

25th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE FOR GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION

At Play in the World: Risking Failure

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Call for Papers & Contributions

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Everyone knows about failure, and anyone who has experienced success knows that there were failures along the way. There is almost no success, progress, innovation, growth, or development without failure.

At a leader training in Carmel, California, in the early '80s, Werner Erhard was recalled to have said,

The thing that differentiates me from most other people is I can tolerate a lack of outcomes with no loss of power.

Learning to walk does not come without falling, just as learning a new language does not come without making mistakes. For babies, falling is not a reason to stop; falling is simply part of walking. Nevertheless, most of us do not live as though we know that failure is necessary. We do not look forward to failure or anticipate it or seek it out – but we could.

For many of us, what we are committed to accomplishing is next to impossible; there is no model, no roadmap, no prescribed set of instructions. What we are out to accomplish has never been done before, at least not by us, so is it not absurd to think we will accomplish what we are out to accomplish without some form of failure?

For the 2025 Conference for Global Transformation, we invite you to submit papers, reports from the field, workshop proposals, poster videos, and artwork that speak to and share a created relationship with failure.

In your investigation, you might consider:

- What is the resource failure has been or could be for you when there is no model, or example, to show that what you are committed to is possible?
- What has or could a relationship to failure – a senior- or executive-level relationship to failure – look like as you act to fulfill on what you are committed to?
- What specific failure(s) have you stopped resisting and might now expect and plan for?
- What successes have you been or are you now willing to risk failing for?

See the reverse for guidelines on contributions. If you would like support with making your submission, please email us at CGTcontent@WisdomCourseArea.com.



Journal Papers

Submissions close September 1, 2024

NEW EARLIER DEADLINE!

Authors must be registered for the 2025 conference before submitting a paper for the Journal of the Conference for Global Transformation. Journal papers provide authors with an opportunity to articulate their research, inquiries, ideas, practices, philosophies, views, work, artistic endeavors, successes, and failures on topics related to the theme of the conference as expressed in this Call for Papers. Submissions must be completed drafts of original work (with proper documentation when drawing on the ideas of others). The body of the paper should be no longer than 5,000 words. If a paper is submitted that is longer than 5,000 words, the editor may choose to return it without it being reviewed. Papers are reviewed by an editorial committee, and publication in the Journal of the Conference for Global Transformation may be subject to recommended revisions. To submit your paper, go to WisdomCGT.com and click on "Contribute Content," where you can find all of the submission guidelines and formatting requirements. You will be advised of acceptance by October 18, 2024.

Awards. The authors of the three top papers will be invited to present a joint workshop at the conference.

Reports from the Field

Submissions close January 15, 2025

Authors must be registered for the 2025 conference before submitting a report from the field for the Journal of the Conference for Global Transformation. A report from the field is an opportunity to contribute to others by sharing about living with, and engaging in, your commitments for the world. We invite you to submit a report of up to 1,500 words about what you have discovered, accomplished, or learned regarding your commitments. For more information or to submit your report, go to WisdomCGT.com and click on "Contribute Content," where you can find all of the submission guidelines and formatting requirements. You will be advised of acceptance by February 28, 2025.

Discoveries from the Inquiries. If you have participated in one or more of the Inquiries of the Social Commons, we invite you to submit a report from the field. You could report on what you, or your group, have discovered, encountered, or want to contribute from your inquiries.

Workshops

Submissions close September 1, 2024

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Workshops, typically led by one to three people, are intended to have participants investigate topics related to the theme of the conference. Successful sessions tend to include inquiry and provide access to new contexts, thinking, ideas, practices, and performance regarding matters the session leaders and participants care about, are committed to, or wish to make real in the world. Workshops can also be panel presentations with three or more people giving short presentations on topics

related to the theme of the conference. The presentations may be followed by questions, discussion, or inquiry.

Eligibility. Each workshop or panel session presenter must have attended the Conference for Global Transformation as a registered participant at least once prior and be registered for the 2025 conference before submitting a workshop proposal. Submit your proposal online at WisdomCGT.com. Click on "Contribute Content," where you can find all of the submission guidelines. You will be advised of acceptance by November 1, 2024.

Artists for Global Transformation

Individual Submissions close January 15, 2025

We invite proposals from artists to show their work in a video, which will be displayed on the conference YouTube channel. Submissions should address the conference theme and will be selected by an independent panel. Artists must be registered for the 2025 conference before submitting a video proposal. This is an opportunity for Wisdom Unlimited graduates to impact a global audience with their art. To submit your proposal, go to WisdomCGT.com. Click on "Contribute Content," where you can find all of the submission guidelines. You will be advised of acceptance by February 14, 2025.

Collaborative Videos

Register your interest by January 15, 2025

We are inviting three or more artists of all mediums to participate – dancers, musicians, composers, choreographers, vocalists, designers, writers, poets, producers, painters, weavers, mathematicians, and scientists – to create a collaborative video that brings together multiple cultures, genres, styles, ideals, and values. Participating artists must be registered in the 2025 conference before submitting their expression of interest. Videos should be no longer than five minutes, and all intellectual property, including images and music included in the video, must be owned by the contributing artists. Submissions will be reviewed for acceptance at the discretion of a selection committee. To express your interest in participating in a collaborative group, go to WisdomCGT.com. Click on "Contribute Content," where you can find all of the submission guidelines. Collaborative groups will be finalized by February 14, 2025. Final videos will be due by April 1, 2025.

Poster Videos

Submissions close February 1, 2025

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We invite proposals for poster videos that address the conference theme or any other aspect of formulating and implementing a commitment for the world. Posters are displayed as videos and are an opportunity to present whatever you are at work on, things you have discovered, learned, or accomplished, including issues you are encountering or ideas you have. Poster presenters (including any co-presenters) must be registered for the 2025 conference before submitting a proposal. For more information and to submit your written proposal, go to WisdomCGT.com. Click on "Contribute Content," where you can find all of the submission guidelines. You will be advised of acceptance no later than February 18, 2025. Videos will be due April 15, 2025.

