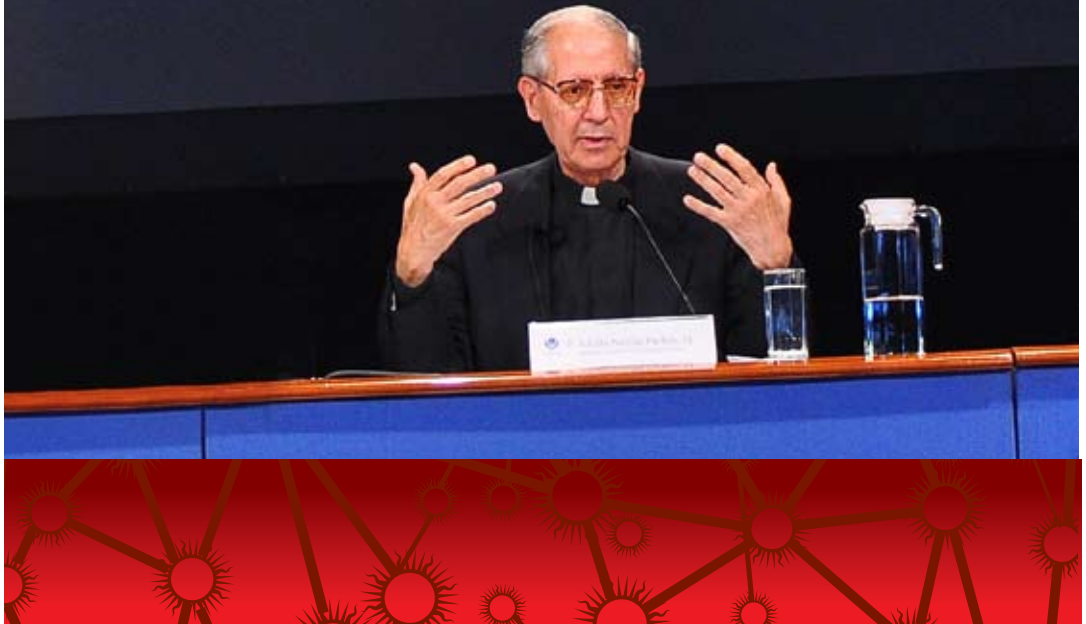


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# SHAPING *the future*

Networking Jesuit Higher Education for a Globalizing World

Universidad Iberoamericana Ciudad de México

## Tracing the Lines of the Future for a Humane, Just and Sustainable World

The Universidad Iberoamericana is the official venue of the international meeting event *Shaping the future: Jesuit, Higher Education Networks for a Globalized World: Tracing the Lines of the Future for a Humane, Just and Sustainable World*.

This event, that will be held in Latin America for the first time, will be the host of 250 rectors and representatives of Jesuit universities around the world, gathered together in a Mexico affected by financial and social crisis: violence, poverty, and inequality being examples of how serious and alarming are the challenges with which the institutions of higher education trusted to the Society of Jesus are facing today.

For the Rector of the UIA, Doctor José Morales Morales Orozco, SJ., the expectations of the ideas and experiences exchange that will happen during the following days of work are enormous.

He assured, however, that the effort that has been made for preparing this large meeting, along with the great desire of building effective links will most likely be translated into accomplishments, since they will multiply the work carried out by universities and at the same time will be accordingly to the size of this times biggest troubles.

The title *Networks of Jesuit Higher Education for a Globalized World* reveals the main purpose of the conference; whereas, the specific purposes are to highlight the Jesuit education, to consolidate the catholic education as well as the Jesuit identity and mission, to better serve both society and church, to collaborate more effectively with other Jesuit ministry, and finally to establish global networks by using the Internet.

Paul Locatelli, Secretary of the Jesuit Higher Education, described this conference, within a globalizing, new-technologies framework, as one of major potential for considerably improving the Jesuit higher education and contributing to its students, society, and church development by addressing the most concerning contemporary problems.

Additionally, he mentioned that the future is learning to behave in a new way, by being aware of the fact that a unique global network of higher education, such as the Jesuit, must make the most out of the opportunity and accept the responsibility for helping build a new world, one that is more humane, fair, and sustainable for all.

# It is a time to build alternatives, not only to denounce

**Adolfo Nicolás Pachón, General Father of the Jesuits, spoke at the ITESO about the challenges with which the Society of Jesus and society in general are facing in an increasingly interconnected world, but an ever-dividing one.**

Enrique González, ITESO

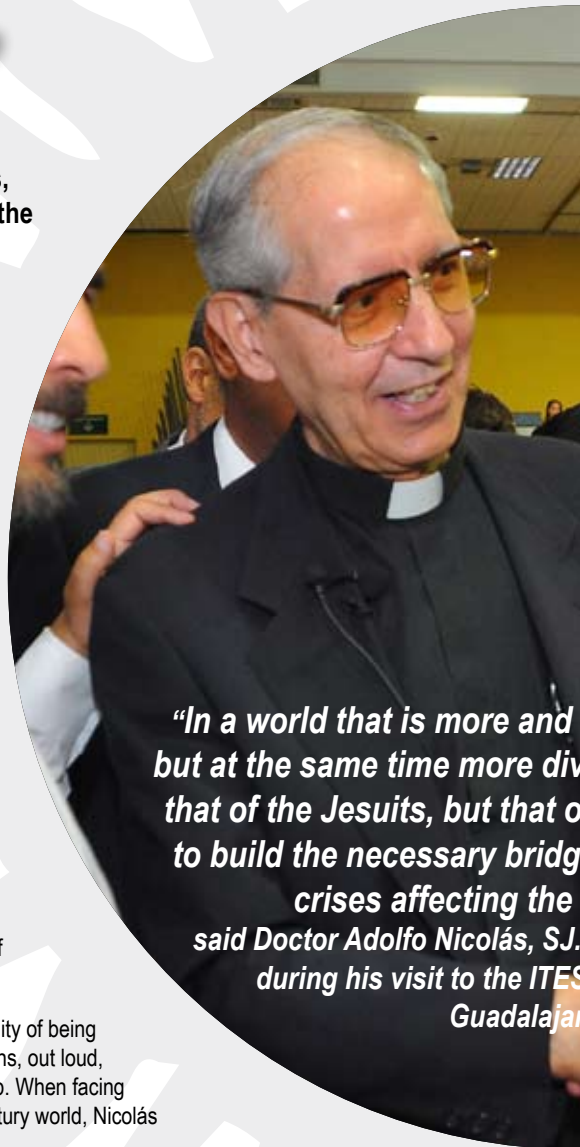
The General Father gave a lecture to more than 2 thousand assistants. During this lecture, he listed out the challenges of the religious order he leads, from the urgency to educate creative people who are capable of imagining different sorts of futures for humanity, to the need of make each and every one of the citizens become involved in the search of solutions to problems that are just as palpable as as violence around the world, climate change, forced migrations, unfair distribution of wealth or the lacking democracy.

“We are looking for a better way to live more humanely, a way to live that involves less injustice, one that is less exclusive”, assured during his speech where he was joined by Carlos Morfín Otero, Provincial of the Society of Jesus in Mexico and Juan Luis Orozco, Rector of ITESO.

“We all want to be part of that change; we wish to be part of this process. The solutions, today, necessarily involve everyone who is a part of the problem; if I am part of the problem, I too want to be part of the solution,” he said.

He recalled that, historically, the Jesuits have taken on the responsibility of being prophets, a word understood as this entity that identifies and condemns, out loud, the problems of a society, with the purpose of solving them as a group. When facing such various and complex problems that are suffered by the 21st century world, Nicolás Pachón considered that the prophet’s role has changed.

“Nowadays, the prophetic role is not just about denouncing—one of the many faces of a prophet— that is, to reveal what has been hidden. Nowadays, however, the prophetic role goes beyond the line where we simply offer alternatives. Not so much denounce or condemn, because denunciations have already been aired out by all of us, but what choices do we have?, what would be realistic to expect?,” the Jesuit asked himself.



***“In a world that is more and but at the same time more div that of the Jesuits, but that o to build the necessary bridg crises affecting the said Doctor Adolfo Nicolás, S.J. during his visit to the ITES Guadalajara”***

## ***The Road to Education***

If there was anything that the Chairman of the Society of Jesus highlighted of superior pertinence when addressing problems creatively and from a realistic approach, it was education, a task undertaken by the Jesuits and executed at all levels and basically throughout the whole world from 460 years ago.

The example he used for describing a humanistic education promoted by the Jesuits, based not only on the empirical knowledge, but also on the direct experience we obtain from reality, came from his deep understanding of Asia, a continent where he lived in during a very long period of his life, and where he came to be the Provincial of the Jesuits, in Japan.

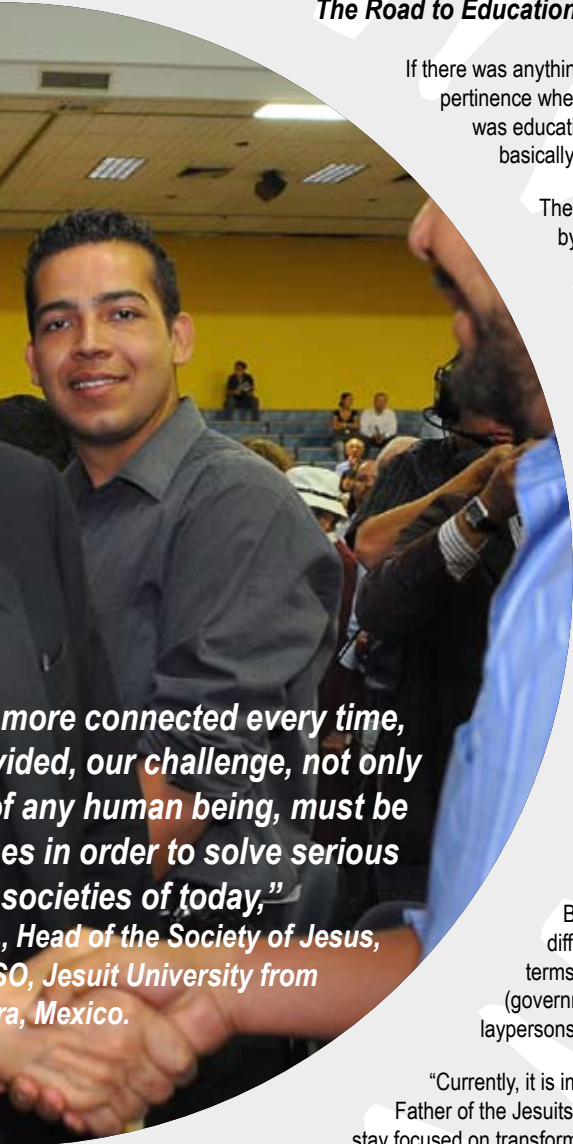
One scientific study, quoted by Nicolás, showed that the brain of Chinese, country kids was more developed than the one of Japanese kids living in Tokyo.

“The kids from Tokyo are constantly under pressure to study, study and study some more; whereas the kids from the Chinese countryside are probably having more fun, they play more, they climb trees, they fall, they get hurt and such, but anyways they survive, and the brain grows even more in this way. Why? Well, because by playing, they learn to relate to each other, they learn to share, they learn a series of factors that provide them with the tools they need to use for staying alert and they keep learning this from each other. The boy who spends his life reading books, well, he just can't learn”.

Having nearly 20 thousand priests (80% of them living in Latin America, Africa and Asia) and 231 universities under its baton, the Society of Jesus is the biggest catholic order at a world scale. Being present in all the five continents forces them to “open up to different humanism models”, and to think their strategies through, in terms of multiculturalism, diversity, interaction with institutions of all kinds (government and private), as well as in terms of collaboration equally with laypersons and clergy, Nicolás Pachón stressed out.

“Currently, it is impossible to find a country that is monocultural,” assured the General Father of the Jesuits, who reminded us that every action undertaken by the order must stay focused on transforming any injustice situation it faces with. “All service to our fellowmen has a transforming factor,” he concluded.

After his visit to Guadalajara, the Jesuit leader traveled to Mexico City so as to participate in the World Encounter of Jesuit Universities, being held from April 22nd to the 24th, at the Universidad Iberoamericana.



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# Mexico offers a warm welcome to the Jesuit leaders

Rectors and representatives of the Jesuit universities around the world, arrived to Mexico to discuss priority issues for the Jesuit education within the frame of a globalized world, at the Universidad Iberoamericana.

During four days, they will propose some ideas and will exchange their expectations and experiences that may contribute to the development of a more humanitarian, just and sustainable world.

The Rector of the Universidad Iberoamericana, Doctor José Morales Orozco, SJ, participated in the welcoming ceremony to receive the ambassadors of the educational institutions trusted to the Society of Jesus, being present in all five continents.

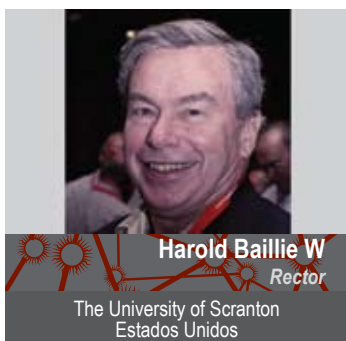
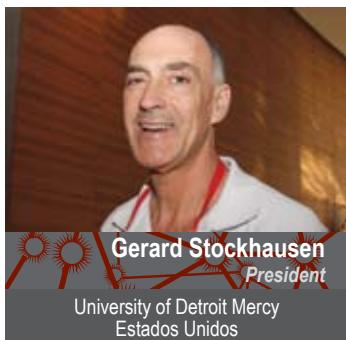
All of the university community, included Doctor José Morales, expressed the honor that the visit of the General Chairman, Adolfo Nicolás Pachón, was for this house of studies, as was the fact of having been chosen as the official venue for the international encounter.

Doctor Paul Locatelli, SJ., on the other hand, being the Secretary for the Jesuit Higher Education, said once again how thankful he was to those who had made such a great effort to get all the way to Mexico in spite of the flights suspension in Europe, due to the clouds of ash erupted by a volcano in Iceland.





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