Join us for the world Conference
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BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

Conference Theme: Cultivating Educated Citizens and Critical Societies Through Explicit Fairminded Critical Thinking

MEET RALPH NADER
Public Citizen • Bertrand Russell Scholar

The Center and Foundation for Critical Thinking have together hosted critical thinking academies and conferences for almost 35 years. During that time, we have advanced the principles and best practices of fairminded critical thought in education and in society. Our annual conference provides a unique opportunity for you to improve your understanding of critical thinking, as well as your ability to more substantively foster it in instruction and in all aspects of work and life.

Conference Focal Sessions Include:

• Cultivating Critical Thinking in Teaching and Learning: The Foundations of Critical Thinking
• Bringing Critical Thinking Principles into the Heart of Socratic Dialogue
• Placing Critical Thinking at the Core of the Core of the College Curriculum
• Cultivating the Public Citizen Through a Robust Conception of Critical Thinking in Education
• Fostering Deep Understanding of Fundamental and Powerful Concepts in Instruction and in Daily Life
• What it means to be a Public Citizen: Exploring Ralph Nader’s Philosophy and World View
• Assessing Students’ Critical Thinking
• Emotional Intelligence: A Conceptual Model
• Intellectual Virtues – Essential to the Public Citizen
• The Role of Close Reading and Substantive Writing in Education, in the Mind of the Public Citizen, and Throughout Life
• What Current Research Reveals about the State of Critical Thinking in Education Today
• The Role of Essential Questions in Education and in Cultivating the Public Citizen
• For Administrators: Key Ingredients of an Effective Professional Development Program in Critical Thinking
• Sociocentrism – a Primary Barrier to the Development of the Public Citizen
• Fostering Multilogical Thinking Across the Disciplines

THE BERTRAND RUSSELL DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS LECTURE AND CONVERSATION

This important dimension of the conference highlights the work and thinking of distinguished scholars throughout history who have contributed significantly to the conception and advancement of fairminded critical societies. Russell scholars may come from any subject, field, discipline, or domain of human thought. At the 34th conference, we honor the thinking and contributions of public citizen and activist Ralph Nader.

All conference participants are invited to the Bertrand Russell Scholars program (see conference program at criticalthinking.org).

Ralph Nader, Public Citizen

Honored by Time magazine as “One of the 100 Most Influential Americans of the 20th Century”, consumer advocate Ralph Nader has devoted his life to giving ordinary people the tools they need to defend themselves against corporate negligence and government indifference. With tireless, selfless dedication, he continues to expose and remedy the dangers that threaten a free and emancipated society.

In 1965, Nader took on the Goliath of the auto industry with his book Unsafe at Any Speed. He was instrumental in creating the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Nader continually works to empower the average American: “...to be a citizen is to enjoy the deep satisfaction of seeing the prevention of pain, misery, and injustice.”

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