

World Cultural Council's education prize to Professor Kalevi Ekman

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World Cultural Council has announced the winners of the World Award of Education and the World Award of Science 2016.

The Jose Vasconcelos World Award of Education 2016 will be awarded to Kalevi Ekman, Professor of Machine Design at Aalto University School of Engineering. This prize recognizes his

international and productive humanistic approach to education and his visionary and inspiring ideas on the Design Factory Concept as outstanding educational methodology.

The prize further acknowledges Professor Ekman's relentless efforts as a mentor and teacher and his passion for fostering learning, multidisciplinary and cross-cultural cooperation.

Professor **Edward Witten**, Charles Simonyi Professor, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, USA, has been selected as the winner of the Albert Einstein World Award of Science 2016, for his visionary research that affects our fundamental understanding of all physical interactions.

This year the WCC's 33rd Award Ceremony will take place on Friday 14th October in Riga, Latvia. It will be held in conjunction with the celebrations of the 154th anniversary of Riga Technical University (RTU) and the University Scientific Conference at the Latvian National Library. The WCC's Special Recognitions will be conferred during the Ceremony on nine scholars nominated by Riga Technical University..

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[Video](#) Kalevi Ekman speaks about the ideas behind Design Factory