

**NEW FRONTIERS  
FOR UNIVERSITY LEADERS  
THE FUTURE OF HEALTH AND  
THE UNIVERSITY ECOSYSTEM  
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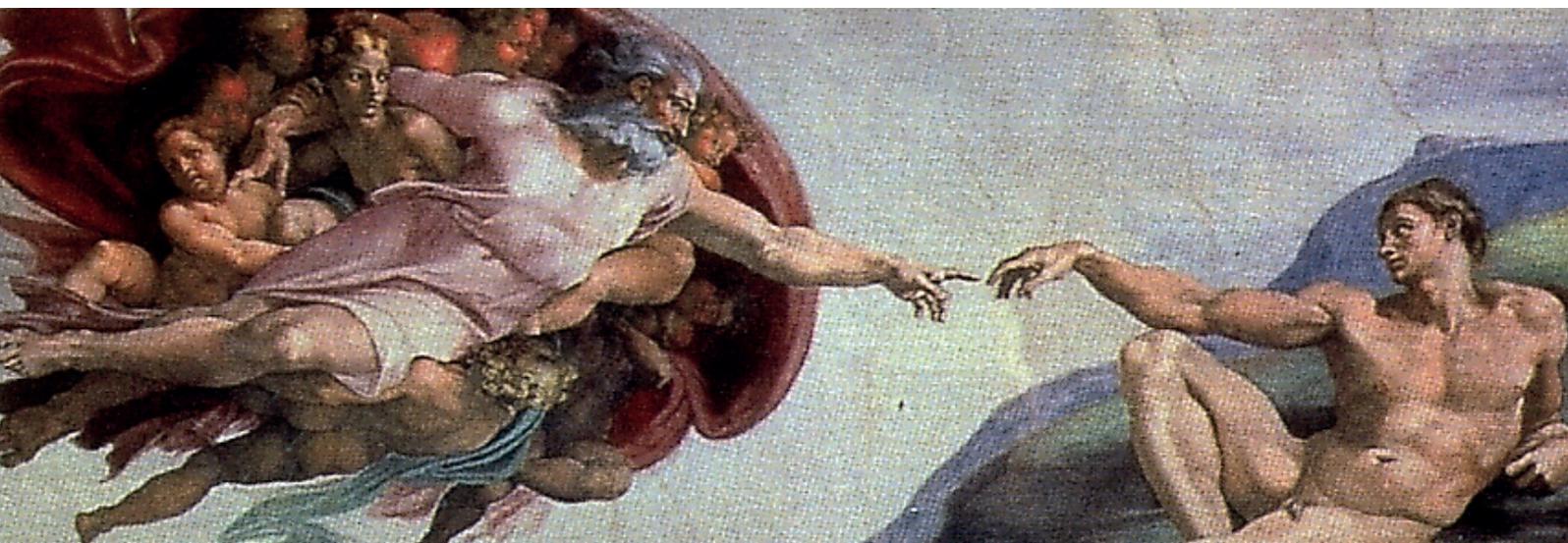
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## Rationale

The International Federation of Catholic Universities announces its new Annual Forum *New Frontiers for University Leaders* dedicated to the key challenges faced by global societies and the cutting-edge issues and topics that are driving the transformation of the university. The forum will acquaint University leaders with the latest challenges and transformations arising from the new frontiers of science in healthcare, biotech, A.I. and automation, and the impact of societal transformations and climate change in the strategies, policies in the self-definition of the university as a site of knowledge production.

In the age of crowd and user innovation, the production of knowledge is no longer simply the privilege of higher education and institutional research, raising questions as to the status of the specialist and the role of institutionalized higher education in driving change for the good of mankind. The university is being disrupted by technology, a new age of tech-driven learners, crowdsourcing science and not least the threat – or opportunity – of having some of its tasks and processes being taken over by automation. In this environment, how should university leaders prepare their strategies for the generations ahead? What are the ethical and identity challenges arising from this transformation? How can productive change be lead and how can university constituencies prepare for the future? What will be the impact of this disruption in internationalization policies, infrastructural development, talent retention and the development strategy of the university?

The forum is specifically aimed at working at the intersection of science and societal transformation and strategic change at higher education institutions and will be organized on the basis of a mix of specific topical sessions, best practices and discussions with those driving transformation.



Since 1976 life expectancy at birth has grown by 12 years, from 61 to 80. This has had and will continue to have tremendous impact on how societies organize themselves and plan the future. Humans live longer and expect to have an improved quality of life in a scenario where science and technology are key drivers. A human embryo's DNA is "edited" to take out a disease. A pre-programmed drone collects blood samples from residents of a rural village and travels back to the capital.

These are not science-fiction scenarios but a reality in an era that some have called the 'golden era of innovation'. The research ecosystem (universities, governments, firms) plays a strategic role in this development, but not an exclusive one, as user-driven innovation is increasingly finding solutions to help health care professionals deal with complex challenges. But the future of health won't just be defined by the innovations we set out to create; it will be equally shaped by how we respond to – and anticipate – the challenges and consequences of each great advancement.

Before the challenges of the technocratic paradigm, the value of Catholic health care education is to distinguish itself from a model of 'knowing apart', set on distinction, of differential diagnosis. Knowing is in this field intimately articulated with caring. The ultimate rewards to the understanding of life in medical training come from 'knowing together', in a respectful interaction between the caretaker and the patient. And yet, how will universities prepare for the new frontiers of healthcare? How will they prepare their institutional strategies, either in face of or without the prospect of having created Medical and Nursing Schools, or of developing health-related research?

The forum will specifically focus on some of these issues:

- *Health Education: New trends and strategies*
- *Medical Education and Catholic Teaching*
- *Personalized Medicine and its social impact*
- *Palliative care and end of life decisions*
- *Institutional strategies: the role of Medical Schools in the wider ecology of academic forces.*
- *Branding and fundraising: the opportunities and the anxieties of Catholic identity for Medical Education.*
- *Stem cell research, DNA editing and other bioethical challenges.*
- *Nursing and Medicine: institutional development strategies.*
- *Global Health and the role of IFCU in supporting regional Catholic health education.*
- *Health data analytics and its impact on health related professional training*
- *Med School rankings: how should a Catholic university measure impact?*
- *Policy and the financialization of healthcare.*



# MONDAY

► November 4, 2019

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- 08 : 00    •    **Registration**
- 09 : 00
- 10 : 15    •    ***Private Audience with His Holiness Pope Francis***  
•    **Hall Paul VI, Vatican City**
- 13 : 00    •    **Opening of the forum**  
•    *S.E. Cardinal Giuseppe Versaldi*, Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education - Holy See  
•    *S.Exc. Archbishop Msgr. Vincenzo Paglia*, President of the Pontifical Academy for Life - Holy See  
•    *Dr. Isabel Capelo Gil*, IFCU President, President of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa
- 13 : 30    •    ***The Future of Health Education***  
•    **Chair:** *Dr. Terry Kersch, C.S.B.*, IFCU Board Member, President of the St. Joseph's College, Canada  
•    **Speaker:** *Dr. Ronald de Pinho, M.D.*, Former President of the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center - USA  
•    **Discussants:**  
•    *Dr. Pauline Nugent*, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost of the Australian Catholic University  
•    *Dr. Frédéric Houssiau*, Vice-Rector for Health Sciences of the University Catholique de Louvain (Belgium)
- 15 : 00    •    **Coffee break**
- 15 : 15    •    ***Institutional Strategies for Medical Schools and Health Education***  
•    **Chair:** *Dr. Pablo Vidal*, IFCU Board Member, President of the Universidad Católica de Valencia - Spain  
•    **Speaker:** *Dr. Jo Ann Rooney*, President, Loyola University Chicago (USA) (tbc)  
•    **Discussants:**  
•    *Dr. Herminio Dagohoy, O.P.*, IFCU Vice-President, President of the University Santo Tomás (The Philippines)  
•    *Dr. Firoz Rasul*, President of the Aga Khan University (Pakistan)
- 16 : 45
- 16 : 45    •    ***Special Session : Philanthropy and Health Care***  
•    **Speaker :** *Dr. Rajiv Shah*, President, the Rockefeller Foundation (USA) (tbc)
- 17 : 15    •    ***Special Session : European Union Research and Health Policies***  
•    **Speaker:** *Dr. José Manuel Durão Barroso*, Former President of the European Commission - 2004-2014 (Portugal)
- 17 : 45    •    ***Forum's Dinner at Villa Lusa (Rome)***  
•    The Villa Lusa, previously Villa Elia, is the seat of the Embassy of Portugal to the Holy See.

## TUESDAY

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**09 : 30** • *The New Frontiers of Health Research*

**Chair:** *Dr. Pierre Vercauteren*, IFCU Board member, Université Catholique de Louvain - Belgium

**Speaker:** *Dr. Xiaomei Zhai*, Director Centre for Bioethics Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences - China

**Discussants:**

*Dr. Chris Van Geet*, M.D., Ph. D., Vice-Rector for Biomedical Sciences of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven - Belgium

*Dr. Marlene Barros*, Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Health Research of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa - Portugal

**11:00**

**Coffee Break**

**11 : 15** • *The virtue of life and the ethics of care: a dialogue*

**Chair:** *Dr. Fernando Sánchez Campos*, IFCU Vice-President, Rector of the Universidad Católica de Costa Rica

**Speakers:** *David deGrazia*, Department of Philosophy, George Washington University (USA) (tbc)

*Sister Anne Lécu*, philosopher and doctor (France) (tbc)

**12 : 45**

**Lunch**

**14 : 00** • *Global Health: The challenges ahead*

**Chair:** *Dr. François Mabilie*, IFCU Secretary General - France

**Speaker:** *Dr. Tedros Adhanom Gebreyesus*, Director-General of the World Health Organization, Geneva - Switzerland - (tbc)

**Discussants:**

*Dr. Sister Ekaete Ekop*, M.D., Congregation Leader Assistant of the Medical Missionaries of Mary, Dublin - Ireland - TBC

**15 : 30**

*Dr. Jeremy Farrar*, Director of the Wellcome Trust Medical Charity (United Kingdom) (tbc)

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15 : 30 ● **Rectors' Roundtable : Medical Schools, Health Education and Catholic Teaching: opportunities, problems and best practices**

● **Speakers:** *Dr. Ignacio Sanchez*, Rector, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (Chile)

● **Discussants:**

● *Dr. Franco Anelli*, Rector, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Italy)

● *Fr. Alberto Ferreira*, Rector, Catholic University of Mozambique (Mozambique)

● *Dr. Vincent Han-Sun Chiang*, President, Fu Jen Catholic University Taiwan (Taiwan) (tbc)

17 : 30

● **Closing Session**



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