

You are cordially invited to the below Side Event #W175 at the #UN2023Water Conference (off site) on #WaterActionDecade:

What is your commitment to the #WaterActionDecade?

Seven core #WaterAction ideas toward #WaterAwareness, #WaterConscience and #GameChangers

ON TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023 | Time: 6:00 – 9:00 PM

THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE

Side Event ID# W175

Keynote Speaker:	Water Action Ideas & Commitments	Commitments through Arts	Seven Core #WaterAction Ideas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. OLCAY ÜNVER <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. VICTOR B. LAWRENCE • Prof. DOUGLAS G. LUCCIO • PAULINE CANTWELL • ARVIND VORA • Er KANNAN NOVA • THE ALGAEFALL (Video) • GAURAV KUMAR GUPTA • JONATHON CUMMINGS • GÜLLER YAZGI AKATA <p>Closing Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOMINIQUE DARMENDRAIL <p>Moderator/Presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BİRCAN ÜNVER 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MARIANNE A. KINZER • NECDET YILMAZ • GÜL ÇEVİKOĞLU • Dr. ERIK KUCERA • Dr. NESLIHAN ÖZMAN 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> #DevelopmentNotAgainstPeoplesWill #WasteProcessorForOurPlanet #WaterAwareness #MilitaryAccountabilityOnWater #ForestryForGroundwater #StopConstantForestFires #WaterConscience
	Session-I: 6:00 – 7:30 PM	Session-II: 7:30–8:30 PM	Session-III: 8:30 – 9:00 PM On-camera one-minute interviews with the attendees

The Light Millennium, Charitable Global Human Advancement Organization (LMGlobal.Org, 2001, NY); Cordially invites you to a a three-folded (in-person) side-event as a part of the United Nations 2023 Water Conference... #UN2023WaterConference

Venue: Connect 1 & 2 at the Shelburne Sonesta Hotel New York
303 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10016, USA

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PROGRAM | SCHEDULE – 6:00 ~ 9:00 PM

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Session-I: 6:00 – 7:30 PM IDEAS AND COMMITMENTS

Keynote Speaker:

• **Prof. OLCAY ÜNVER**

Professor of Practice, Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering, Polytechnic School, Environmental and Resource Management Program, Arizona State University; Member, Water Policy Group & Vice-Chair, United Nations-Water (2018-2020); Advisory Board Member, LMGlobal.org

Presenters:

- **Prof. VICTOR B. LAWRENCE**, Director of the Center for Intelligent Networked Systems (iNetS), and former Associate Dean and Batchelor Chair Professor at Stevens Institute of Technology (New Jersey)
- **Prof. DOUGLAS G. LUCCIO**, Assistant Professor at the Eisenhower School National Security for Resource Strategy at the National Defense University (W.D.C.)
- **Ms. PAULINE CANTWELL**, NGO Representative of Peace Action to the United Nations 1994-2019 (Florida)
- **Mr. ARVIND VORA**, Co-founder, Shanti Fund and Main Representative of Anuvrat Global Organization to the United Nations (New York)
- **Mr. Er KANNAN NOVA**, The Institution of Green Engineers (IGEN) Core

- **Mr. M. TOPRAK CILIZLAR**, Molecular Biology and Genetics at Istanbul Technical University (Türkiye)
 - **Mr. GAURAV KUMAR GUPTA**, Co-founder and managing director of Desire Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (India)
 - **Mr. JONATHON CUMMINGS**, Member, Steering Committee for the Alliance of NGOs and CSOs for South-South Cooperation; Advisor to Global Policy Insights; Member, Board for the Black Professionals in International Affairs, and an Alliance Manager for Deloitte's Government and Public Services practice.
 - **Ms. GÜLLER YAZGI AKATA**, Youth Representative of LMGLobal.Org; Scholar of Yildizlar Education Fund as a Computer Science (B.S.) student with a minor in PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) at University at Buffalo.
- Closing Remarks:**

• **Ms. DOMINIQUE DARMENDRAIL**, Water and Global Changes Programme Director at BRGM (France)

Moderator/Presenter:

- **Ms. BİRCAN ÜNVER**, Founder-President, TV Producer & Head NGO Rep. of The Light Millennium, Charitable Global Human Advancement Organization to the United Nations Department of Global Communications

Session-II: 7:30–8:30 PM

COMMITMENTS THROUGH ARTS: #WaterForInspiration #WaterInArts #WaterInPoetry #WaterForPeace

- Ms. MARIANNE A. KINZER, Visual Artist
- Mr. NECDET YILMAZ, Artist / Cartoonist (Video)
- Ms. GÜL ÇEVIKOĞLU, Fine-art photographer (Video)
- Dr. ERIK KUCERA, Visionary Designer, Metaphysical Artist (Video)
- Dr. NESLIHAN ÖZMAN, Gebze Technical University, Environmental Engineering Department (Video)

Session-III: 8:30 – 9:00 PM | ON-CAMERA ONE-MINUTE INTERVIEWS WITH THE ATTENDEES on the following Proposed #WaterAction Ideas

1. #WaterForestryClimateChange #StopConstantForestFires
#ForestryForGroundwater
#StopClimateEngineering
#StopDeforestation
2. #MilitaryAccountabilityOnWater #GameChanger
3. #GrayWaterIsAMust #GreenWater
4. #WasteProcessorForOurPlanet #StopPlasticPollution
5. #WaterForALL #WaterForLife
#DevelopmentNotAgainstPeopleWill
6. #WaterForInspiration #WaterInArts #WaterInPoetry
#WaterForPeace
7. #WaterAwareness #WaterConscience

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Anuvrat Global Organization (Anuvibha, India), Shanti Fund (NY, USA), The Institution of Green Engineers (IGEN, India), Smile4Millions (S4M, India), Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA, USA), Global Policy Insight (GPI, India), Desire Integrated Water Management (India), The Light Millennium Television (#LightMillenniumTV, USA)

DESCRIPTION

Objectives: The core purpose of this side event is to contribute toward #WaterAwareness & #WaterConscience concepts on the local, national, and global levels through promoting and engaging with diverse communities and multi-stakeholders with seven (7) core #WaterAction Ideas, which are: 1. #WaterForestryClimateChange #StopConstantForestFires #ForestryForGroundwater #StopClimateEngineering #StopDeforestation 2. #MilitaryAccountabilityOnWater #GameChanger 3. #GrayWaterIsAMust #GreenWater 4. #WasteProcessorForOurPlanet #StopPlasticPollution 5. #WaterForALL | #WaterForLife #DevelopmentNotAgainstPeopleWill 6. #WaterForInspiration #WaterInArts #WaterInPoetry #WaterForPeace 7. #WaterAwareness #WaterConscience.

A cumulative effort in these concepts also aims to contribute to #AcceleratingChange in the needed direction.

-- Details are available via the following link: <https://www.lmglobal.org/2022/12/22/what-is-your-commitment-to-the-wateractiondecade/>

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE: Prof. OLCAY ÜNVER



OLCAY ÜNVER, Professor of Practice, Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering, Polytechnic School, Environmental and Resource Management Program, Arizona State University; Member, Water Policy Group & Vice-Chair, United Nations-Water (2018-2020) Prof. Ünver is a global leader in water policy. He is currently Professor of Practice at Environmental and Resource Management Program at Arizona State University, and member of Water Policy Group. He served as Vice Chair of UN-Water from 2018 to 2020, and is senior water advisor to Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. In his public service career spanning three decades, he led FAO's water programs and activities, UN-Water's World Water Assessment Programme, and UNESCO's Program Office on Global Water Assessment. Prior to joining the United Nations, he was a distinguished professor of water resources at Kent State University, Ohio and President of the Southeastern Anatolia Project in Turkey, where he transformed a large infrastructure project into a sustainable socioeconomic development program. In 1999, he was listed among the 19 "European Visionaries" by Time Magazine and was featured in New York Times for his efforts towards sustainable, human-centered development. He served as Secretary General and Vice President of IWRA, and Governor and Treasurer of World Water Council. He has served on boards and committees involving water, sustainable development, sustainable food and agriculture systems, water cooperation and policy. Olcay holds civil engineering degrees that include a PhD in water resources planning and management, master's in urban hydrology and bachelor's with hydraulics focus. His areas of competence include water and food security; bridging across global frameworks; governance of water-land-soil resources, and water cooperation. Olcay is an associate editor for Frontiers' Water-Smart Food Systems and on the editorial board of Water Security Journal (Elsevier) and Future of Food Journal (Kassel University, Germany). He is a NATO Scholar, IWRA (International Water Resources Association) Fellow, and a TUBITAK (Turkish Scientific & Technical Research Council) Honor Fellow.

SPEAKERS: Dr. VICTOR B. LAWRENCE



#WaterAction Idea # **WasteProcessorForOurPlanet**

Dr. Lawrence is Senior Research Scientist and Director of the Center for Intelligent Networked Systems (iNetS), and former Associate Dean and Batchelor Chair Professor at Stevens Institute of Technology. Dr. Lawrence inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2016. He is a Member of the US National Academy of Engineering, a Fellow of the IEEE, Fellow of AT&T Bell Labs, and Charter Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors. Dr. Lawrence is the coauthor of five books. He holds 53 U.S. and international patents and has published over 100 papers in referenced journals and conference proceedings.

Before joining Stevens, Dr. Lawrence worked for Bell Laboratories for many years, retiring as Vice President, Advanced Communications Technology – AT&T Bell Laboratories and Lucent Technologies. He led the development of technologies for worldwide communications networks, and managed an R&D staff of over 500 scientists/engineers and a budget of about \$100M annually. During his career, his personal research activities provided major contributions to gigabit photonic and wireless networking, signal processing, modem technology, digital techniques, ATM and IP switching and protocols, HDTV, DSL, speech and audio coding, among other areas. He was the champion in bringing Fiber Optic Connectivity to Africa.

Dr. Lawrence co-funded four successful venture companies: Globespan Semiconductors Inc., Elemedia the Lucent's Internet software business, Lucent Digital Video, and Lucent Digital Radio, iBiquity.

He has received many awards including a 1997 Primetime Emmy Award for HDTV Grand Alliance Standard, the 2016 IEEE Simon Ramo Medal for technical innovation and leadership in the systems engineering of worldwide data communications networks, and the 2004 IEEE Award in International Communication.

He also served as Chairman of the IEEE Awards Board and Editor-in-Chief of the IEEE Transactions on Communications.

He received a B.Sc. in 1968 from University of London, United Kingdom, a D.I.C. in 1969 from Imperial College, and a Ph.D. in 1973 Electrical Engineering from University of London, Imperial College in the United Kingdom.

Prof. DOUGLAS G. LUCCIO



#WaterAction Idea # **MilitaryAccountabilityOnWater**

Professor Luccio is currently an Assistant Professor at the Eisenhower School National Security for Resource Strategy at the National Defense University, where he has been teaching national security and military strategy since 2019. He has also served as a Course Director for the National Security Exercise in 2021-2022. Prior to his academic appointment, Prof. Luccio was a Military Instructor at the Joint Forces Staff College from 2016-2019 and an Officer in the United States Marine Corps for twenty nine years. He served as the military director for William & Mary College Program for International Peace and Security (PIPS), and undergraduate international affairs think tank. He additionally serves as the Middle East Policy - Regional Director for The Behavioral International Economic Development (BIED) Society, a premier international think-tank. Prof. Luccio has published several articles related to military leadership and strategy in various publications such as the Marine Corps Gazette and the Wharton Leadership Digest. His expertise and

International Economic Development (BIED) Society, a premier international think-tank. Prof. Luccio has published several articles related to military leadership and strategy in various publications such as the Marine Corps Gazette and the Wharton Leadership Digest. His expertise and research interests lie in the field of national security and resource strategy. He recently presented a university wide lecture on the importance of global littoral demographics and how humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and other amphibious operations should be part of military planning.

PAULINE CANTWELL

#WaterAction Idea #WaterForestryClimateChange #StopClimateEngineering – from Civil Society perspective



Ms. Cantwell, NGO Representative for Peace Action at United Nations 1994-2019.

Helped form Peace Caucus at UN in 1994 in preparation for Copenhagen Summit on Social Development and served as Convener for over two decades

Hosted weekly radio show "Live Well with Cantwell" 2011-2014 on WGCH 1490, in Greenwich, Connecticut

Independent researcher and speaker on environmental warfare, geoengineering, "wild cards" of climate change, military effect on environment, and international and national laws governing these issues.

ARVIND VORA



Mr. Vora being blessed with a good education, multiple talents and a desire to, always be meaningfully busy and active to help others has unparalleled contributions. Distillation of his 40+ years of community services can be summed up by being invited by three of the perhaps five most powerful offices: Pope Francis in 2015, Pope Benedict in 2008 as one of the ten to meet and greet, President of India Hon. Abdul Kalam at his official residence in 2005, and by President of the USA Hon. Bill Clinton for the Restoration of Religious Freedom Act Bill signing ceremony at the White House in 1993. He has served as chairman and president of many organizations including Long Island Multi Faith Forum, Shanti Fund, etc. He has received many accolades, awards and recognitions for his volunteer and professional work.

He contributed his services to local, regional, national and international Jain institutions since early 1980's. JAINA honored him with its highest award of JAINA Ratna in 2003 at its biennial convention.

Arvind Vora is a retired engineer, and lives in Kings Park, New York with his wife ILA, a Social Worker. They have two grown children, daughter Anjali, computer scientist and son Aditya, psychiatrist.

Er KANNAN NOVE



#WaterAction Idea #WaterAwareness #WaterConscience

Mr. Nova is currently a Core Volunteer at The Institution of Green Engineers (IGEN) and leads the research activities of the IGEN NXGEN Computing Research Group. He works as a data scientist for Microsoft in the United States. He is an IGEN fellow and an IEEE senior member.

He has over 25 years of experience in information technology, with a focus on green environment and artificial intelligence for a sustainable society. His primary concerns are the development of a green society through the use of modern technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data science. His data analytics research aided water conservation and led to the achievement of SDG6. He began his career at Patni Computers in 1998 and has since worked at Pennsylvania PA, Ryder Inc Miami, Toll Logistics, and Microsoft in Seattle, WA, USA

MELİKE ERSOY, PhD., *Lead, The AlgeaFall Team* (Video)

#WaterAction Idea #GrayWaterIsAMust



Ms. Ersoy completed her primary, and secondary life in Uşak, completed her undergraduate degree in Architecture and Landscape Architecture at Yeditepe University. Take the master's degrees' from İstanbul Technical University, which is related to Environmental Control and Project Management.

Currently, Ms. Ersoy is about to complete her doctorate education in Landscape Architecture program at İstanbul Technical University. The motivation for choosing this program is how wonderful the relationship between living and non-living environments is important for users which live in built environments. The Solar Decathlon 21/22 Deeply High competition team, she worked on her main research area into ecology, sustainability and microalgae.

The AlgeaFall Team (Türkiye): Melike Ersoy, PhDc, MSc. Architect; **Mehmet Toprak Cılızlar**, Molecular Biologist; **Aysegul Orucoglu**, Architecture Student; **Masude Erdoğan**, Architecture Student (on Grey/Rain/Waste Water).

MEHMET TOPRAK CILIZLAR, *Member, The AlgeaFall Team* (Video)

#WaterAction Idea #GrayWaterIsAMust



Mr. Cılızlar completed his primary, secondary, and high school life in Adana, completed his undergraduate degree in Molecular Biology and Genetics at Istanbul Technical University. Currently, he is about to complete his master degree education in the same program. The motivation for choosing this program is how wonderful the relationship between living and non-living environments is, which has intrigued since childhood. Although his major research area was oncoproteins in his undergraduate life, with the opportunity to be included in the Solar Decathlon 21/22 Deeply High competition team, he turned his main research area into ecology and environmental microbiology. His work in the ITU Astronomy student club and his curiosity about subjects in the field of astrobiology are the other main reasons for this change. He believes space research and missions heavily rely on sustainable practice. Throughout his life, he tried to appreciate the value of knowledge and at the same time took part in social activities such as theater and in voluntary non-governmental organizations. In summary, M. Toprak, being aware of the importance of acquiring information and communicating, his main motivation is transferring/transmitting what he learned to others.

GAURAV KUMAR GUPTA (Video)

Mr. Gupta, the co-founder and managing director of Desire Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd., has the vision and mission to make water management in India smart and energy efficient. He envisions that every person in India, no matter the geographical location or economic conditions, shall have the access to clean water on the most efficient manner possible.



Gaurav hails from the city of Dausa, a small city in Rajasthan. Since his early age, Gaurav had a drive to improve life by use of smart and efficient methods. He completed his bachelor's in electrical engineering in 2006 and MBA in 2008. After completing his education, Gaurav worked with a leading water infrastructure company wherein he set up the foundation company's ESCO based water management practice.

After gaining vast experience in water management, energy efficiency and conservation and automation, he founded Desire Energy in 2011. Today, Desire Energy is one of the leading water management and efficient energy service company handling water supply of more than 5000+ rural areas and 14+ cities PAN India through its innovative use of renewable energy, efficient management and IoT enabling technology. In very short span of time, Gaurav has led Desire Energy to great accolades such as:

- National Award by Prime Minister Shree Narendra Modi for Outstanding Entrepreneurship (October- 2016)
- Udhog Ratna Award by Chief Minister of Rajasthan Smt. Vasundhara Raje Sindhiya (November – 2017)
- “Energy Circle Award” for Innovating ESCO Model, by CII (May 2018) • “Dare To Dream Award” by FORTI (August 2018)

Gaurav also enjoys interacting and motivating students and young entrepreneurs in their entrepreneurial journey as he strongly believes that with

proper guidance and support, Indian youth have the strength and the capabilities to leave the mark on this World.

JONATHON CUMMINGS



#WaterAction Idea #WaterAwareness

Mr. Cummings is originally from Kingston, Jamaica and moved to New York City at the age of 16. Jonathon holds a Bachelor of Arts in Culture and Communication Studies from Ithaca College and a Master of Public Administration from the Cornell Institute for Public Affairs (CIPA). During Cornell, Jonathon was elected the President of the Cornell Public Affairs Society (CPAS). Jonathon has significant experience working with international NGOs, operating within the multilateral space and investor relations.

Currently, Jonathon serves as a Member of the Steering Committee for the Alliance of NGOs and CSOs for South-South Cooperation, an Advisor to Global Policy Insights, a Member of the Board for the Black Professionals in International Affairs, and an Alliance Manager for Deloitte's Government and Public Services practice.

GÜLLER YAZGI AKATA

#WaterAction Ideas #WaterForAll | #WaterForLife | #DevelopmentNotAgainstPeoplesWill



Ms. Akata, born in Istanbul, Turkiye, is a passionate individual, aims to build data driven solutions to humanitarian issues. Akata, currently is the Youth Representative of LMGLobal.Org. She also is a scholar of Yildizlar Education Fund as a Computer Science (B.S.) student with a minor in PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) at University at Buffalo.

After losing her father at the age of nine, she took an entrance exam to Darussafaka Schools, which is a school and a non-governmental organization dedicated to provide quality education to gifted kids, who lost either one or both parent/s and are of underprivileged backgrounds. Her success in this exam changed her life. During her time, in addition to playing basketball in the school team, she took part in various school clubs and got involved with organizations such as Best Buddies, Space Camp, CS Bridge. Coming from personal experience of the effects of how efforts put to do good in world could change someone's life centuries later, she embraced volunteerism. Akata, volunteers regularly with her university's Circle K Club. In addition to her roles as the Public Relations Chair in her university's Association for Computing Machinery Club, and underclassmen representative in her university's Society of Women Engineers Club her efforts have been recognized by prestigious organizations such as FIRST, Destination Imagination, and Department of State. She believes in the power of the collaboration of individuals, enrichment of inclusion, and doing the best one can.

CLOSING REMARKS: DOMINIQUE DARMENDRAIL, PhD.



Since September 2020, **Dr. Darmendrail** is the Water and Global Changes Programme Director at BRGM. She also co-lead the national research programme OneWater – Eau Bien commun, a ten-years programme funded by the French Government to accelerate transitions, measure impacts on socio-hydrosystems, an opportunity to respond to current and future challenges. She is also acting as vice-chair for research and innovation for France Water Team, the national competitiveness cluster, and as Vision Leader Team member on the Value of Water for Water Europe. From November 2014 to September 2020, she was the coordinator of the EU Water Joint Programming Initiative (www.waterjpi.eu), a network of research funding agencies which aims at increasing coordination in European research, development and innovation (RDI), and address issues such as user participation, attaining targets in the coordinated use of funds and progress in the integration of RDI agendas and activities. She also coordinated the Coordination and Support Actions IC4Water for the development of international cooperation in Research and Innovation in the Water area. She coordinated the preparation of the Horizon Europe Partnership Candidate Water4All – water security for the planet for Horizon Europe. In July 2014, she become programme manager on Environmental

technologies at the French Research Agency (ANR).
She holds a Doctorate on Hydrogeology and Hydrogeochemistry from the University of Bordeaux (France).

BİRCAN ÜNVER, M.A., *Moderator/Presenter*



#WaterAwareness & WaterConscience

Bircan is founder-President of LMGlobal.Org (2001, NY), [Head] NGO Representative of the Organization to the U.N. Department of Global Communications, Executive Producer of the #LightMillenniumTV Programs, Multi-Media and Event Producer; Host, Author, Publisher and Public Speaker. She is also a Content Provider at QPTV since 1992.

She initially received her local and studio television productions certificates at QPTV.Org in 1992. Bircan produced and broadcasted over 170 television programs through local channels in NYC. In 2022, she celebrated her 30th Anniversary at QPTV with a video-profile, titled: “*A Turkish Experience in America*”

Author of the following four book titles in print (Turkish): “*En Kutsal Yaratmak*” (1995, 2022), “*Sanatın Labirentlerinde* (2016), and “*Işık Yollarında* (poetry, 2017), and “*Bin Yıl Daha...*” (2020).

She holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree from the Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University (Istanbul, 1988) and a Master’s Degree (M.A.) from Media Studies of the New School University (NYC, 1999).

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Session-II: 7:30 – 8:30 PM

WATER ACTION COMMITMENTS THROUGH ARTS

MARIANNE A. KINZER, Visual Artist, *Water – Elixir of Life* (Powerpoint)



Mrs. Kinzer is a German-born American artist who lives and works in Boston and on Cape Cod. I am a member of Shared Habitat Earth, a group of artists concerned about climate change.

She has worked as a visual artist for more than 30 years and have shown her work in galleries and community centers on three continents.

In Germany, she earned a Masters Degree and studied painting with private teachers and at the Berlin University of Arts (1990s). Mrs. Kinzer worked and exhibited in Turkey (1996-2000). In America (since 2000) she showed her work in Chicago and vicinity next to taking art classes at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, specializing in watercolor.

Mrs. Kinzer works centers around nature, especially the central role of water for life.

www.marianneakinzer.com

Dr. ERIK KUCERA, Visionary Designer, Metaphysical Artist (Video)



Erik is a visionary designer, metaphysical artist and the creator of “InVen(c)tor” Art. He has been in the art industry for over 20 years and has exhibited in over 200 shows in the US and Europe. He has successfully commissioned large art projects for different big organizations including museums and schools. His art is based on advanced awareness and energies from metaphysics, quantum physics and vector geometry. Website: www.chromomatrix.com

He was surrounded with art and creativity from an early age. He started his education as goldsmith and jewelry designer at 14. His true passion for painting started a few years later when he was still living in Europe.

Art is a major part of his life. In addition, he is a doctor of Energy Modalities and a brain fitness coach and offers energy healing therapy to patients through his healing website: www.aionveda.com

GÜL ÇEVİKOĞLU, Fine-Art Photographer (Video)



As a fine-art photographer based in NYC, I have a background in both ceramics and photography, having graduated with degrees in Fine-Art and Ceramics from Mimar Sinan University in Istanbul, as her birthplace. In the early 90s, she began her artistic journey as an analog street photographer, capturing the energy and spirit of Istanbul through her lens.

Over time, her passion for photography evolved, and she began to explore the art form in new and exciting ways. Her creativity in art is split between Ceramics and Photography, but recently, she has been more focused on taking a hands-on approach to photography, making images rather than just taking them.

Ms. Çevikoğlu’s art is now primarily focused on experimental photography and sustainable darkroom practices. She believes in a more conscious approach to art, embracing materials and environmental projects that promote sustainability and reduce waste. In her work, she strives to push the boundaries of traditional photography, using unconventional techniques and processes to create images that are both beautiful and thought-provoking. By experimenting with different materials, textures, and colors, She is able to create a unique visual language that speaks to the viewer on a deeper level. Through her art, she hopes to inspire others to think more deeply about the environmental impact of their own artistic practices and to embrace a more sustainable approach to art-making. For me, photography is not just about capturing a moment in time but about using her creativity to create something truly meaningful and impactful.

<https://www.gulche.com/> | [@gulchephoto](https://www.instagram.com/gulchephoto)

NECDET YILMAZ, Artist (Video)

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Necdet was born and raised in Istanbul, where he attended Marmara University School of Fine Arts and Design. He has worked for several multinational advertising agencies as an art director and has won awards for his ad campaigns and illustrations in Turkey and around the world. Among his major awards are:

- Society of Illustrators, New York-gold medal, 2005.
- London Transport Museum and The Society of Artist Agents Illustration Awards-first prize, 2003.
- International Aydin Dogan Cartoon Competition-first prize, 2003.

- London Transport Museum and The Society of Artist Agents Illustration Awards-second prize, 2003.

- International Aydin Dogan Cartoon Competition-second prize, 2004.

Beside the USA, his works were exhibited in many countries, including UK, Italy, South Korea.

He recently received his MFA degree from FIT/SUNY in illustration. Necdet Yılmaz resides in Istanbul and teaches illustration and animation in art schools. www.necdetyilmaz.com

Dr. NESLIHAN ÖZMAN (Video)



Dr. Özman was born in Istanbul. She was awarded BSc and MSc from Istanbul University Department of Biology/Hydrobiology. She completed her PhD studies in Gebze Technical University, Environmental Engineering Department. She was awarded with a Royal Society Newton International Fellowship. She has conducted her Postdoctoral studies in The University of Sheffield on Bioreactor design for microalgal biomass production.

Her studies have been mainly focused on analysing the microalgal biomass production combined with waste water treatment, membrane filtration processes, nutrient removal and microalgal growth kinetics, designing/modelling membrane photobioreactors, carbon capturing and biofuel production from microalgal biomass.

ABOUT THE LEADING ORGANIZATION



THE LIGHT MILLENNIUM, CHARITABLE GLOBAL HUMAN ADVANCEMENT ORGANIZATION (2001, New York – LMGlobal.Org)

It has sustained a good standing as an associated NGO with the United Nations Department of Global Communications (formerly, UN-DPI since 2005). The Organization has **"Specially Accredited"** to the #UN2023WaterConference during the *First Round in August 2022*, and participated in the Stakeholder Consultations and Preparatory Sessions of the conference (October 24-25, 2022).

The LMGlobal.Org publishes online issues, organizes public events, produces and presents television programs on the local channels under the #LightMillenniumTV Series, and develops/presents various concepts in multi-platforms.

It was initially introduced on the Web in 1999, and officially founded based in New York in 2001 by Bircan Ünver.

The LMGlobal.Org mainly has been focused on public awareness via multi-media platforms, has encouraged active participation from all walks of life, and promotes the following matters within its capacity as a 'rights based' organization, based on its initial 2001 Certificate of Incorporation: *Human Advancement, Democracy-Equality-Justice, Fostering World Peace, Freedom of Expression, Encouraging Intellectual Productivity, Girls-Women Rights, Cultural Diversity, Advancing Culture of Peace, and Global Connectivity...*

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