

Sixth Workshop in the Series "Is it Possible to Have Another Economics for Another Economic Policy?".

The Debt Issue as a Challenge for Dealing with Mainstream Economics, for Elaborating and Teaching Economics for Socially and Ecologically Sustainable Development, for social and ecological Justice

The workshop is the second highlight of the project "Debt", "land grabbing" and "property". The strategic question to be tackled here will be, if the left will be able to use the political debate on the debt issue for

- enlightening the multitudes of people about social and political contexts and connections behind the processes they are exposed to,
- critically dealing with neoliberal ideologies and mainstream economics and developing our own understanding and thinking,
- developing and improving our political strategies, especially by empowering, activating and organizing the multitudes of people for resistance and for autonomous work for realizing alternatives,
- promoting the discussion about global justice and about what kind of future we really want, connected to the work on alternatives.

In a scientific dimension, we shall enquire into and spell out the role of debt for changes in actor configurations and individual behaviour patterns, for changes in social and gender relations, for changes in economic patterns and social structures, for changes in territorial and global disparities (including, especially, the re-emergence of neo-colonialism), for changes in the dimensions of ecological destruction, violence, etc. ...

The focus of the workshop should be the following:

- The debt debate as a conflicting issue in dealing with mainstream economics and a challenge for work on alternatives;
- The potential role of economic history, history of economics, political economy, ecological and institutional economics, and morals for economic policy.

The workshop will discuss five interconnected questions (please regard d. as integrated in all questions and as a special issue)

- a. Neoclassical economics and the debt issue
- b. The issue of ecological debt
- c. The debt issue as a challenge for the political activation of the multitudes of people, for new political alliances and for further research
- d. Values and pluralism in economics, limits of pluralism
- e. Conclusions for further research and for academic teaching; conclusions for political education and modern left/modern socialist politics.

Program

30.11.2012

- 15.00/
3.00 p.m. Welcome and Introduction of the Project
- 15.20 *Dina Makram/Mika Minio-Paluello*: The Debt Issue in the Focus of Political, Ideological and Scientific Battles
- 15.55 *Patrick Bond*: Debt, Uneven Development and Ecological Destruction in Southern Africa: The First 200 Years
- 16.20 Comment of *Jenny Simon*
- 16.30 Comment of *Ewa Charkiewicz*
- 16.40 *Coffee Break*
- 17.10 Discussion
- 18.10 Remarks by *Dina Makram, Mika Minio-Paluello, Patrick Bond*
- 18.25 *Frieder Otto Wolf*: Reflections of the First Workshop Part.
- 18.35 End of the First Workshop Day
- 18.40 *Snacks in the RLF*

1.12.2012

- 10.00/10 a.m. *Steve Keen*: The Debt Issue in Mainstream Economics
- 10.30 *Dany Lang*: The Debt Issue as a Way of Constitutionalising Neoliberal Supply-Side Oriented Policies"?
- 10.50 *Bob Jessop*: The Economic Crisis and the Crisis of Economics
- 11.10 Comment of *Japer Sky*
- 11.20 Comment of *Lutz Brangsch*
- 11.30 *Coffee Break*
- 11.50 *Peter Söderbaum*: Markets in the light of political-economic actors and Democracy
- 12.10 Comment of *Jenny Simon*
- 12.20 Comment of *Saso Slacek*

- 12.30 Discussion
- 13.30 *Remarks by Steve Keen, Peter Söderbaum, Bob Jessop, Dany Lang*
- 13.50 *Lunch Break*
- 14.30 *Roberto Musacchio: Ecology and Debt*
- 14.50 *Gianmarco de Pieri: Commons and Debt: Polar Opposites in a New Paradigm*
- 15.10 *Leo Seserko: Privatisation of Public Goods in the Current Global Financial Crisis – The Monument Coliseum in Ljubljana*
- 15.30 Comment of *Kate Bayliss*
- 15.40 Comment of *Asta Vrecko*
- 15.50 Comment of *Julian Wells*
- 16.00 Discussion
- 16.40 *Coffee Break*
- 17.00 *Remarks by Roberto Musacchio, Gianmarco de Pieri, Leo Seserko*
- 17.20 *Malgorzata Dereniowska: Ecological Debt and its Ethical ambiguities. Pluralism and Conditions for Paradigm Co-existence in Economics*
- 17.40 Comment of *Barbara Muraca*
- 17.50 *Jack Reardon: How We Can Change Economics Education so that the Crucial Role of Debt in All its Aspects*
- 18.10 Comment of *Andrea Lagna*
- 18.20 Discussion
- 19.10 *Remarks by Malgorzata Dereniowska, Jack Reardon*
- 19.20 *Reflexions by Joachim Spangenberg*
- 19.30 End of the 2. Workshop day

Conference dinner

2.12.2012

10.00/10 a.m. Reflections by *Asta Vrecko, Andrea Lagna, Lutz Brangsch*

10.30 Discussion

11.30 *Coffee Break*

11.45 And now? - Reflections by *Patrick Bond*

11.55 Discussion

12.50 Reflections and Concluding Remarks: *Judith Dellheim*

13.00 End of the workshop

Snacks in the RLF