

EMCSR 2012 Symposium

“Enabling organizations for thriving: New perspectives on form, structure and process in favor of human and societal prosperity.”

The symposium will be a part of the 21st European Meetings on Cybernetics and Systems Research <http://www.emcsr.net> which will take place in **Vienna, on the Campus of the University of Vienna**, from **10–13 April 2012**.

Symposium Chairs (in alphabetical order):

- Mag. Stefan Blachfellner <http://about.me/bstefan>
- Mag. Violeta Bulc <http://www.vibacom.com/page.php?22#VioletaBulc>
- DI Thomas Fundneider, MBA <http://www.tfc.at/de/About/principal.html>
- Alexander Laszlo, PhD http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_Laszlo_%28scientist%29

Participants:

- will be invited from the academic areas of natural, biological, social, and technological systems to enrich these knowledge realms.
- will be invited from the practical areas of design, creative industries, integral development, management, experiential psycho-therapy, and applied social anthropology to inform and be-informed by each other's perspectives.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Leadership
- Networks, Institutions & Hierarchies
- Resilience
- Innovation capabilities
- Conscious innovation = innovation & ethics
- Business design / business architecture
- Education
- Emergence and Transcendence
- Holism, Systems thinking and Systems sensing
- Management, facilitation, catalyzation, stewardship, shepherding, curating processes

Intended Format:

One day facilitated Workshop, dialogue, conversation, sharing, co-inspiration, and co-creation. This symposium is intended to function as a window from the inside-out of the systems sciences.

Content:

This symposium invites the participation of creative transdisciplinary thinkers and practitioners from all fields of inquiry and practice. Thinkers, designers, practitioners and researchers with experience in the sciences of life, energy, matter, cognition, cosmology as well as the social sciences and the humanities are welcome.

The reunion offers a unique opportunity to come together and share a variety of viewpoints on a broad range of issues relating to emergent patterns, processes and relationships of life and living systems. Our wish is to provide a playspace where we can jointly curate the emergence of more sustainable and even thrivable systems.

By exploring cutting edge inquiry across a variety of types of non-linear complex adaptive systems, we hope to gain insight into processes of self-organization and emergence that relate to life and experience. By exploring learning in the areas of living systems, natural systems, social systems and technological systems, we hope to emerge patterns of organization that may contribute to new ways of being and doing in the context of an evolving eco-civilization.

The objective of this symposium is to contribute to an evolutionary narrative of the next phase of human civilization in a time of global personal awakening. The intention is to cultivate this narrative through the association of the creative efforts of those participating in the symposium as well as with those engaged in similar efforts in other venues.

Application Process:

1. Participants submit an extended abstract (min. one – max. three pages) describing their work in progress rather than finished research or project results reflecting the intended contributions to the workshop symposium. Participants also submit one bio-narrative per author / contributor (max. ¼ pages). The submissions will be processed in the conference system <http://www.emcsr-conference.org/2012>. Authors / contributors have to register with the system and choose “Symposium T: Enabling organizations for thrivability” for their submission. **Submission is open until December 23rd 2011.**
2. The symposium chairs select participants based on the extended abstracts and bio narratives submitted. **Authors / contributors will be notified by January 27th 2012.**
3. The exact date of the symposium will be announced with the overall programme design of the meetings in **February 2012.**
4. Accepted extended abstracts will be published online in the conference precedings <http://www.emcsr-conference.org/2012> (ISSN, peer reviewed, open conference system, indexed in Google Scholar, doaj.org and open harvester project) guest edited by the symposium chairs in the year of the conference.
5. Accepted extended abstracts may be further developed including insights from the workshop symposium and will be published online as full articles in the upcoming conference journal (ISSN, scientific peer reviewed, open journal system, indexed in google scholar, doaj.org and open harvester project) guest edited by the symposium chairs in the years after the conference.

Supporting organizations (in alphabetical order):

[Change the Game Initiative](#) & [Giordano Bruno GlobalShift University](#) & [Innovation Communication Movement](#)