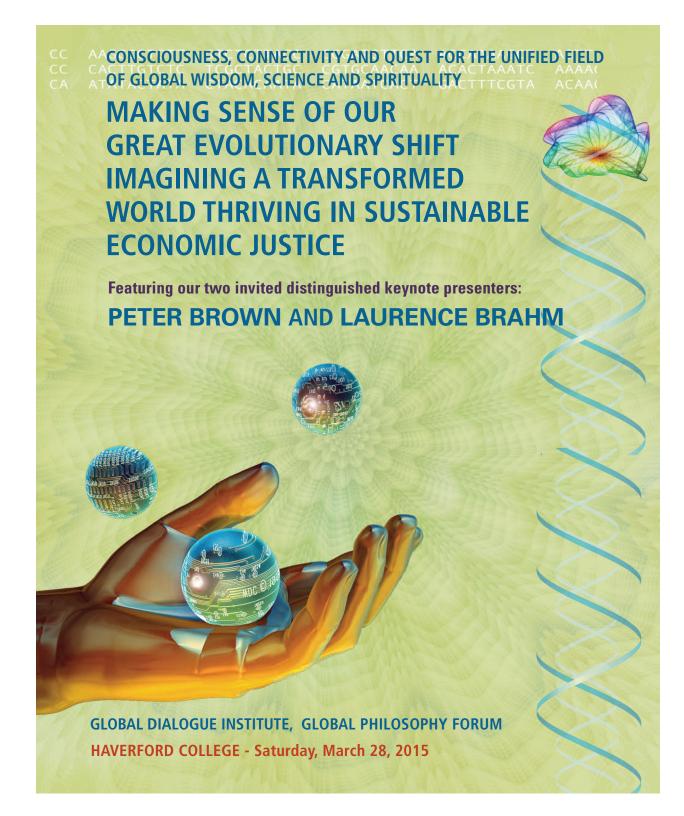
It has become increasingly evident in recent decades, especially upon entering the 21st Century, that humanity is facing unprecedented crises on a planetary scale as we shift into a global age. And there appears to be a heightened awareness that our human family is in the midst of a long-emerging evolutionary shift as we awaken and mature as a species. There are of course quite diverse understandings of the depth, nature and magnitude of this "shift" and how it addresses the crises that now threaten our sustainability and even our survival on earth. Many initiatives have emerged across the globe to make sense of our evolutionary shift, and one of them is the gathering of "Evolutionary Leaders" who have issued a "Call to Conscious Evolution".

In any case there is a growing sense that humanity over millennia has been in an ongoing evolutionary maturation and our collective global wisdom suggests that we have arrived at a most exciting tipping point or great shift in our human drama which has brought us to the threshold of an awakening to our conscious, intentional or mindful role in our evolutionary future, an unprecedented crossing into conscious evolution and facing our moment of choice.

The attached poster gives details. This Annual Forum is open to the public and all are welcome. The Forum has been continuous for eighteen years and has convened a diverse range of eminent voices across disciplines in deep-dialogue in quest of the fundamental patterns of the universe, for the convergence of science, wisdom and spirituality through the ages.

Ashok Gangadean, Host and Convenor of the ((Forum))

Margaret Gest Professor of Global Philosophy www.awakeningmind.org



PROGRAM

1:10 PM OPENING WELCOME - ASHOK GANGADEAN, HOST

1:20 PM ASHOK GANGADEAN'S TALK:

AWAKENING GLOBAL WISDOM AND THE EVOLUTION OF MONEY: FROM EGONOMICS TO LOGONOMICS

ASHOK INTRODUCES PETER BROWN

2:15 PM PETER BROWN'S TALK:

ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS and THE HUMAN PLACE IN THE COSMOS

3:00 PM COFFEE BREAK INTERMISSION - BOOK SIGNING

3:30 PM ASHOK INTRODUCES LAURENCE BRAHM

LAURENCE BRAHM'S TALK:

FUSION ECONOMICS: HOW PRAGMATISM IS CHANGING THE WORLD

4:30 PM OPEN DIALOGUE AMONGST AUDIENCE AND PRESENTERS

5:30 PM CLOSING REFLECTIONS

BIONOTES ON KEYNOTE PRESENTERS

PETER BROWN, Ph.D. is a Professor at McGill University where he holds appointments at the School of Environment, and the Departments of Geography and Natural Resource Sciences. He holds a BA from Haverford College; an MA from Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary in the philosophy of religion; and a PhD from Columbia University in philosophy. His career has concentrated on the practical uses of philosophy to think critically about the goals of society. Since the 1980s this work has centered on the deterioration of Earth's life support capacity and the thought systems that facilitate and legitimate this decline. He is the author of *Restoring the Public Trust: A Fresh Vision for Progressive Government in America*, and *The Commonwealth of Life: Economics for a Flourishing Earth.* He is also a co-author of a book on macro-economics and global governance entitled *Right Relationship: Building a Whole Earth Economy*; and co-edited/authored *Water Ethics: Foundational Readings for Students and Professionals.* His *Ethics for Economics in the Anthropocene* was recently published in the Teilhard Series.

LAURENCE BRAHM is an American-born lawyer and global activist, pioneer social entrepreneur, political economist, international mediator and independent film director. During the 1990s he served as a policy strategist to China's government and an investment advisor negotiating entry into China for many multinational corporations. He cut the very first China deals for Kodak, Exxon Mobil, Bayer, Ericsson, Benckiser, Roche, Chubb Insurance and Swiss Re-Insurance to name a few. After meeting UN General Secretary-General Ban-ki Moon in 2008, Brahm was invited to serve as a member of the UN Theme Group on Poverty and Inequality. He currently is helping to draft China's first comprehensive green growth national policy. In his new book, *Fusion Economics*, Laurence presents an alternative to the economic practices and thinking that brought us to this point.

Ashok Gangadean is Margaret Gest Professor of Global Philosophy at Haverford College where he has taught for the past forty seven years. Throughout his career he has focused on pioneering and clarifying the fundamental common ground across widely diverse worldviews and seeking to expand philosophy and cultural life into a wider global context. He is Founder-Director of the Global Dialogue Institute which has developed effective methods of Deep Dialogue for renovating cultural life. His new book- *The Awakening of the Global Mind* recently appeared in audio form with Sounds True. Ashok is also Co-Convenor of the World Commission on Global Consciousness and Spirituality which brings leading and emerging world leaders together in deep dialogue to help articulate global wisdom, vision and values in addressing the most pressing concerns and crises on a global scale. He is also Co-Chair with Ervin Laszlo of the World Wisdom Council. His most recent book- *Meditations of Global First Philosophy: Quest for the Missing Grammar of Logos* appeared recently from SUNY Press presents a new global story of philosophy and introduces new dimensions of our evolutionary journey and ((Integral Reason)).

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