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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.

There is a generation of accountable leaders and decision makers out there who want to create a more inclusive and positive world. You are among them.

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



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 2012-2018

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 seven countries** (UK, Jordan, Turkey, Greece, UAE, Saudi Arabia, USA). Our Advisory Board Members are decision makers from more than twenty countries. **We have hosted 32 events, six GTF Awards Ceremonies and given 53 Awards for Excellence. We have convened more than 150 speakers and over 2,000 participants from 55 countries have attended, learned, networked.**

We have published seven annual publications. **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 2017



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Inspiring
Empower



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 & GTF Board Member





Athena40

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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Let's challenge
those things that
are not working.

**The Rt. Hon. Lord
John Alderdice**

GTF Board Member



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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



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