
Ideas with Impact

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As the Milken Institute and its eight centers expand our presence around the world, we're also bringing the Institute's customary in-depth analysis to a broader range of topics. We're grateful to the authors of the essays that follow for their insights on these subjects.

Throughout the course of the 2016 Milken Institute Global Conference, we'll address many of the world's most pressing challenges: How can we sustain global growth? What is the future of Islam? Will technology rapidly transform developing regions? What are the fault lines in this year's U.S. presidential election? How soon will driverless cars be ubiquitous? Where are the world's greatest security risks? How quickly are women entrepreneurs becoming a more dynamic economic force? What is China's future? How fast will interest rates increase? Will "personalized aging" allow more of us to live to 100 and beyond? Can displaced workers acquire 21st-century skills — and a renewed sense of purpose? How can we assure global food and water security?

These and many other issues in more than 160 panels can be summed up in this year's conference theme, The Future of Humankind.

The Global Conference seeks to provide a frame of reference so that participants — 3,500 senior decision-makers from a wide range of sectors, industries and regions — can implement workable solutions. As you participate in sessions that span 11 content tracks at this year's event, we hope you'll find inspiration and build partnerships to convert the best ideas into action.

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