

Place of the Conference:
(near Stuttgart/Germany):

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Registration:

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If you are interested to join the meeting of the CALL working group on Concepts for a Sustainable Economy, please indicate your interest at registration.

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Conference No.:
240111

Conference Fee:

Conference Fee 40,00 €

Board and Lodging:

Single Room 89,70 €

Double Room 76,80 €

Board (without Lodging and without Breakfast) 39,30 €

VAT is included in all prices. Costs for meals not taken cannot be reimbursed.

Funding:

For Members of CSC/CEC Member Churches or Associated Organisations and Members of the CALL Network interested to participate in the meeting and not able to meet the costs, there is a possibility to apply for a subsidy. The subsidy fund is, however, very limited. If you require financial support in order to attend, please contact the Academy before buying tickets.

The organisers of the consultation will not be able to bear the costs caused by a late cancellation of the registration.

Registration

Please register no later than 18 March 2011

Travel description:

By plane: Take a plane to Stuttgart Airport. Book a transfer to Bad Boll (about 20 min. drive) at Hardy's Taxi (+49 7161 950023). Please book the transfer no later than the day before your arrival.

By car: Motorway A8 Stuttgart-Munich, exit Aichelberg; follow the road direction Göppingen for about 5 km; turn right for Bad Boll; after 300 m, second entrance on right to the Academy.

By train: Take a train to Göppingen. At Göppingen take Bus No. 20 to Bad Boll (Platform K at the Central Bus Station (ZOB). Get off at Ev. Akademie/Rehaklinik (about 20 minutes drive).

Link to the Conference Programme (in German):

<http://www.ev-akademie-boll.de/index.php?id=142&tagungsid=240111>

Target Group

People interested in economic questions in the churches, in trade unions, business associations, politics and sciences.

Moderators of the Meeting

Dagmar Bürkardt,
Programme Director for Employment Policies and Economic Systems, Protestant Academy Bad Boll.

Rev. Dr. Dieter Heidtmann
Programme Director for Economic Policies and Economic Ethics, Protestant Academy Bad Boll; Co-Moderator CALL-Network.

Alison Jackson, Co-Moderator CALL-Network, Wotton under Edge, United Kingdom.

Speakers

Claire Dhéret,
European Policy Centre, Brussels.

Gualter Barba Baptista,
Decroissance/Degrowth Network.

Prof. Dr. Milan Gerka,
University of Presov/Slovakia.

N.N., Church of Norway.

Heino von Meyer,
OECD Berlin Centre.

Michael Müller,
Former Member of the German Parliament and State Secretary for Environment, Member of the Presidium of the Deutscher Naturschutzring, Berlin.

Peter Pavlovic,
Church and Society Commission of the Conference of European Churches; European Christian Environmental Network (ECEN), Brussels.

PD Dr. Irmi Seidl,
Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL, Birmensdorf, Switzerland.

Roland Zieschank,
Environmental Policy Research Centre (FFU), Free University Berlin.

in Cooperation with:



Conference Languages:

German and English

Escaping the Growth Trap

European Perspectives

1-2 April 2011
Protestant Academy Bad Boll



in Cooperation with:
CALL-Church Action on Labour and Life

Escaping the Growth Trap

The critical debate about economic growth has received new impulses in recent times. The question as to whether the focus on the concept of economic growth and on the indicator of the gross national product really leads to better well-being, a better quality of life and more contentedness in the society, being heavily discussed.

In many countries, on the European and international level (and recently in Germany with the report of an expert group of the German Parliament) you find a lively debate about alternative concepts of economic growth. What was for a long time rather more of an exchange among experts has now become a broad public debate about fundamental questions such as well-being and welfare of individuals and of the society. This is a debate that is expected to have a major impact on the drawing up of political and economic decisions in the future.

In cooperation with the European Christian Employment and Economy Network CALL (Church Action on Labour and Life) we want to tackle the following questions at the Conference: Which changes lead to the new dynamic for a different perception of the shaping of economic growth? How should the criteria of economic growth be changed to meet the challenges of climate change, poverty and limited resources? What are the debates and innovative concepts for the future in different European countries? What impact can alternative indicators of economic growth make? Where can we find elements of innovative structures with regard to economic and cultural transformation?

We heartily invite you to come to the Protestant Academy Bad Boll!

Dagmar Bürkardt
Dr. Dieter Heidtmann
Alison Jackson

Thursday, 31st March 2011

13:00–18:30 Meeting of the CALL Working Group on Sustainability

The meeting of the CALL Working Group on Concepts for a Sustainable Economy is open to everyone who is interested.

18:30 Dinner

20:00 **Sustainability and Spirituality**
Prof. Dr. Milan Gerka, University of Presov

21:30 **Open End at Café Heuss**

Friday, 1st April 2011

09:45 **Bretzels and Coffee/Tea**

10:00 **Welcome**

10:15 **The Measurement of Well-Being: The International Discussion and the Impact of the " German National Welfare Index" in Germany**
Roland Zieschank, Free University Berlin

11:30 **A different Understanding of Economic Growth? The Perspective of the OECD**
Heino von Meyer, OECD Berlin Centre

12:30 **Lunch**

14:00 **Concepts of different European Countries The Debate in Great Britain**
N.N.
Learning Experiences in the Degrowth Network
Gualter Barba Baptista
A Nordic Perspective
N.N.
A Central European Perspective
N.N.
How to overcome Growth-orientated Policies?
PD Dr. Irmid Seidl, WSL

Break for Coffee/Tea/Cake

17:30 **Well Being 2030 – an Alternative Concept for European Economic, Social and Environmental Policies**
Claire Dhéret, European Policy Centre EPC, Brussels

Saturday, 2nd April 2011

08:00 **Morning Prayer**

08:20 **Breakfast**

09:00 **How to Change Direction? How can New Eco-Social Policies be Realised?**
Michael Müller, former State Secretary for Environment

10:00 **Escaping the Growth Trap – Starting Points for an Economic and Cultural Transformation**
Panel Discussion with
Alison Jackson, CALL
Michael Müller
Peter Pavlovic, ECEN
Roland Zieschank

12:00 **Open Questions – Innovative Ideas – New Perspectives**
Coordination of Future Activities

12:30 **End of the Conference with Lunch**