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Boston Global Forum Conference Opens the Building of the Civilization of Human–AI Co-Creation

Honoring Professor Cynthia Dwork with the World Leader in AIWS Award 2026 and welcoming Lawrence Lessig, David Bray, and Egils Levits as Keynote Speakers and Distinguished Contributors

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, November 8, 2026 — The Boston Global Forum (BGF) will convene "New Civilization in the Age of Artificial Intelligence — Human–AI Co-Creation" on November 10, 2026, at Loeb House, Harvard University. The Conference opens the building of AIWS Civilization—the Civilization of Human–AI Co-Creation—toward a future in which people remain the authors of their destiny, strengthen their creative capacities, and share responsibility for the benefits technology brings to humanity.

Running from 8:00 AM to 12:15 PM, the Conference brings together four themes: the AIWS Trust Observatory; the Constitution for Humanity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence; AIWS Civilization and its cultural foundation, AIWS Lumina; and The Human–AI Co-Creation Atlas. Together, these themes translate the vision of a new civilization into practical work: building trust, protecting human dignity and agency, cultivating a culture of co-creation, and documenting contributions that can be verified.

Honoring Professor Cynthia Dwork

At the heart of the Conference is the presentation of the World Leader in AIWS Award 2026 to Professor Cynthia Dwork, Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science at Harvard University. Governor Michael Dukakis and Nguyen Anh Tuan, Co-Founders and Co-Chairs of the Boston Global Forum, will present the award. Nguyen Anh Tuan will deliver the award citation, followed by Professor Dwork's acceptance address.

Following the ceremony, Professor Dwork will participate in the AIWS Trust Observatory panel. Her participation connects the recognition with a discussion of practical responsibility: how principles of trust and accountability can become foundations for developing and using AI in the service of people.

Three Keynote Speakers and Distinguished Contributors

The Conference welcomes three Keynote Speakers and Distinguished Contributors to its central themes:

Professor Lawrence Lessig, Roy L. Furman Professor of Law and Leadership at Harvard Law School, will deliver a keynote address at 11:30 AM. His participation brings perspectives on law and leadership to the discussion of humanity's future in the AI Age. He joins the Conference as a Keynote Speaker and Distinguished Contributor to the Constitution.

Dr. David Bray, Distinguished Fellow and Chair of the Accelerator, Loomis Council, Stimson Center, will participate in the AIWS Trust Observatory panel. He is the 2026 inaugural winner of the Marconi Society's Award for Excellence in AI for Global Leadership. He joins the Conference as a Keynote Speaker and Distinguished Contributor to the AIWS Trust Observatory.

President Egils Levits, former President of Latvia and former Judge of the Court of Justice of the European Union, will participate in the Constitution for Humanity in the Age of AI panel. His experience in constitutional affairs, the rule of law, and national leadership brings an important perspective to the development of principles that protect people in the AI Age. He joins the Conference as a Keynote Speaker and Distinguished Contributor to the Constitution.

From Trust and a Constitution to Building a Civilization

Professor Thomas Patterson, Bradlee Professor of Government and the Press at Harvard Kennedy School, will deliver the opening remarks and moderate the AIWS Trust Observatory panel. Joining Professor Dwork and Dr. Bray are Professor Debarshi Nandy of Brandeis University and Dr. Gerald Grudzen, Co-founder and President of Global Ministries University, who will address the AIWS Trust Observatory in Silicon Valley.

The Constitution for Humanity in the Age of AI panel will be moderated by Ambassador Zlatko Lagumdžija, former Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Alongside President Levits, speakers include Professor Nazli Choucri of MIT and Paul Nemitz, former Principal Adviser at the European Commission and Visiting Professor of Law at the College of Europe. The discussion will contribute to the development of the Constitution, toward its proclamation at Loeb House, Harvard University, on April 27, 2027.

Nguyen Anh Tuan, Founder and Chief Architect of AIWS and Co-Founder, Co-Chair and CEO of the Boston Global Forum, will present the launch of the building of the Civilization of Human–AI Co-Creation, and AIWS 2017–2027: Four Cornerstones, Eight Founding Cities — Boston, Tokyo, Rome and Hà Nội, with Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Osaka – Kyoto and Nha Trang. AIWS Lumina serves as its cultural architecture, guided by four values: Love, Creativity, Nobility, and Wisdom.

Professor David Silbersweig, Stanley Cobb Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Founding Atlas Fellow, will speak on keeping the human mind and brain growing through co-creation. Professor Patterson will announce The Human–AI Co-Creation Atlas, which documents the journey of building the Civilization of Human–AI Co-Creation and connects the people, ideas, achievements, and works helping to shape its future. The Atlas, the first Atlas of the Civilization of Human–AI Co-Creation, opens on January 8, 2027, at atlas.aiws.net.

Acting Today Toward Ten Years of AIWS

The Conference will introduce the Festival of the Light Tree of Humanity, scheduled for December 3, 2026, and screen an excerpt from "Shinzo Abe — A Seed of Light for the AI Age." A film of the Shinzo Abe Initiative for Peace and Security, produced by AIWS Film and Culture Park, it is scheduled to premiere on the evening of December 3 in Boston, Tokyo, Hà Nội, and Rome.

Benjamin Aysan, Executive Director of Peace Islands Institute Boston, will issue an invitation to join the AIWS Human–AI Co-Creation Movement, form Elevate Circles, and record co-creation work in the Atlas. H.E. Seiichiro Takahashi, Consul General of Japan in Boston, will deliver remarks before Nguyen Anh Tuan's concluding address.

Looking toward ten years of AIWS, 2017–2027, the November 10 Conference sets out a commitment for the next chapter: to translate principles that serve humanity into institutions, cultural activities, and everyday practices of co-creation. The Conference opens a shared journey in which advances in AI are joined with human growth and with responsibility for humanity's future.

Conference Information

CONFERENCE	DETAILS
Date and time	Tuesday, November 10, 2026 · 8:00 AM–12:15 PM, U.S. Eastern Time
Venue	Loeb House, Harvard University, 17 Quincy Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Organizer	Boston Global Forum
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