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To Whom It May Concern,

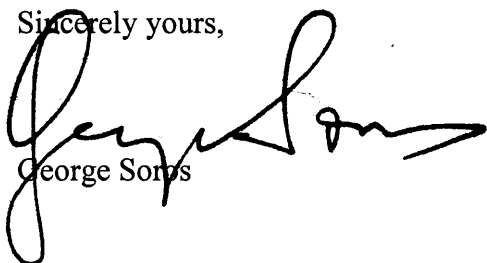
On behalf of the Institute for New Economic Thinking and Central European University I am writing to express strong interest in this scientific endeavor and in collaborating with the candidate flagship FuturICT and the team Professor Helbing is creating.

The Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) www.ineteconomics.org has been founded to foster and create new interdisciplinary ways to address social and economic problems. Applications of network theories to system evolution, political-economic interactions and psychologically sophisticated approaches to understanding system dynamics are just a few dimensions of exciting new research that our fellows will be working to develop.

Central European University, INET and a number of leading universities are working to establish a network of campus based joint venture institutes around the world to further invigorate our research agenda. The first of which, in conjunction with the Oxford Universities 21st Century School will begin to operate shortly. This interdisciplinary network will add further strength and depth of scholarship to the pursuit of new and deeper understanding of a myriad of social issues.

The team of scientists that Dr. Helbing has gathered together can, I believe, make a significant contribution to the understanding of the evolution and change in societies as they meet the formidable issues of governance, climate change, sustainable economic balance that we are all faced with in the coming decades. I look forward to CEU and INET joining with FuturICT to address these daunting challenges in the coming years.

Sincerely yours,



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