

**ELEMENTS OF A RESPONSE TO  
ANTÓNIO GUTERRES AND GRETA THUNBERG**

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Press Conference from 5:30pm to 7:30pm (CET)

## **Geneva Press Club**

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# **PRESS RELEASE**

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On the occasion of the centenary of the founding of the League of Nations, the transdisciplinary collective "Internation/Geneva2020" will present a letter it addressed to António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, during a press conference that will be held at the Geneva Press Club. The collective will also present the results of a dedicated work started 16 months ago which aim is to analyze the reasons for which neither the States nor the companies are able to respond to the challenges of the Anthropocene, an era that is characterized above all by the ecologic and climatic crisis. Finally, it will propose possible paths and methods to overcome this state of the world.

"Internation/Geneva 2020" ([internation.world](http://internation.world)) is a transdisciplinary collective that was formed at the Serpentine Galleries in London on September 22th, 2018 on the initiative of Hans Ulrich Obrist and Bernard Stiegler. It comprises 60 members from around the world (biologists, mathematicians, legal scholars, economists, philosophers, anthropologists, sociologists, doctors, artists, engineers, activists and designers). This collective has set itself the objective to answer to the speeches made by António Guterres, in the light of recent reports of the IPCC, as well as the alerts raised by the youth movements responding to the call made by Greta Thunberg.

The press conference will be preceded in the morning (10:00am-12:30pm) by a working session with some members from the youth social and ecologist movements, and in the afternoon (2:00pm-5:00pm) with various public, non-governmental and economic authorities.

In essence, the work of this collective is articulated around a proposal which consists in experimenting in networked territorial laboratories new research methods, that we call contributory researches. They seek to bring together researchers from various academic fields and territorial actors (civil societies, economic actors, politicians, institutions etc.), in order to create sustainable economic activities designed for combating the production of entropy. Our hypothesis is that this proposal could be operationalized through the publication by the UN of a call for tender, inviting actors from candidate territories to collectively engage in contributory research approaches.

In order to begin to specify more clearly a set of specifications that could structure such call for tender, the afternoon will be dedicated to a discussion with different partners that have a strong engagement on the issue of transition (whether social, digital or environmental). This discussion will focus in particular on the fields that such territorial experimentation should tackle, on working methods with territories, and on the necessity as well as the possibility for the UN to take up these projects.

For the moment, the partners of this action invited to participate to the event are: Youth for Climate, Extinction Rebellion, Territoires Zéro Chômeurs de Longue Durée, Peer to peer Foundation and Framasoft. Some members of the UN and some representatives of Geneva public authorities, with whom the collective is in contact, are expected to attend this event.

**To ask to take part in the discussions  
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