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ICESCO' Conference entitled

„ Interviews of the Future: Dr. Souleymane Bachir Diagne ”

POSSIBLE FUTURES OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD

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Strategic Foresight Center of ICESCO



CONTEXT

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Future making starts at the present moment. The Strategic Foresight Center’s purpose, since its creation, is to identify ideas, individuals, and projects

that are change makers and doers, to connect them with the audiences in the Islamic World and beyond. Under the framework of building a common ground around the idea of future’s identity, which has always been characterized with its unpredictability and uncertainty, it is important in this context to identify future changes and factors that will determine the future of humanity.

It is under the same perspective that discussions around the future should be encouraged in the aim of finding mutual grounds, powerful ideas, and various potential to build a resilient future. The fields of discussion and debate vary from anthropology, philosophy, sociology, demography, to artificial intelligence, internet of things, and new trends in technology.

The interviews of the future is an initiative that comes under the “Possible Futures of the Islamic World Study”, launched by the Strategic Foresight Center of ICESCO. It hosts a series of interviews with renowned experts, keen on exploring the future of the Islamic World. The aim of the initiative is to connect people with the purpose of shedding the light on the most important questions about the future.

The Center invites speakers from diverse backgrounds to enrich the discussion about what the future in the Islamic World holds. Despite coming from various academic and professional fields, our speakers all have one thing in common: their ability to inspire, influence and push beyond the existing possibilities.

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The carriers of the “Interviews of the Future” are influential personalities whom ideas are influential in the present and the future. Their point of view and perception towards the world will be of a great importance and utility, thus, the right platforms should be addressed to collect these input, analyze then, and help create a better future. These perceptions are nourishing intellectual reflections on a variety of projects, which will lead to recommendations serving the interests of ICESCO’s Member States.



Dr. Souleymane Bachir Diagne who is one of the most influential thinkers in Africa. He is a Professor of French, with a secondary appointment in the Department of Philosophy at Columbia University. He has been named by *Le Nouvel Observateur* one of the 50 thinkers of our time. Professor Diagne's field of research includes history of logic, history of philosophy, Islamic philosophy, African philosophy and literature.



*Guest of Honor
of the Conference:*
Dr. Souleymane Bachir Diagne

He is a member of the scientific committees of Diogenes (published by UNESCO's International Council for Philosophy and Humanistic Studies), CODESRIA (Conseil pour le développement de la recherche en sciences sociales en Afrique), and of the African and Malagasy Committee for Higher Education (CAMES), as well as UNESCO's Council on the Future.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

- ▶ Enrich the discussion around the future and collect perceptions from thinkers, scholars, and researchers,
- ▶ Identify high-level personalities and thinkers that are influencing or will be influencing the 21st century
- ▶ Exchange around the mega trends and weak signals of the future inside and outside the Islamic World.
- ▶ Enrich the discussion around the "Possible Futures of the Islamic World" to be featured in the study launched by the Strategic Foresight Center of ICESCO.



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