



Building World Economy

An Economics Conference Event in collaboration with Rudolf Steiner Centre*

24-27 October 2013

Evening lectures, 8pm, followed by one-day symposia, 9.30am to 5.30pm**

9100 Bathurst Street, #4, Thornhill, Ontario

A consideration of key topics from Rudolf Steiner concerning today's economic problems. The format is three evening stand-alone backgrounding lectures followed by one-day 'bring and share' sessions to explore, but also peer-critique, who is doing what in these regards.

24/5 October: **True Price: Guide, goal and journey**

As an economist, Rudolf Steiner remained consistent all his life to what he called the true price formula: "A 'true price' is forthcoming when a person receives, as counter-value for the product he has made, sufficient to enable him to satisfy the whole of his needs, including of course the needs of his dependants, until he will again have completed a like product." In what ways and to what extent does this analysis inform modern economic life, our own behaviour in particular? What are the prospects for, but also obstacles to, steering today's macro-policy in this direction?

25/6 October: **Decapitalising Land: The main challenge we face**

Rudolf Steiner's economics course turns on the question of the need to avoid over-capitalising land and the consequences of doing so. 90 years on, this problem is as real as ever. What can be done to address this problem in ways that go with the grain of modern financial evolution albeit inspired by a different ethos?

26/7 October: **Keynes and Steiner: Brothers in world economy**

When Rudolf Steiner gave his economics course in the summer of 1922, the British economist, John Maynard Keynes, was writing a seminal book on the same issues: How to conduct economic life after World War 1. Did Keynes and Steiner sing from the same hymn sheet? Does Keynes's work, even now, give to Steiner's hopes and ideas for world economy the chance of practical expression?

* The Economics Conference, part of the Social Sciences Section of the Goetheanum, provides a forum for assessing modern problems in the light of associative economics. This year events are being organised in different parts of the world to take the pulse on the contribution associative economics can make to key issues raised by the global financial crisis.

** The evening lectures will be given by the British economic and monetary historian, **Christopher Houghton Budd**, a life-long student of Rudolf Steiner's economics who now specialises in mainstream dialogues and youth financial literacy. (christopherhoughtonbudd.com)

Open to all. Cost including refreshments (but excluding meals and accommodation):

Evening lectures only: CAD 10 taken singly; CAD 25 all three.***

One-day symposia: CAD 55 taken singly; CAD 150 all three.***

*** Payable in advance or by discount on third attendance. Payment via PayPal to bank@rarealbion.com

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