Enacting Global Transformation Initiative

What?
We inspire, envision and enact global transformation by fostering more humane, creative, and participatory responses to critical crises, through collective action research and performative processes and events.

Why?
We seek to stimulate a new paradigm of inclusive power in international and interpersonal relations by combining transformative theory, policy and practice with the performing arts.

Why Now?
We are at the precipice of the most perilous period since World War II. The imperative is not simply to reform but to transform global governance and security as we prepare for the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

A Collaborative Initiative hosted by the Centre of International Studies, University of Oxford in Partnership with Theatre of Transformation Academy

'Collaborative Knowledge Creation Conference' at Tata Institute for Social Sciences, Mumbai

'Art, Culture and Justice Performance-Dialogue' at Geneva Academy for Human Rights

'The Dynamics of War and Peace' at University of Oxford and Graduate Institute of Geneva


'Women, War and a New Paradigm of Peace' performance-cum-roundtable at the University of Oxford

'United Beyond Borders' collective performance with refugee musicians and peace artists and discussion with civic and international organizations at the UN in Geneva
How?
We offer the catalytic methodology of Theatre of Transformation developed at the University of Oxford since December 2013, with inputs from distinguished scholars, decision-makers and practitioners across Oxford and worldwide. Our collaborative programmes with our global partners provide creative platforms to share diverse testimonies of transformation, explore new perspectives collectively, and generate innovative responses to crisis.

With Whom?
We activate and connect a global community of scholars, decision makers, practitioners, international organizations, grassroots initiatives and concerned citizens across diverse cultures and contexts engaged in pioneering innovative and artistic ways to enact societal transformation. We partner with research centres across Oxford. We collaborate closely with the UN Library in Geneva, and contribute our expertise and methodology to UN Agencies and the UN System Staff College.

For Whom?
We offer transformative courses and seminars on global issues for our partner universities in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, including University of Johannesburg, Dar Al Kalima University College, Bethlehem and Heliopolis University, Cairo. We undertake transformative Peace Missions to support our grassroots partner organisations in conflict-affected countries to shape and enact creative solutions to crisis.

By Whom?
Our Global Advisory Group comprises distinguished scholars from Oxford and eminent policy makers and practitioners from all continents. Our Co-Chairs are Professor Kalypso Nicolaidis, Director of the Centre for International Studies, and Dr. Annette Idler, Director of Studies, Changing Character of War Centre, both at the University of Oxford. Our Convenor is Dr. Rama Mani, Research Associate, Centre for International Studies and Founder of Theatre of Transformation Academy.

We welcome your Collaboration, Partnership or Support!
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