



Information Statement
Expecting the Unexpected:
2025 and Beyond
Shafik Gabr Foundation Annual Davos Opening Dinner



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On 20th January, 2025, Chairman Shafik Gabr, Founder of the Shafik Gabr Foundation welcomed his distinguished guests from over 30 countries for another memorable Davos opening dinner during the World Economic Forum. The evening



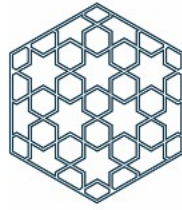
followed Chatham Rules and encouraged candid and forward-thinking discussions amongst the global leaders of today.

The dinner was held at the Central Sporthotel in Davos, Switzerland and welcomed over 90 distinguished guests. Among them were royal members of the GCC, presidents, government officials, business leaders leading fund managers and scholars from the East and West. The engaging discussions were moderated by the Chairman and renowned author and founder of *Thinking the Unthinkable*, Mr. Nik Gowing. Opening remarks were also welcomed by Ambassador Stuart Ezienstat and President Vaclav Klaus, whom set the tone of the evening covering President Trump's election and first 100 days plus the stable and immediate future of Europe.

The evening's discussions reflected several key global trends and challenges in 2025:

GLOBAL TRADE AND ECONOMICS:

- There is a shift away from hyper globalization towards more localized supply chains.
- This trend is reversing productivity gains and contributing to inflation.
- Current asset prices assume continued globalization, which may be unrealistic in a trade war environment.



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TRUMP ADMINISTRATION AND US-CHINA RELATIONS:

- Trump's second term may see more aggressive policies without concern for re-election.
- There is cautious optimism about improved US-China relations under Trump's second term.
- China sees an opportunity to help stabilize relations and potentially be part of peace efforts.

EUROPEAN CHALLENGES:

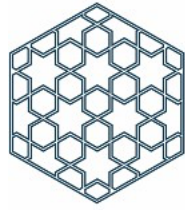
- Europe is facing structural issues and declining relevance on the global stage.
- There is hope for a new generation of pro-European leaders to emerge.

GLOBAL GOVERNANCE:

- Many international institutions like the UN are no longer fit for purpose.
- There is a need to update the post-WWII global security architecture.

HEALTHCARE AND TECHNOLOGY:

- Healthcare capabilities are advancing rapidly, but there's a growing gap between potential and actual care delivery.

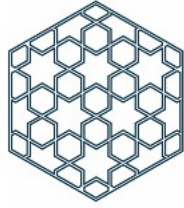


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- Governments face challenges in implementing and funding new treatments and technologies.
- Countries will need to decide how to partner or compete in healthcare data and AI.



2025 American Gabr Fellow, Alphaeus Hanson



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EDUCATION AND INNOVATION:

- Universities play a crucial role in creating and disseminating new knowledge.
- There is optimism about accelerating innovation across various fields.
- Higher education institutions need to adapt to meet societal expectations.

INSURANCE INDUSTRY:

- The industry is evolving due to abundant capital and improved data analytics.
- There is a shift towards prevention and mitigation rather than just paying claims.
- Consolidation in the industry is expected, with fewer but stronger companies emerging.

ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT:

- The conflict remains intractable after generations.
- New approaches like the Abraham Accords offer some hope, but paradigm shifts may be needed.

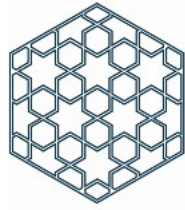


RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT AND GLOBAL DYNAMICS:

- The situation remains tense, with potential for further escalation.
- The world is becoming more chaotic, creating opportunities for some actors to exploit.
- The relationship between Russia, China, and North Korea is complex and not a simple alliance.

KEY SECURITY CONCERNS FOR 2025:

- Declining relevance of Europe
- Breakdown of global governance structures
- Loss of purpose/ambition in liberal democracies



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Professor Sergey Radchenko addresses the audience

CONCLUSION:

The decline of globalization underscores a pivotal era of economic realignment. While nations like China assert influence through strategic initiatives, others face challenges in adapting to fragmented trade systems.

This evolving landscape demands collaboration to balance national interests with global stability.