

Open Forum Davos 2012: Ten years of Inviting the Public to Shape the Debate

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- The Davos Open Forum celebrates its 10th anniversary with a programme including a top-level debate on the future of capitalism
- The Open Forum runs parallel to the Annual Meeting in Davos-Klosters and is open to the general public
- For more information, please visit <http://www.openforumdavos.ch/>

Davos, Switzerland, 23 January 2012 – The Open Forum Davos 2012 celebrates the 10th anniversary of the World Economic Forum's open debate with the general public, with a programme this year that includes a timely discussion on the future of capitalism.

Against a backdrop of increasing anger at the perceived failings of the current financial system, the Open Forum gives the public the chance to join in the conversation with leaders from government, business and civil society.

The Open Forum runs parallel to the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting and aims to share the spirit of collaboration and constructive debate with the broadest possible audience. All sessions will be made available to watch on YouTube, and can be followed on the Open Forum Twitter account: [@OpenForumDavos](https://twitter.com/OpenForumDavos) #WEF #OFD.

Open Forum participants include:

- **Ehud Barak**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of Israel
- **Gordon Brown**, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (2007-2010) and Chair of the World Economic Forum Global Issues Group
- **Jean-Claude Trichet**, President of the European Central Bank (2003-2011)
- **Ed Miliband**, Leader, Labour Party, United Kingdom
- **Navanethem Pillay**, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva
- **Peter Brabeck-Letmathe**, Chairman of the Board, Nestlé, Switzerland

The following topics will be discussed in the Open Forum:

Thursday 26 January

- 12.20 - 12.30 Introducing the Open Forum
- 12.30 - 14.00 Responsible Leadership in Times of Crisis
- 19.00 - 20.30 "Touching the Past" – One Sonata, Two Eras of Musical Instruments

Friday 27 January

- 12.30 - 14.00 A Day without Satellites?

15.30 - 17.00 Overcoming Religious Tensions in Europe

19.00 - 20.30 Remodelling Capitalism

Saturday 28 January

12.30 - 14.00 Water: Scarcity and Stress

15.30 - 17.00 Multiculturalism Has Foundered. What Next?

The Open Forum Davos 2012 sessions are open to the public. No registration is required. Since there are a limited number of spaces, seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The sessions will be divided between a panel discussion and an open discussion with the audience. The Open Forum is held at the Swiss Alpine Mittelschule, Guggerbachstrasse 3, Davos Platz.

Some of the sessions will be broadcast live by Swiss television channel SF-info.

Notes to Editors

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