

Economics Conference of the Goetheanum *Part of the Social Sciences Section of the School of Spiritual Science*

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Invitation to participate in the 9th Annual Meeting of the Economics Conference 16–19 September 2010

Economic Life in the Light of the Folk Souls Rudolf Steiner's Commitment to World Peace

Dear Friends,

As decided last year, the Annual Meeting of the Economics Conference will again take place in Switzerland, at L'Aubier, near Neuchâtel from Thursday 16th at 8pm to Sunday 19th September at 1pm.

As intimated in earlier newsletters, we have been working on the very important theme of the context of the *Mission of Folk Souls* lectures, given in Oslo in 1910. Were these simply about an important esoteric topic, or were they hinting at an antidote to forces coming about that aim to rest human society on a foundation opposed to the true path of human development? Do they embody what one might call Rudolf Steiner's commitment to world peace? And how do things now stand 100 years on?

Of course, there are many aspects to this theme, but we particularly have in mind the following: Whatever else they may be, are today's economic events not a struggle for a right understanding of the spiritual weft of what we call folks, peoples or nations? Does true price – last year's theme – provide an objective reference and indeed pathway for perceiving more accurately the working of folk souls and indeed for harmonising relations between them?

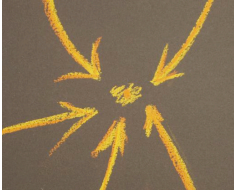
To investigate our understanding of *today's* situation, we would then like to look at such concrete examples of these questions as the meaning of 'Central Europe', the mission of Switzerland (the location after all of the Goetheanum, home of the General Anthroposophical Society), and the role of the Atlantic twins, Great Britain and the United States of America?

This year's meeting will again take as its ground the general understanding of the threshold given by the contents of the First Class of the School of Spiritual Science and will therefore be restricted to members only (**requiring participants to bring their blue cards**). *Please note, the meeting will be held in English.*

We look forward to welcoming you at L'Aubier!

Christopher Houghton Budd
Convenor

Marc Desaulles
For the organisation



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L'Aubier, Neuchâtel, Switzerland

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Thursday, 16th September 2010

20.00-22.00 Rudolf Steiner's Commitment to World Peace – 1910-2010
Lecture-based conversation with Marc Desaulles

Friday, 17th September 2010

09.00-10.00 12th Lesson of the First Class of the School of Spiritual Science (introductory)
10.30-12.30 Our Relation to the Archangeloï and the Archaï
Conversation introduced by Marc Desaulles
13.00-16.00 Lunch and open afternoon
16.00-18.00 Rudolf Steiner's Perception of the West
Lecture-based conversation with Christopher Houghton Budd
18.30-19.30 Supper
20.00-22.00 Where is Central Europe?
Conversation introduced by Christian Bosse

Saturday, 18th September 2010

09.00-10.00 12th Lesson of the First Class of the School of Spiritual Science (conversation)
10.30-12.30 Mission of Switzerland
Lecture-based conversation with Marc Desaulles
13.00-16.00 Lunch and open afternoon
16.00-18.00 Role of England
Lecture-based conversation with Christopher Houghton Budd
18.30-19.30 Supper
20.00-22.00 Task of the General Anthroposophical Society (conversation)

Sunday, 19th September 2010

09.00-10.00 12th Lesson of the First Class of the School of Spiritual Science (conversation)
10.30-12.30 Closing session and future work

Notes:

Our work with the Lesson will be introduced by way of a free rendering given by Marc Desaulles, with the focus on the field of thinking (first three mantra) and also the preliminary exercises with speech, thinking and memory.

There may well be some short singing included at the start of some of the sessions.

We have left the early afternoon open, but it may be that participants want to share something of their work which will not fit in the main sessions. Please let us know if you would like to do this, as we could then use the time after lunch for that.

Registration Form

- I would like to attend the **2010 Economics Conference** meeting.

Please note that in order to have an effective research event, attendance will be restricted to 25 people.

A fixed contribution of **CHF 150** includes the meeting room, all meals, drinks, coffee, snacks and refreshments during the pauses. It excludes accommodation (see below).

- I require accommodation (all prices including organic breakfast buffet, service and taxes):

- Single room, 2 or 3 nights, fixed price of **CHF 270** per person (each additional night **CHF 60**).
- *Shared* twin room, 2 or 3 nights, fixed price of **CHF 210** per person (each additional night **CHF 50**).
- *Shared* 4-bed family room, 2 or 3 nights, fixed price of **CHF 150** per person (each additional night **CHF 40**).

- I would need help for my travel costs above: CHF _____.

We will look for foundations to help finance up to 80% of travel costs linked to attending the meeting. Please let us know as soon as possible but **before the meeting** if and to what extent this would be helpful for you.

Last Name _____

First Name _____

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