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From the Organisers

In the conference volume Anarchist Visions of Society, published in 2023, we compiled concrete concepts for a more just, democratic, and non-hierarchical society¹. At this upcoming conference, we aim to discuss paths toward such societies. To explore the diversity of these approaches together, we seek to bring together perspectives and participants from academia, activism, and civil society.

Venue: Adult Education Center (VHS) Döbling, Vienna, with online streaming.

Dates: Friday, October 3 to Sunday, October 5, 2025 Languages: German and English.

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Transformation Towards a (more) Socially and Ecologically Just Future

The Path to Geater Democracy – Anti-Authoritarian and Power-Critical Approaches





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CONFERENCE PROGRAM:

Friday, October 3, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 8:30 PM 09:00–09:15 – Arrival / Registration / Music (Main Hall)

09:30–10:30 – Welcome / Conference Goals / "How do we get from here to there?" (Main Hall)

1. Einstieg

10:30 Uhr: Musikalische Einlage (Festsaal).

10:30-11:30 Uhr: Lesung und Vortrag mit Ilija Trojanow (Festsaal)

2. Revolutionary Pathways

What revolutionary approaches respond adequately to today's challenges?

11:30–13:30 – What do various revolutionary perspectives (Castoriadis, Pankahyttn, Benjamin, Marx, Hindrichs, Bloch) contribute to shaping transformations toward a socially and ecologically just future?

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Panel Discussion with Uwe Bittlingmayer, Birge Krondorfer, Alice Pechriggl, Anna Rosenberg, and Florian Telsnig (Main Hall)

13:30-14:30 - Lunch Break

14:30–14:45 – Artistic Interlude (Main Hall)

14:45–17:45 – World Café: What current paths are we developing to dismantle power, violence, and hierarchy? What steps are we taking toward a more socially and ecologically democratic future?With: Black Voices, Lea Susemichel, Susanne Stölner, Cornelia Stefan, Mathilde Schmitt, Ivana Nenadovic, Utta Isop, Heide Hammer, GemSe, Chantal Bamgbala (Main Hall)

17:45 - Music (Main Hall)

17:50–18:20 – Plenary Summary (Main Hall)

18:20-19:50 - Dinner

19:45–20:30 – Final Event – Theatre performance by Dada Zirkus

Saturday, October 4, 2025 | 9:00 AM - 8:30 PM

09:00-09:15 - Welcome / Arrival / Music (Main Hall)

09:15–09:45 – Morning Activity – Theatre of the Oppressed, TdU Vienna (Main Hall)

3. Direct Action and Civil Society. How do direct action and grassroots organizing contribute to transformation?

10:00–12:00 – Anarchist Anti-Militarism: Against All Wars. Slide Lecture and Discussion with Bernd Drücke (Room assignment based on registration)

10:00–12:00 – Theatre of the Oppressed with Joschka Köck (Room assignment based on registration)

10:00–12:00 – Queer-Feminist Panel: Where do queer-feminist initiatives intersect with social and ecological justice? With: Black Voices, Lea Susemichel, Mathilde Schmitt, Alice Pechriggl, Ivana Nenadovic, Birge Krondorfer, Utta Isop, Heide Hammer, GemSe, Chantal Bamgbala (Main Hall)

12:00-13:30 - Lunch Break

13:30–13:45 – Artistic Interlude (Main Hall)

4. Education and Consciousness Shift

Which educational processes are necessary to unlearn imperial modes of living? How do we move toward ecologically meaningful everyday practices?

13:45–15:30 – Panel Discussion:

Petra Isepp (Alternative Economy), Thomas Lehnen (Prefiguration), Ivana Nenadovic (Between Utopia and Practice), Peter Seyfert (Murray Bookchin) (Main Hall)

15:30-16:00 - Coffee Break

16:00–17:00 – Parallel Sessions (Room assignment based on registration):

Josef Mühlbauer: Civilian-Based Defense

Gerhard Senft: The Commune as the Cell of Social Life

Arno Uhl: Clown Army

Alexander Behr: Global Solidarity

Roman Kiefer: A-Strategies Against Elon Musk

17:00–18:30 – Performance and Talk with Konstantin Wecker (Main Hall)

18:30–19:00 – Summary of the Day's Sessions (Main Hall)

19:00-20:30 - Dinner

Sunday, October 5, 2025 | 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM 09:00–09:15 – Welcome / Arrival / Artistic Interlude (Main Hall)

5. Gradual or Evolutionary Change (Reformism) What reformist approaches can currently be discussed in terms of democratization and ecological transformation?

09:15–12:15 – Panel: Lottocracy, Citizens' Assemblies and Council Democracy – What do these approaches contribute to a more socially and ecologically just future? With Utta Isop, Jason Chrysostomou, Heide Hammer, Pedro Jacobetty, and Maria from Peoples Platform (Room assignment based on registration)

09:15–12:15 – Deep Democracy: Interactive Talk and Workshop with Maria Wiprich

09:15–12:15 – The Triad of Political Struggle: Changing Practices – Workshop with Anna Rosenberg, Gerhard Wogritsch, Mark Ant

09:15–11:15 – Thomas Friedrich: Critical Social Analysis

09:15–11:15 – Uwe Bittlingmayer: Working on the Habitus or Flipping the Table? Pierre Bourdieu and the Possibilities of Progressive Social Change

12:15-13:45 - Lunch

13:45-14:00 - Artistic Interlude (Main Hall)

6. Current Transformation Topics: Anti-Fascism, Digitality, Agrifood, Philosophy

14:00-17:00 - Workshop 1: Robert König: Digital Anarchism

14:00–17:00 – Workshop 2: Gerlinde Krehn: Philosophizing as Part of Transformation

14:00–15:30 – Jens Kastner: Anarchist Anti-Fascism

15:30–17:00 – Paper Lantern Collective: Community Music

14:00–15:30 – Mathilde Schmitt: Staged Reading: Agrifood and Gender Perspectives

15:30–17:00 – Anna Fünfgeld: Emancipatory Transformation Against the Far Right

17:00–17:30 – Summary: Workshop Results and Discussion (Main Hall)

17:30-18:00 - Farewell and Next Steps (Main Hall)