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## Opening Remarks

The European Academy of Sciences and Arts is very grateful to the Accademia Nazionale delle Scienze detta dei XL, convening this very important meeting on “Large constructions versus safety”. We have to thank very cordially the President Prof. Scarascia Mugnozza and Prof. Cumo for their endeavours and their initiative.

The European Academy works interdisciplinary and transnationally and focussed for 2003 evaluating different forms on “Security and Safety”. There have been sessions in Riga on “Political Security”, in Vienna on “Wireless Lans” and in Prag on “Safety in believing” as examples. In life there is in reality no total safety or security given, we always remain insecure and unsafe as life is. This we feel in the daily communication, in philosophy, in languages, in justice, in medicine, in theology, where all terminology is uncertain. Safety is accepted considerably in the natural and technical sciences. But there are no safe constructions for ever, either technically, mentally or ideologically. Man is always uncertain. This causes fear to the future, which can be overcome with believe. There are no mechanisms existing to build up total safety for our protection. Building up a pretended safety can lead to a loss of our liberty and freedom. This leads to empowerment of man in a total control.

Today both academies share the task to elucidate how to balance safety versus liberty as an cultural event. The balance implies safety for living in a possible certainty while not losing the liberty. This is the risk of life. Large constructions, if they are technically or mentally do not last eternally, the time is deconstructing all. Therefore we need such quantity of safety and security, which does not take our freedom and gives a high degree of safety and security within our life span.

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