



# 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*

## **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Economics Conference**

21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June 2014 / Montreal, Canada

### **True Price**

#### **From concept to strategy**

This year is focused on the resolve we made last year to make special efforts to focus on true price, the key to Rudolf Steiner's economics course, but also to his approach to the practical problems of today. To this theme he was constant and consistent from 1905 through to 1922. (There is now a webpage in true price on the Economics Conference website.) One of our concerns is whether the increasing suggestion of unconditional basic income is compatible with Steiner's approach. This movement is now gaining ground, especially in Switzerland, but is also to be found more and more in the media. Our concerns are not polemical, but deep-seated. In particular, if basic income were to become established would it in fact, albeit without intending to do so, close the door on true price, both as an idea and as a possible policy?

The meeting is open to anyone who takes in earnest the indications of Rudolf Steiner and the work of the School of Spiritual Science as regards modern economic life. It will again include an additional day (Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June) focusing on associative economics in secondary schools. There will be an extra charge for this.

The *probable* costs\* for 21 – 25 June will be:

\* We are fine-tuning costs at the moment

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| Attendance Fee, including venue, meals and snacks | 250 CAD, assuming 20 people.       |
| Accommodation (typical local rates)               | 60 CAD per night inclusive of tax. |
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| Sample cost (5 nights)                            | 550 CAD                            |

To register your interest, please contact *France Beaucage*: [beaucagef356@gmail.com](mailto:beaucagef356@gmail.com) (copy to [economics@goetheanum.org](mailto:economics@goetheanum.org)). In due course we will send more details.

*Please note, the meeting will be held in **English**. It will be followed by a seminar with Marc Desaulles in **French**.*

We look forward to welcoming you!

*Christopher Houghton Budd*

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*Convenor*

*Local Organiser*

23 January 2014



# True Price

## From concept to strategy

### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Economics Conference

Montreal, Canada (*Provisional Programme*)

#### **Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup>**

16.00-17.00

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

*France Beaucage*

17.30-18.30

#### **Economics and Spiritual Science against the background of the 14<sup>th</sup> Lesson of First Class**

*Conversation introduced by Marc Desaulles*

19.00

*Supper*

20.00-21.30

#### **The Place of True Price in Economic History** (Open to members in Montreal)

*Christopher Houghton Budd*

#### **Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

09.00-10.00

#### **Concerning the previous days' themes**

*Open discussion*

10.30-12.30

#### **Presentation of Work concerning True Price**

Having resolved last year to focus on true price, various individuals and groups undertook to further this idea in different ways. (8 x 15 minute presentations including discussion.)

13.00

*Lunch*

15.00-16.00

#### **The Challenges of overcoming Egoism and Collateralised Lending**

True prices presuppose the extirpation of egoism and the displacement of real credit by personal credit. How seriously do we take these challenges and how 'structural' are they?

*Conversation introduced by Marc Desaulles*

16.30-17.30

#### **Discussion**

*Small groups then plenum*

18.00

*Supper*

20.00-21.30

#### **Conversation and Singing**

*An interweaving of thoughts, poems and songs*

#### **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup>**

09.00-10.00

#### **From Concept to Strategy**

Is there a need to strategise in order to include true price in today's discussions and circumstances?

*Conversation introduced by TBD*

10.30-12.30

#### **Discussion**

*Small groups then plenum*

13.00

*Lunch*

15.00-16.00

#### **Double Entry Bookkeeping and True Price**

Is double entry bookkeeping relevant to true pricing and are we all of one mind about what we understand by it?

*An opportunity to look at who is doing what in this area.*

16.30-17.30

#### **Economics Conference Fund**

Update on this work from the treasurers

18.00

*Supper*

20.00-21.30

#### **Conversation and Singing**

*An interweaving of thoughts, poems and songs*

#### **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

09.00-10.00

#### **Report and Feedback on Publications and Website**

A St Johns Tide consideration and celebration of our work

11.00-12.00

#### **Closing Session**

Next steps?

20.00-21.30

#### **Johannine Economics** (Open to members in Montreal)

A St Johns Tide consideration and celebration of our work

#### **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup>**

09.00-17.30

#### **Associative Economics in Secondary School Curricula**

A full day on the way associative economics already is or could yet be introduced into secondary schools, both Waldorf and non-Waldorf. A chance to consider who is doing what and why. Possible topics: The role and nature of financial literacy; Are there guidelines for 'associative' financial literacy?