



# ACADEMIA ENGELBERG

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## Commencement of the 11th Dialogue of Science of the Academia Engelberg Foundation

### **The Challenge of Future Cities**

**In this century, more than half of the world's population will live in urban centers. They are the driving force for local and global economy. It is one of the great challenges of our time to make these areas sustainable and worth living.**

In Engelberg, scientists from all over the world discuss how densely populated cities such as Tokyo, Kolkata, Addis Abeba, Lagos or Mexico City face social changes. How will energy and food security be ensured for poor population groups? Examples will be shown how those in charge will combine technical progress in architecture and energy-efficient measures with local materials and how the mobility trends can be solved intelligently. On the occasion of the 11th Dialogue on Science of the Academia Engelberg Foundation, roughly 150 experts from science, politics, industry, society and culture from all over the world will critically discuss during the coming three days how the disciplines of architecture, urbanism and the built environment and social sciences can tackle the challenges of rapid urbanization and transformation.

### **Bridge between science and society**

Fundamental scientific findings are likely to meet strong reservations and encounter mistrust among the general public. The Academia Engelberg Foundation ([www.academia-engelberg.ch](http://www.academia-engelberg.ch)) contributes its share to the creation of a new foundation of trust through interdisciplinary dialogue between the scientific community and the general public. Every autumn, personalities from science, industry, culture, politics and society meet in Engelberg, Switzerland. In addition to this, projects are carried out and follow-up events are organized as results of the conference.

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### **Media Relations**

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