

“QUALITY OF LIFE, ON EARTH AND BEYOND”

THE IV SRI WORLD CONGRESS HAS BEEN LAUNCHED!



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Human civilization stands at a critical juncture. Global crises—wars, nationalism, cultural decline, and environmental degradation—are worsening our quality of life and blocking pathways for progress, particularly for younger generations. If unchecked, this trajectory could lead to collapse.

Civilian Space Development offers a viable alternative. By expanding into outer space, humanity can open new frontiers for sustainable growth. Space resources and habitats, as envisioned by Gerard K. O’Neill, can provide clean energy, vast living space, and abundant raw materials while protecting Earth’s biosphere. Moving industry off-planet and gradually establishing self-sufficient colonies on and around the Moon, Mars, and asteroids can help preventing resource wars, foster cooperation, and ensure the survival and flourishing of human civilization.

The SRI 2026 IV World Congress will bring together thinkers, innovators, and space humanists to:

- Raise awareness of current risks to civilization and culture
- Promote accelerated civilian space development
- Debate priorities in space policy, philosophy, and strategy
- Build coalitions to advance industrialization and settlement beyond Earth

Call for Papers: We invite contributions that address how humanity can transcend present limits and grow into outer space. While technical and business proposals are welcome, emphasis will be on political, cultural, and philosophical frameworks that can inspire action.

The time has come to shift focus from mere survival to expansion, progress, and a renaissance of human civilization in space.

The Congress will take place virtually from 30 June to 4 July 2026. But the final dates might still be adjusted, around that time.

The registration is already open. **You can register here:** <https://spacerenaissance.space/sric4-registration/>

The call for papers can be seen in home page at <https://spacerenaissance.space/>

And the **abstracts submission** is open too: <https://2026.spacerenaissance.space/index.php/call-for-papers-abstract-submission/>

To understand more about the Congress symposia, sessions, and proposed topics, also watch the SRIC4 #00: "Announcing the 4th SRI World Congress", the launch webinar, on the Space Renaissance YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/live/duwFQHbsXWs>

Let's work together, to make a great congress!

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