

# "CREATING A WORKABLE WORLD" conference

University of Minnesota,

Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Cowles Auditorium

OCTOBER 9-10, 2015

<http://workableworld.weebly.com/oct-2015-conf.html>

Global problems demand global solutions. However, the present international system is incapable of coping effectively with problems such as climate change, the North-South economic gap, civil wars, terrorism, pandemic diseases and many others. Fortunately, creative thinkers have put forward numerous workable proposals for dealing with the major threats now facing humanity. Many of these will be addressed by a stellar group of experts at the "Creating a Workable World" conference.

## **Conference Registration Rates** *(online registration available soon)*

**Standard Rate, through October 1<sup>st</sup>: \$100**

(includes coffee breaks, Saturday continental breakfast and Saturday lunch)

**Standard Rate, after October 1<sup>st</sup>: \$125**

(includes coffee breaks, Saturday continental breakfast and Saturday lunch)

**High School / College Students with Student ID through October 1<sup>st</sup>: FREE**

Pre-Registration required. Since we will be ordering food / beverages for coffee breaks and continental breakfast based on your registration, we expect a firm commitment.

On your own for Saturday lunch (map with nearby meal options provided)

**High School / College Students after October 1<sup>st</sup>: FREE, based on availability**

## **Friday, October 9, 3:30 - 6:00pm**

3:30 Registration, Coffee and light refreshments

4pm **Welcome:** Eric Schwartz, Dean, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, U of MN

4:05 **What is the Workable World Trust?** Joseph E. Schwartzberg, Director,  
Workable World Trust

4:15 **Minnesota's Place in a Rapidly Changing World:** Mark Ritchie,  
former MN Secretary of State; Director, Minnesota World's Fair 2023

4:35 **Musical Interlude:** Maryam Yusefzadeh and Tim O'Keefe, local musicians

4:45 **Conference Purpose and Overview:** John Trent, former Secretary General,  
International Political Science Association

5pm **Keynote Speech: Time for a New Global Governance Paradigm:**  
W. Andy Knight, Director, Institute of Intl. Relations, University of West Indies

**Saturday, October 10, 8:30am - 5:45pm**

8:30 Registration, Catered breakfast

9:15 **Welcome, Review of Friday Session, Introduce Saturday Program:**

John Trent

9:30 **A Workable System of Peacekeeping:**

Robert C. Johansen, Kroc Institute for Intl. Peace Studies, U of Notre Dame

10:15 **Imparting Greater Legitimacy to the United Nations System:**

Charlotte Ku, Co-Director, Center on Law & Globalization, College of Law,  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 **A World (U.N.) Parliamentary Assembly:**

Andreas Bummel, Director, Committee for a Democratic U.N. (Berlin)

Noon **Civil Society Engagement in Global Governance**

**and Promoting International Democracy:** William Pace, Executive Director,  
World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy

12:45 Catered lunch

2:00 **Engaging Spiritual Progressives:**

Rabbi Michael Lerner, Network of Spiritual Progressives

2:45 **Expanding Human Rights Regimes:**

Barbara Frey, Director, Human Rights Program, CLA, U of MN

3:30 Coffee Break

3:45 **Musical Interlude:** Maryam Yusefzadeh and Tim O'Keefe, local musicians

4:00 **Meeting the Environmental Challenge:**

Hilary French, UNEP, Program Officer, Climate Change and Resource Efficiency

4:45 **Open Forum:** opportunity for conference participants to share their thoughts

5:30 **Concluding Remarks, Next Steps:** John Trent

**NOTE: All presentations will be followed by a Q&A session**

Joe Schwartzberg's book, *Transforming the United Nations System: Designs for a Workable World*, will be available for sale at a 25% discount (50% discount for students). Joe will be happy to personally inscribe his book. Other books may be similarly available.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW  
AND SPREAD THE WORD!**