

GLOBAL
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FORUM



Accountable Leadership.
Women's Empowerment.
Youth Development.

A New Generation of Decision Makers & Accountable Leaders





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Of course democracy is good. But it is a process, not a prescription.

Queen Rania of Jordan

Message from our Founder



Philanthropy is a Greek word. It is a combination of the words 'philos', meaning 'friend' and 'anthropos', which means 'man'. Philanthropists are people who care, and make positive change happen.

As Global Thinkers Forum, we are a community of genuine philanthropists, who share a

passion, a commitment: to create a more accountable world by nurturing the next generation of decision makers. To create a more inclusive world by empowering millions of women worldwide and equipping youth with skills they need to thrive.

We are here to walk the talk. We started tiny. As an idea. As a dream. We became a vision. We evolved into a large, international group of like-minded, accountable thought leaders. Now we must harness our power, to achieve positive change-whatever that may mean for our societies.

We were born and incubated at Oxford University's Said Business School in 2011. We launched officially in 2012 in Amman, Jordan, with Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah as our Founding Patron.

We are a unique organisation in its conception, growth and activities. And there is tremendous momentum for what we do. We are here to support leaders, and future leaders, in developing their ethical intelligence.

We invite you to visit our work, join and support Global Thinkers Forum, Global Thinkers Mentors and Athena40. You will read more about them in the next few pages. The vision behind Global Thinkers Forum has been to create a platform that acts as a bridge-builder and constantly creates opportunities for collaboration and new partnerships.

Your ideas, your inspiration, your values -our common values will take us a long way. Nothing happens through inaction, so come join us, and let's share this new vision!

Elizabeth Filippouli

Founder & CEO, Global Thinkers Forum

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GLOBAL THINKERS FORUM
an ecosystem for excellence in leadership

Leadership & Collaboration

December 3 & 4 2013

Athens, Greece

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The Forum is a chance for curated conversations, it is a chance for connecting groups that aren't talking now, this is something that we know how to do.

Dr Marc Ventresca

Saïd Business School
University of Oxford &
GTF Founding Member





The Forum

The Global Thinkers Forum (GTF) is a global platform that brings together a diverse network of thought leaders creating meaningful conversations around global challenges and trends. GTF's mission focuses on three areas: fostering accountability in leadership, promoting women's empowerment and creating opportunities for young people to develop.

GTF is also a bridge-builder and an organisation that promotes public-private sector partnerships and opens conduits for collaboration and stakeholder engagement.

GTF sits at the intersection of the UN and the World Economic Forum, being an agile and diverse convening agent that is nurturing the next generation of decision-makers.

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Societies tumble back into authoritarianism, religious fanaticism, ultra-nationalism and every time these are on the rise it means sexism is on the rise. Activism has an urgency, it is not an abstract question.

Elif Shafak

Author, Activist & GTF Board Member



GTF Growth 2012-2019

The Global Thinkers Forum was launched in 2012 in Amman, Jordan, under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Rania. Within six years **we have hosted events in eight countries** (UK, Jordan, Turkey, Greece, UAE, Saudi Arabia, USA, Pakistan). Our Advisory Board Members are decision makers from more than twenty countries.

We have hosted 42 events, six GTF Awards Ceremonies and given 60 Awards for Excellence. We have convened more than 200 speakers and over 2,500 participants from 55 countries have attended, learned, networked.

We launched two mentoring programmes, Athena for women and Telemachus for young people. Our Mentors come from more than 20 countries and our Mentees from 32 countries. **We have empowered through our workshops and public events more than 500 young professionals and entrepreneurs.** We have partnered with more than 100 global brands and organisations. **In 2018 we launched Athena40, the world's first global ranking of the top 40 most forward-thinking women.**

Our Code of Ethics

Ethical Behaviour & Governance:

We demonstrate at all times a professional code of ethics and values.

Accountability:

We act with integrity, fairness, and honesty. We are driven by a sense of accountability towards humanity.

Collaboration:

We build bridges of collaboration to achieve positive change.

Empowerment:

We help women and youth with capacity building.

Cross Cultural Understanding:

As global thinkers, our work starts with understanding different cultures. We embrace diversity and work effectively across cultures.

Fresh Thinking:

We seek to introduce fresh and innovative thinking in everything we do.

Independence:

We are a non political organization that has grown organically. We stand for inclusion, development and prosperity for all.

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I wanted to thank you for all what you have done for me through my mentor. It will take time, but the success is certainly under process and I'm well-prepared thanks to all of GTF team.

Carol Ward Sharraf

Mentee, Athena
Mentoring Programme



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Global Thinkers Mentors Telemachus & Athena

We are particularly proud of our two international mentoring programmes: 'Telemachus' for youth and 'Athena' for women. These programmes create conversations between young individuals from all over the world and international professionals with outstanding careers and achievements drawn from various sectors such as business, government, civil society, academia and the media.

From Afghanistan to Colombia and from Canada to India, our mentors and mentees are based in over fifty countries and are creating value, knowledge and ideas for each other.



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Athena40 makes me optimistic that women can organise. We need to work together. Women should be ourselves, say what we feel and pay the price.

Nawal El Saadawi

Author, Activist & Athena40 Member





Athena40 A Global Movement for Women to Thrive

Athena40 is the world's first global selection of the top 40 most forward-thinking women from across all industries. It was officially announced at UNESCO on International Women's Day 2018 and launched in London in May 2018 under The Rt. Hon. Baroness Patricia Scotland QC.

The first global ranking will be announced in 2020. We are looking for women who are born to push their limits, fly high, speak up, open new paths for all of us. Throughout the year we are hosting networking events and initiatives to enable women to thrive as professionals and entrepreneurs.





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Fearless. Innovative. Diverse.

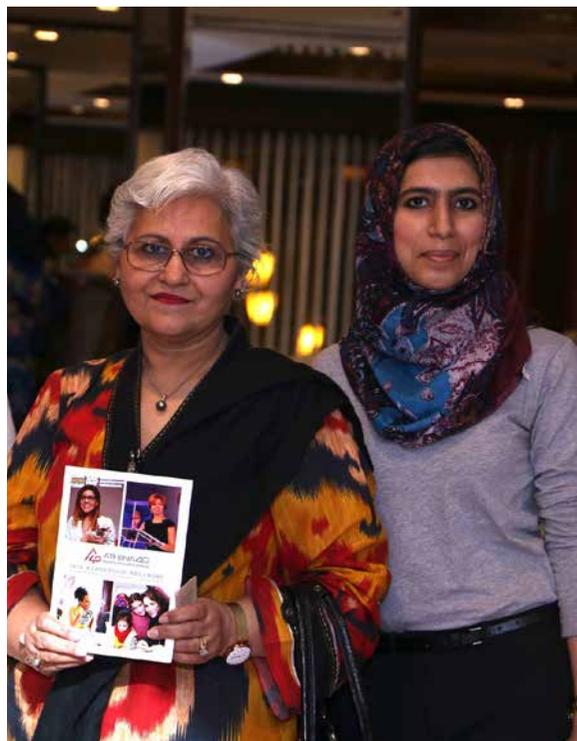
Launched

We were overcome with emotion when all cities started populating the screen. It was bigger than all of us.

Lili Hall

CEO, KNOCK & ATHENA40
Founding Member





The Global Conversation: “The Way to the Top” International Women’s Day 2019

For the first time in history Athena40 connected fearless, innovative and diverse women across 4 continents in 6 country conversations: New York | London | Athens | Amman | Istanbul | Lahore

An audience of 500 influencers across six countries and four continents participated in a synchronised global conversation that had 45 speakers debating live just ahead of International Women’s Day, March 8th.

Athena40 is a network organisation with women-focused online and offline activities internationally.

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In politics, it's great to have women in senior positions, but what do you do with that power, and how can you use that power to help other women?

Ayesha Hazarika

Political Commentator UK



Athena40 Global Ranking 2020 Nominations Categories:

'A' for Gender Diversity & Equality -

Women across all industries and areas, who actively support Gender Diversity & Equality and SDG 5.

'A' for Supporting Female Entrepreneurship

Women or women-led or founded companies or organisations, who nurture, support or fund female founders and female entrepreneurs.

'A' for Original Thinking - Women from Media, Literature, Film & the Arts

whose originality of thinking changes our perspectives or has triggered political, social or other change locally or internationally.

'A' for Positive Impact

Women, women-led or women-founded initiatives who have positively impacted women and girls through education, mentoring, financial or other philanthropic support.

'A' for Empowering Young Girls

Women, women-led or founded companies or organisations who empower girls up to the age of 16 through mentoring, education or other initiatives improving young girls' lives and future.

'A' for Women-led Philanthropy

Women philanthropists who actively dedicate time to create positive change impacting women and men locally or internationally.

'A' for Ethics in Business

Women business leaders whose ethical business practices position them as role models for ethics.

'A' for Women as Peacemakers

Women whose thinking, actions or mediation skills are achieving peace and collaboration.

'A' for Women in AI & Blockchain

Women who work on pioneering social impact AI and Blockchain applications.

'A' for Women-led Solutions

Women scientists, academics, doctors, innovators and entrepreneurs who have invented or implemented a practical solution supporting the SDGs.

Nominate through: www.athena40.org or email: info@athena40.org

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Historical barriers like patronage, misogyny and limited access to education are still in place for women.

Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate,
keynote at the 2018 GTF
Awards for Excellence



GTF Awards for Excellence

GTF's honorary Awards for Excellence go to exceptional individuals who have a proven track record of integrity, accountability and delivering positive change.

Among our Award Honourees:

HM Queen Rania of Jordan, His All-Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Arianna Huffington, Sir David Frost, Elif Shafak, Zaha Hadid, Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi, Tobias Ellwood MP, Dr Radha Basu.

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People will rule one day,
not governments, and
this is what governments
feel, an empowered
human capital.

Reem N. Bsaiso

ICT Expert & GTF Board Member





Be Part of a Global Network

We invite you to explore our work and join our network. Together we will achieve positive change on a global scale, one step at a time. One person at a time.

You can join us by becoming

- Global Implementation Partner
- Patron
- Sustaining Sponsor
- Board Member
- Global Growth Partner
- Mentor
- Individual Member
- GTF Host or Partner

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in Africa & Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

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