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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the international congress
Solidly Economy in Vienna from 20th - 22th February 2009!

Alongside a very agile globalization-critical movement and the ongoing global economic crisis various projects of a solidarity economy gain importance. We hope to strengthen and to interlink all projects which combine critical theory and practical projects.

This congress originated from a broad, open and participative process. Many persons involved in different social movements contributed to its genesis.

The following aims have been agreed on: to show projects on local, regional and global scale; to make the term ‘solidly economics’ aware in the public; to strengthen argumentation and networking in theory and praxis; to motivate to be active in that spirit. The understanding of ‘solidly economics’ has a broad meaning – with reference to solidarity as mutual support and an economy, orientated towards human needs and not vice-versa.

The congress organization should be based on these principles. It has been agreed to test participative and egalitarian forms in structure and organization of the congress. All contributions should be treated equally. Out of this concept, the idea of parallel events had risen - and all interested parties were invited to contribute actively. That way over 120 events arose.

In this spirit the provision of so called “process rooms for spontaneous meetings and additional events” was intended right from start. The plenums respectively open spaces for networking and reflection serve as support for this open and egalitarian kind of work. They are moderated and should contribute towards reflection, networking and learning from each other. Elements of ‘open space’ are integrated in all aspects of the congress.

Self-organization is central to solidly economics. Preparation as well as the realization of the congress is coped pro bono by many involved persons. In that spirit, all participants are cordially invited to contribute actively to the success of the congress, instead of expecting a provision of service passively. The more a collective is doing, the less a singular person has to do.

In order to enable the attendance of as many people as possible, there are no fixed participation fees, but voluntary payments to be paid according to self-assessment. These incomes will be used to cover incidental fees and travelling costs. Leaving subventions aside, voluntariness is important for the congress’s financial success.

The process of organising the congress had much positive impact already: Many initiatives and persons got to know each other and work together now. As a result interest in the term “solidly economics” increased and various additional approaches of solidly economics arose. Let us hope, that this congress will strengthen our engagement, will contribute inspiration, and will initiate new active circles.

ORGANISATIONAL STUFF

Plans – you will find plans of all buildings and rooms on the back of the congress program.

Information Table – The info-table is the centre of the room labelled as “Organisation for registration, inquiries and announcements”, which can be found in the Exner or Schwackhöfer building.

Panic Line: 0680 / 217 59 28 (please use only for emergencies, and not for inquiries)

Transport – Participants, who need help to get from one building to the other, are invited to ask for support at the info-table.

Professional Child Care – will be organised by an association, the ‘Verein Kindergruppen an der BOKU’, which can be reached over the street “Borkowskygasse” the Borkowsky Lane.

Times:

Friday 13:45 - 19:45

Saturday 9:45 - 14:0 und 15:45 - 19:45

Sunday 10:45 - 16:00

Children Room – a space with games, diaper-changing table, etc., which should meet the requirements of parents and children, and can also be used for recuperation.

Dormitory – We rent the gym in the Kreuzgasse 74 as central dorm for congress participants. There will be smooth mattresses, showers and wardrobe lockers (you need a 2 € coin for the lockers. The money will be automatically returned after leaving them).

On Friday and Saturday the dormitory opens at 21:00 o'clock.

On Saturday it closes at 09:15 and on Sunday at 10:15 o'clock.

Public Busses – Next to the BOKU are stations of the lines 10A, 37A and 40A. With line 10A you can reach the grammar school G19 and the dormitory; see the plan on the back.

Travelling Cost Grant – We will divide the money, left after the congress, among all, who applied for a grant. We are not able to predict how much this will be. If you want to apply for a grant, get the application form at the info-table. Furthermore, we will need copies of your tickets or bills to justify your costs.

Meal – breakfast is provided in the TÜWI; lunch and dinner are provided in the TÜWI and in the Schwackhöfer building. There will be vegetarian and vegan food available.

- Friday Lunch from 12:00 - 14:00
Dinner from 19:30 - 21:00

- Saturday Breakfast from 9:00 - 10:00
Lunch from 13:30 - 15:00
Dinner from 19:30 - 21:00

- Sunday Breakfast from 9:00 - 11:00
Carryover banquet from 15:00 till open end

The food is provided by three projects:

TÜWI

The Türkenwirt is an autonomous culture pub and -café next to the BOKU. All decisions are met by its open association. Products are almost solely from biological cultivation. Items not from local production stem from Fair Trade. There is no pressure to consume and the prices are kept as low as possible. The TÜWI is a socio-political project, which is reflected in its bylaws.

<http://tuewi.action.at>

„Du&Ko“ Kollektiv

This dumpster and cooking collective organises food and other goods from garbage containers. Its mission is to share among each other, to provide for the general public and to make regular ‘Volxküchen’. It is not about filling an ecological niche, but to point out – actively and radically – prevailing injustice in society, to take joint action towards alternative forms of economy and community, and to try living later.

<http://ideedirekteaktion.at>

Volxküche (vegan food) in the i:da (Zwölfergasse 9, 1150 Wien)

joint cooking starting every Tuesday from 16:00 – eating starting from 20:00

Deewan

A curry premise following the *a*l*l*y*o*u*c*a*n*e*a*t / p*a*y*a*s*y*o*u*w*i*s*h* principle, with focus on vegan food. Cooking goods from near (potatoes, onions, pumpkins) and far (okra, mangos, cardamon); playasyouwish concerts possible, equipped with children chairs.

<http://www.deewan.at>

From Monday till Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Liechtenstein Street 10, 1090 Wien.

Internet Connection

A free internet account is available for the duration of the congress, in order to provide access to the internet with your laptops.

Username: soloek

password: Open4y0u (1st & 7th symbol is a Zero)

- LogIn with WLAN

1. Double click on "Netzwerkverbindungen" and then double click on "Drahtlos-Netzwerk-Verbindung" or on the equivalent in your native language.
2. choose WLAN (SSID) "**BOKU**"
3. start a **Web-Browser** and open the Login-page "BlueSocket" PublicNet-Gateways with the following URL: <https://publicnet.boku.ac.at/login.pl>
4. enter **Username** and **Passwort** and click on ‘Anmelden’ – the web page with all informations about the BOKU WLAN will appear.
5. Now, you will be able **to surf the internet**

- LogIn with cable – you will also find cable connections in the cafeteria (EG/102) inside the Schwachhöfer building. The approach is identical with WLAN, except you do not start the WLAN connection (wire les), but the normal LAN connection (local network). Then you proceed with LogIn as in the WLAN procedure.

PRODUCTION GUIDE

the congress belongs to you!

During all the three days, the congress will be open for your suggestions, impulses and contributions. We try to fulfil the principles of Open Space as far as possible. The following devices will be available for your self-organisation:

Info-Wall – There is a long wall in the Exner or Schwackhöfer building where all contributions will be posted. So you can find out easily about respectively announce spontaneous contributions, workshops, cancellations and changes. Please announce your attendance at any workshop by putting a point at the respective workshop/event form. That way we will be able to estimate the number of participants.

Info-Notes – In case a workshop or event is cancelled or shifted to another place, please leave a note at the room, where it originally was scheduled.

Plenary Meetings – There will be plenary meetings every day, where new contributions are most welcome.

- On Friday a plenum is scheduled as well as a ‘machine theatre’ according to Augusto Boal, which will show how collective machines can emerge out of singular actions.

- On Saturday and Sunday, following the principles of Open Space, small groups will have the opportunity of further reflecting and networking. The forum ‘Interregional Networking’ will be held in one of these groups on Saturday.

Process Rooms – We reserve several rooms for spontaneous meetings and workshops. You can find out about their location on the Info-Walls where you can also announce your activities.

Flexible Rooms – Some large rooms are reserved in case workshops/events attract very high attendance.

Solidarity Economy Map – Maps of Vienna, Europe and other continents are on the walls of the central hall. There you are invited to map your residence and register the projects or operations you are affiliated with. Thus, we will obtain a live mapping of the potentiality of Solidarity Economy from the perspective of the congress. Mappings of Solidarity Economy contributed to the development of economic cycles in North Hesse (Germany) and Brazil.

Cultural Program – We do not separate culture from other areas. During the whole congress, you will find contributions like theatre, games or readings all over.

Translation / Interpretation – The congress language is German. But there should be ‘whisper translation’ if possible. If you want to provide translation in other languages, please announce this at the Information Table. Some events of the congress schedule will be held in English. In this case, their description in the program is in English as well.

PERMANENT CONGRESS

Congress Documentation - All participants – not only those, who organise an event at the congress – are invited to write summaries of the lectures, workshops or discussions. Experimental contributions or photography are also welcome. These contributions will be assembled into a documentary of the Congress 2009.

Video/Audio - We will also coordinate video and audio recordings. Please contact us, if you have some recordings or want to cut your material.

Internet Platform - The homepage should serve as an open solidarity economy platform for further networking. You can use it to announce events, present your projects and also to discuss in the Forum.