

From the origin of times, with a male absolute power, the immense majority of human beings were living both intellectually and territorially in very reduced spaces. Invisible, anonymous, obedient, silenced, fearful, unable to influence their life conditions.

A progressive rise of knowledge jointly with a global consciousness and citizenship, women empowerment and digital facilities for expression and for participation, have provided the basis for a “new beginning”, for the transition from an economy of speculation, productive delocalization and war to an economy of global, human and sustainable development (food, water, health care, environment attention, education *for all*).

All human beings equal in dignity, all endowed with the distinctive capacity to create, to invent. Learning to know, to do, to be, to live all together, to dare, to undertake.

The historical shift to a new paradigm, from force to word, is approaching. The academic and the scientific communities must be at the forefront of the people’s mobilization. An on-line Higher Education for all of a World University providing knowledge, prospective faculty and ethical values based behaviour is today one of the indispensable pillars to build up the future that humanity deserves.

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