

Towards a convivial economy? Theoretical perspectives and practical experience

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Recently, debates on alternative forms of living together (*con-vivere*) have been invigorated by the concept of convivialism and particularly by the publication of the convivialist manifesto in 2013. Convivial practices aim for coexistence on a non-competitive basis, both within and beyond societies. Such practices involve searching for forms of prosperity without growth, allowing humans to take care of each other and of nature. It seems obvious that such a convivial society needs to be grounded on an alternative form of the economy; and such an economy, in turn, requires a different kind of society.

In the workshop, we will discuss questions such as:

- How might the economy be constructed in a way that is socially just and ecologically sustainable?
- How should a convivial economy be embedded in society?
- What steps might lead to a convivial alternative?

Within state and business such questions are not addressed sufficiently. We therefore include perspectives and innovative impulses from civil society actors. The workshop brings together French proponents of convivialism with German representatives of alternative economic concepts and practices.

Location & date:

University of Hamburg, Department for Socio-economics (VMP9, A 215); April 4-5

Organisation

If you would like to attend, please send an email to philipp.degens@uni-hamburg.de. Please note that space is limited to 40 participants. Participation cannot be guaranteed.

11.15-12.15	Local economy, co-operatives, and economy for the common good: Short statements and table discussions Karl Birkhölzer (Technologie Netzwerk Berlin), Petra Teitscheid (FH Münster), and Heike Walk (Hochschule Eberswalde)
12.15-13.15	Economy for the common good Talk by Christian Felber (GWÖ)
13.15-14.00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.00-15.15	Round table discussion with Geneviève Azam, Alain Caillé, Silja Graupe, François Schneider, Christian Felber
15.15-15.30	Closing

Contributors

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