

EUROPE AS A COMMON
Let us start thinking about it!
THE DIALOP
SUMMER SCHOOL PROJECT

First International Summer School
of Dialogue between Christians and Marxists

September 1 - 8, 2018, Syros
University of the Aegean – Ermoupoli, Greece





THE IDEA OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL 2018

The DIALOP (Dialogue Project) Summer School is a joint project between universities, foundations, and associations, developed by faculty members with different ideological and philosophical, Marxist or Christian backgrounds. In times of growing social challenges, its aim is to promote dialogue between Marxist and Christian positions and develop common commitments to peace, non-violence, social justice, democracy, and ecological transformation. Students and young activists from different European countries are invited to participate in this process.

While Europe runs the risk of becoming a continent fragmented by walls and fences as well as increasing levels of inequality, an alternative vision of Europe must be developed: a common Europe of bridges, characterized by the exchange of cultural goods and values. In a world of increasing social, political, and cultural conflicts, the DIALOP Summer School encourages and hosts an. An intercultural and interfaith dialogue on the creation of a democratic and peaceful Europe.

Spaces of dialogue will be explored in practice, common ground will be expanded, misunderstandings and prejudices be addressed, and differences understood in their complexity.

TOPICS

Following the motto 'see - judge - act', the DIALOP Summer School 2018 will focus on exchanging Marxist and Christian insights on crucial social issues, especially democracy, Europe, commons, and dialogue. Key questions in this interdisciplinary work will be:

- _ How can a dialogue emerge, where differences have divided communities?
- _ How can an economy of free give and take (a gift economy) reinforce elements of identity and unity?
- _ Are there creative ways of overcoming traditional boundaries?
- _ How would dialogue be facilitated, what are its conditions, what strategies should be developed, and which initiatives should be taken?

PATRONAGE

The Summer School is hosted by University of the Aegean, Ermoupoli (Greece), in collaboration with the Sophia University Institute (Italy), the Congregation for Catholic Education, the Focolare Movement and Transform!Europe. Further supporters are the University of Paris 8 (France) and the KPH - Edith Stein (Austria).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

'DIALOP - transversal dialogue project' refers to a suggestion Pope Francis made to the current Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras. When Tsipras - together with Walter Baier, the Coordinator of the left think tank Transform!Europe, and Franz Kronreif from the Focolare Movement - visited the pontiff in September 2014, they agreed on the urgent necessity of bringing together people of good will with different religious and ideological backgrounds in order to address the big challenges of our times.

APPLYING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUMMER SCHOOL

Students (BA, MA, PhD, postdoc) from around the world and a variety of disciplines as well as social and political activists between 20 and 30 years old can apply to take part in the Dialop Summer School, if they are interested in

- _ *experiencing and participating in an intellectual and practical dialogue between Christian and Marxist intellectuals, enriching mutual understanding and fostering the possibilities that can arise from the encounter of the two different traditions,*
- _ *creating common ground for an ongoing experience of transformative and transversal thinking about Europe through an analysis of specific and converging elements,*
- _ *building an international and permanent network of dialogue partners, who share analyses and solutions and define joint fields of action.*





REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The registration process for the Summer School 2018 on Syros has three steps.

1) Submit the application by sending the following documents (written in English) up to 1 May 2018 via email to office@dialog.net

- the completed and signed application form;
- the letter of motivation explaining the reasons of your participation, the experience and the know-how you bring to the topics listed in the programme, and your expectations for the Summer School (one page/500 words);
- your Curriculum Vitae.

2) Admission:

The selected participants will be notified by the DIALOP office by 15 May 2018. This confirmation will be accompanied by further information material about the Summer School.

3) Legally valid application for the Summer School will occur by transferring the amount of € 250 (to cover participation fees, accommodation, breakfast and one main meal) by 30 May to the account of the Aegean University.

Important Dates:

Arrival on Saturday 1.9.2018 before 18:00, departure during the day of Saturday 8.9.2018.

Certificates:

The Summer School will issue a certificate of participation. In order to receive ECTS, a suitable preparation based on given relevant texts is required as well as a thesis to be presented at the close of the Summer School.

Accommodations:

DIALOP offers accommodation in two hostels in Ano Syros (upper part of the town Ermoupoli) with one- and two-bed rooms available. Breakfast can be had in the hostel. Lunch will be served close to the university. The costs of supper are the responsibility of each participant.

Other costs – scholarships:

Travel expenses shall be paid by the participants. Requests for scholarships should be addressed to the partner institutions.

CONTACT

Contact ad interim/for questions:

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	Sunday, September 2nd	Monday, September 3rd	Tuesday, September 4th	Wednesday, September 5th	Thursday, September 6th	Friday, September 7th
09:00 – 12:30	Guided City Tour in Ermoupoli	Dialogue – a non-violent strategy in a pluralistic world <i>Cornelia Hildebrandt</i> – Philosopher at the Rosa-Luxemburg-Foundation, Germany <i>Pál Tóth</i> – Professor at the Sophia University Institute, Italy/Hungary	Commons as a common ground <i>Michael Brie</i> – Professor at the Rosa-Luxemburg-Foundation, Germany <i>Petra Steinmair-Pösel</i> – Professor KPH Edith Stein, Austria	Democracy – what about participation? <i>Michael Löwy</i> – Research director em. in social sciences at the CNRS, France <i>Daniela Ropelato</i> – Vice-rector of the Sophia University Institute, Italy	Europe – how to imagine its future? <i>Luciana Castellina</i> – Member of the European Parliament em. and journalist, Italy <i>Léonce Bekemans</i> – Jean-Monnet-Chair university of Padova, Italy/Belgium	Presentation of the results of the working groups by all participants and lecturers
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break at Asteria beach	Lunch break				
14:00 – 17:00	Opening: <i>Spyros Syropoulos</i> – Vice-rector of the University of the Aegean, Greece <i>Bernhard Callebaut</i> – Professor at the Sophia University Institute, Italy <i>Vincenzo Zani</i> – Archbishop, secretary of the Congregation of Catholic Education, Vatican	Meeting with decision makers Representative of the Greek government <i>Walter Baier</i> – Coordinator of transform!europe <i>Vincenzo Zani</i> – Secretary of the Vatican Congregation of Education and others	Working groups Exercises of dialogue – <i>Thomas Stuke</i> – Management consultant, Switzerland Scenario exercises – <i>Bernd Stegmann</i> – Institute for Prospective Analyses, Germany Other informal working groups			
17:00 – 21:00	Free time					Official closure Presentation of the summer school to the mayor and the population – presentation of the certificates – dinner – festive finale



We appreciate your interest and your efforts,
The steering committee

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