

# **Leadership for a Global Economy: A Pathway to Freedom and Sustainability**

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## **Introduction**

The origin of this book dates back to 1994, when Dr. Ravikala Kamath, a Fulbright Scholar and Professor of Human Development at S.N.D.T. Women's University, Juhu Campus, Santa Cruz, Mumbai, India saw a news show on CNN in which quality educational processes were being instituted in public schools of West Babylon, New York. Dr. Kamath suggested to her graduate student, Deepa Sharma, that she write to the superintendent of the schools that were featured in the show for more information on the implementation of the W. Edwards Deming system theory in USA public schools.

Mrs. Deepa Sharma, soon to be Dr. Deepa Sharma, wrote an airmail letter to Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Robert Manley, which began their international exchange of ideas and aspirations for the human development of students. In 2006, Drs. Sharma and Kamath celebrated the publication of their book, *Quality in Education*, by Kalpaz Publications, Delhi, India.

For several years, Dr. Deepa Sharma and Dr. Robert Manley continued to consult about student and leader developmental issues on the Internet. In July 2008, Dr. Manley wrote to Dr. Sharma about the International Business and Economy Conference (IBEC) that was to be held in Udaipur, India in the month of January, 2009. He asked if she and colleagues or family might attend.

She invited her "virtual colleague" and his associates to visit and participate in a Symposium on Quality in Higher Education at Shri Shah M. D. Mahila College of Commerce and Arts in Mumbai, India. A few days before they attended the IBEC meeting in Udaipur, India, they served on a panel of international scholars at Mahila College. One Mexican and four American and three Indian colleagues interacted with students at the Mahila College Quality Symposium for Higher Education. Additional conversations about the needs of students for deeper international understandings continued at the Udaipur IBEC Conference.

Finance Professor John Manley and Adjunct Professor John Cusack from Iona College, Finance Professor Carlos Trejo-Pech from Universidad Panamericana, Dr. Deepa Sharma, Mahila College Principal, Dr. Edward Lyons, Vice Chairman of Filtration Group, USA and Dr. Robert Manley, Professor of Education at Dowling College devised a plan to solicit colleagues who could conduct an International Discussion of Moral Leadership for a Global Economy.

They wanted to offer a diverse and engaging opportunity for students with an interest in leadership to discuss social, educational and business enterprises which were connected to a global economy. They hoped that their students would grasp more profoundly the essence of human development through the exchanges of multiple

cultural and experiential perspectives. Finally, they wanted their students to feel the sacred trust that those who accept the mantle of leadership must sustain.

In the spring of 2010, with the help of Dr. Thomas Franza, Director of Instructional Technology at Dowling College, they gathered 20 volunteer professors who agreed to dedicate one week of their time to present a digital lecture on Blackboard and conduct an electronic and asynchronous discussion of leadership in a global economy for students in Mumbai, India; Guadalajara, Mexico and New York, United States.

In this book, we offer a synthesis of those efforts. Our purpose is to expand global understandings of moral leadership and to describe how such leaders prepare pathways to freedom and sustainability for all citizens of the world.