

6th ASEF LEADERSHIP YOUNG LEADERS IN SOCIETY SUMMIT 5.0

July - October 2025 | Osaka, Japan
In conjunction with Japan World Expo 2025

ASEFYLS6: Webinar series on 'The Future of the Economy, Environment and People & Work in Society 5.0'

About the Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)

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About the 6th ASEF Young Leaders Summit project

- The 6th ASEF Young Leaders Summit project is a **Leadership Programme** for young leaders from Asian & European countries to **learn, exchange and collaborate**, and connect with each other.
- The online Knowledge Building Phase convened **Young Leaders from 50 countries in Asia and Europe**, selected by an open call for application.
- It focuses on the theme of '**Leadership & Society 5.0**' and incorporates 3 spheres for youth leadership: 1) self-leadership (you), 2) team leadership (we) and 3) societal leadership (all).
- The programme takes place from July to October 2025 in 3 phases:
 - **Knowledge Building | Online | 29 July – 26 August 2025**
 - **Leadership in Action | Online | 27 August – 28 September 2025**
 - **Youth Summit | Osaka, Japan | 29 September – 5 October 2025**

Read more about the project here: <https://asef.org/projects/6th-asef-young-leaders-summit-asefys6/>

About the Topic: Leadership in Society 5.0

- The **concept of Society 5.0** originated from Japan. It describes a human-centred society that balances economic advancement with the resolution of social problems by a system that highly integrates cyberspace and physical space. Discussions on Society 5.0 are often future oriented, exploring the impact of new technology on the way people work, live and play.
- The **6th ASEF Young Leaders Summit will explore** what kind of leadership is needed for Society 5.0 and how young people can prepare to take on leadership roles in this phase of society.

About the Knowledge Building Phase

- The **Knowledge Building Phase** was the first phase of the programme and aimed to introduce the topic of Leadership in Society 5.0 to the Young Leaders, from 50 countries in Asia and Europe, with different perspectives from experts, to prepare them for subsequent Leadership in Action and Youth Summit phases.
- The **ASEFYLS6: Webinar series on 'The Future of the Economy, Environment and People & Work in Society 5.0'** was organised as part of the Knowledge Building Phase. The aim of the webinar series was to introduce the future trends from across Asia and Europe of how the transition to Society 5.0 – a **human-centered, super-smart society** integrating cyberspace and physical space – will **reshape economic systems**, business models and social structures. Three sessions took place on this topic:
 - Session 1 | Tuesday, 5, August 2025 | What's the future of the **economy** in Society 5.0?
 - Session 2 | Tuesday, 12 August 2025 | What's the future of the **environment** in Society 5.0?
 - Session 3 | Tuesday, 19 August 2025 | What's the future of **people and work** in Society 5.0?

Programme

Session 1: What's the future of the economy in Society 5.0?

5 August 2025 • 16:00 Singapore/10:00 CEST • Zoom

The session aimed to provide insights into the opportunities, challenges, and policy implications of this transformation, focusing on how advanced digital technologies can drive **sustainable economic growth** while addressing pressing social issues such as inequality, aging populations, and environmental sustainability.

Session Outline

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| 16:00 – 16:10 | Welcome Remarks & Introductions |
| 16:10 – 16:30 | Keynote Presentation: What's the Future of the Economy in Society 5.0?
Mr Carsten BECK , Director & Futurist, Copenhagen Institute for Futures Studies |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | Panel Discussion and Q&A with Young Leaders
Dr Fithra FAISAL , Expert Staff and Spokesperson on Economic Issues, Presidential Communication Office, Indonesia
Dr Roberto Martin GALANG , Dean of John Gokongwei School of Management, Ateneo de Manila University
Mr Zoltán POGÁ TSA , Political Economist |

Session 2: What's the future of the environment in Society 5.0?

12 August 2025 • 16:00 Singapore/10:00 CEST •

The session aims to discuss the opportunities, strategies, and challenges in **leveraging technologies** such as AI, IoT, and big data to balance economic growth **with environmental preservation**, minimise waste, promote clean energy, and support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Session Outline

- 16:00 – 16:10 **Welcome Remarks & Introductions**
- 16:10 – 16:30 **Keynote Presentation: What's the Future of the Environment in Society 5.0?**
Mr Martin KRUSE, Senior Advisor & Futurist, Copenhagen Institute for Futures Studies
- 16:30 – 17:30 **Panel Discussion and Q&A with Young Leaders**
Ms Angelika TAMASOVA, Expert – Climate Risks and Adaptation under Climate Law, Climate Risk and Resilience Unit, European Environment Agency
Mr Gerald WONG, Executive Director, EB Impact
Ms Ranitya Nurlita, Founder, Wastehub

Session 3: What's the future of people & work in Society 5.0?

19 August 2025 • 16:00 Singapore/10:00 CEST •

The session aimed to discuss how advanced technologies, and new societal values, will impact **wellbeing, work-life balance, culture, consumer behaviour**, and daily living, ensuring a future where innovation is human-centered while enhancing productivity.

Session Outline

- 16:00 – 16:10 **Welcome Remarks & Introductions**
- 16:10 – 16:30 **Keynote Presentation: What's the Future of People & Work in Society 5.0?**
Ms Tamira SNELL, Senior Advisor & Futurist, Copenhagen Institute for Futures Studies
- 16:30 – 17:30 **Panel Discussion and Q&A with Young Leaders**
Mr David TIMIS, Global Communications & Public Affairs Manager, Generation and AI & Future of Work Thought Leader
Ms Subhashini CHANDRAN, Senior Vice President, Social Impact, Mastercard Centre for Inclusive Growth

Mr POON King Wang, Chief Strategy and Design AI Officer, Office of Strategic Planning at SUTD and Director at Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Innovative Cities (LKYCIC)

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