

# *International Youth Conference 2020*

16–19 November, Gothenburg, Sweden

*ZOOM AND VISUAL ARENA LINDHOLMEN*

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## Program: International Youth Conference

**Your overall assignment** is to develop your best arguments for why an open and democratic society provides the most desirable conditions that promotes a humane development of the world, and to come up with tangible proposals on how to enhance the resilience of social institutions that uphold the values of an open society

**Your specific goal** is to end the last conference day, launching a preliminary report, and convey the gist of your report through a slide-showed live presentation in two distinguished venues: International IDEA 25th Anniversary Stockholm Webinar *Democracy for a Sustainable Future. Discussing the nexus between democracy, youth and climate change*, and Gothenburg Democracy Day 2020 *Futures of Democracies: The Power of Citizens. Facts, Stories, Visions.*

**You are offered** meetings with executive professionals and research scholars, two grand venues for concluding presentations, and a structured and moderated program. Taking in the full breath of the conference, you will leave the conference as trained democracy entrepreneurs with broadened knowledge, strengthened voice, enhanced network capacity, and new friends.

### Monday, 16 November: WELCOME AND COMMENCEMENT\*

- 14.00            Joint session: Welcome to Lindholmen Science Park and Visual Arena  
Lindholmen (Tord Hermansson, CEO, and Martin Holmberg, Program Manager,  
Media & Democracy)
- 14.10            Joint session: Conference organizer's Welcome and Introduction of the  
conference's overall assignment and specific goal
- 14.30            Joint session: Conference Participants' and Moderator's Presentation Round
- 15.45            Break**
- 16.15-18.00    Joint session: Panel: *Contemporary Societal Challenges from European, Global,  
and Corporate Perspectives.* Christian Danielsson, Head of the European  
Commission's Representation in Sweden; Kevin Casas Zamora, Secretary-  
General, International IDEA; and Malin Ekholm, Vice President, Volvo Cars  
Safety Centre
- 18.00-18.15    Break**
- 18.15-18.30    Joint session: Thank you and summing up Day 1

\*Joint sessions are moderated by Urban. Group sessions are moderated and carried out in breakout rooms in the following way. **Urban:** Focus group 1-Working group 1-Breakout room 1. **Erik:** Focus group 2-Working group 2-Breakout room 2. **Mimmie:** Focus group 3-Working group 3-Breakout Room 3. **Jon:** Focus group 4-Working group 4-Breakout room 4.

**Tuesday, 17 November: INTRODUCTION, ORIENTATION, AND DELIBERATIONS**

- 08.15 Joint session: Reflections about Day 1
- 08.45 Joint session: Introducing the IYTT projects' aim to promote an open democratic society
- 09.15 Break**
- 09.30 Joint session: Inspirational Lectures: 'Challenging Democracy and Open Society Values in the EU and Beyond'. Ten minutes starting addresses followed by Q & A
- *EU and the Challenged Multilateral World Order*, **Cecilia Malmström**, Dr of Political Science, Assar Gabrielsson Visiting Professor in 2020 at the School of Business Economics and Law at the University of Gothenburg, and former EU-Commissioner for Trade
  - *Media Independence and the Need for Investigative Journalism in the EU*, **Jenny Wiik**, Associate Professor of Media and Communication, Department of Journalism Media and Communication, University of Gothenburg
  - *EU and the Rule of Law*, **Per Cramér**, Professor of International Law, Jean Monnet Chair in European Integration Law at the School of Business Economics and Law at the University of Gothenburg
  - *Radical Parties Success in European Elections*, **Eva Hoxha**, PhD-student, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg
- 11.00 Break**
- 11.15 Brainstorming: in four randomly divided Focus groups. Everybody please write down your ideas continuously, since it is a golden moment for the conference when novel ideas arise that eventually may prove to be stunning
- 12.30-14.30 Break**
- During the break, the moderators draft a proposal for brainstormed ideas being outlined in four sub themes for further development in four Working Groups
- 14.30 Joint session: Discussing and establishing four sub themes and Working Groups, started by brief presentation of the moderators' proposal
- 16.00-16.15 Break**
- 16.15 Working Groups discussing ideas, and early proposals within each a theme
- 18.00-18.15 Joint session: Thank you and summing up Day 2 (Urban)

## Wednesday November 18: PRESENTATIONS, SEMINAR, AND WORKSHOP

- 08.15 Joint session: Reflections about Day 2
- 08.30 Working Groups discussing ideas, and early proposals within each a theme, leading up to drafting presentation slides
- 10.00-10.15 Break**
- 10.15 Joint session: Working Groups' presentations with feedbacking discussion
- 10.45 Working Group Preparations: sharpening up slides, and each group appoint one member who will execute a 2-3-minute presentation
- 11.15-11.30 Break**
- 11.30 Joint session: Working Group Presentations, commented by:
- **Annika Korzinek**, Deputy Head of European Commission representation in Sweden
  - **Katarzyna Wojnicka**, Research Fellow at Department of Sociology and Work Science and CERGU – Centre for European Research at the University of Gothenburg
- 13.00 Break**
- 14.30 Joint session: Reflections and Revisions inspired by the commentators
- 15.30 Break**
- 15.45-17.15 Reflections and Revisions continued and deciding which four Working Group representatives will execute the Concluding Presentation 1, also deciding which two Gothenburg-based conference participants that will execute the Concluding Presentation 2, live-streamed from Visual Arena Lindholmen Studio. Ending session by sending preliminary slides to International IDEA
- 17.15 Break**
- 17.30-19.00 Structured Mingle Workshop.
- Exclusively invited executives will circulate among the four Working Groups who pitch the gist of ideas and take comments and questions from the guests. Working Group 1: Breakout room 1; Working Group 2: Breakout room 2; Working Group 4: Breakout Room 3; Working Group 4: Breakout room 4. Guests rotates every 20 minutes: 17.50, 18.10, 18.30, 18.50.
- 19.00-19.15 Break**
- 19.15-19.30 Joint session: Thank you and summing up Day 3 (Urban)

## Thursday November 19: CONCLUSION AND FINAL PRESENTATION

- 08.15            Joint session: Reflections about Day 3
- 08.30            Finalizing presentation slides and preliminary conference report: 2 persons in each Working Group finalize slides; 3 persons in each Working Group write on the preliminary conference report; 1 person from each Working Group form a fifth Working Group that finalize the opening and concluding slides for the presentation, and brief intro and ending of the preliminary conference report
- 10.30            Break**
- 11.00            Joint session: Rehearsing Concluding Presentation 1 and 2
- 12.00            Finalizing presentation slides and preliminary conference report, continued
- 13.00            Break**
- 14.05-14.15    **Concluding presentation 1**, venue Gothenburg Democracy Day 2020 *Futures of Democracies: The Power of Citizens. Facts, Stories, Visions*<sup>1</sup> One conference participant from each Working Group, give the 10-minutes presentation, and then take comments from the floor for 30 minutes. Session is moderated by Bruno Kaufmann, Global Democracy Correspondent.
- 14.50-15.00    **Concluding presentation 2**, venue International IDEA 25th Anniversary Stockholm Webinar.<sup>2</sup> Two Gothenburg-based conference participants give the 10-minutes presentation, live-streamed from Visual Arena Lindholmen, and take comments for 20 minutes, moderated by Laura Thornton, IDEA.
- 15.45            **Take-Aways by Peter Örn**, Head of Swedish Democracy Committee, undersigning “Democracy Declaration” by IYTT & Lindholmen Science Park, and conference participants handing over preliminary conference report.
- Break**
- 16.00-16.15**    Joint session: summing up, and looking ahead to future IYTT actions
- 16.15-17.00

### **END OF CONFERENCE**

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<sup>1</sup> Gothenburg Democracy Day 2020 is organized by the IYTT and the University of Gothenburg in cooperation with the Embassy of Switzerland to Sweden, International IDEA, the European Democracy Foundation, the City of Gothenburg, and the Swedish Museums of World Culture. The audience will be selected invites around 40 people

<sup>2</sup> Concluding Presentation 2 will be part of International IDEA: s webinar panel *Sustainable Democracy: Discussing the nexus between democracy, youth and climate change*. The panelists will be asked to comment upon and pose questions to our two presenters. Preceding Concluding Presentation 2, the webinar displays a 3-minute video produced by IYTT Youth Fellows.

