
FORUM



Conversations at the World Economic Forum at Davos

Saturday, February 11 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Concord Hall, 1407 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara
Presenter: Carolyn Dorrance

Once a year, about 2,500 leaders from business, government, academe, economists, NGOs and the media gather in a small Swiss town to listen, learn about and discuss developments and issues of global significance with lectures, panels and countless informal conversations. A firm belief in globalization provides a framework for World Economic Forum (WEF) activities.

Originally, 444 executives attended the first conference in 1971, but by 1987, pressure to open up the meetings developed. Women and leaders of NGOs started to receive invitations; talks on sociology, culture and technology were included as conference topics. By 2017, the global influence of Davos talks expanded when 120 sessions were broadcast live via youtube.com, so that a world-wide audience could share in the conference dialogues.

At this Forum in Concord Hall, selections from various panels given at Davos 2017 will be presented. Criticism of the Conference and its defense will be evaluated. The WEF also sponsors regional conferences, supports research reports and began its life with significant sponsorships of conflict resolution such as a 1992 meeting between then South African President F. W. de Klerk, Nelson Mandela and Zulu Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

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