

NEWSLETTER – April 2022

With this newsletter we are addressing all persons interested in DIALOP, the ones who participated as scholars or as students at the summer school in Syros, in September 2018, as well as the participants at any other DIALOP conference.

COMPELLING ACTUALITY

News have been rare from our side, but apparently the memory of the summer school as well as of the other meetings has not faded. Our common experience indeed embodied some principles which today are bitterly missed in the war that outrages all of us. Roughly speaking, democracy, dialogue, freedom, respect for people and nature, are things needed and deserved by every human, yet they are far from being granted, on the opposite, rather they need to be cultivated, defended and promoted.

RESET, TRANSVERSAL SOCIAL ETHICS

During the years since Syros DIALOP has continued its work for a “transversal Social Ethics”. We realized that the common ground on which a transformed world could be built, is fostered through the richness of our thinking and our traditions, so far the Marxist critical social theory and the Church social doctrine.

POSITION PAPER

One step we are proud of is a Position Paper on our history and efforts. Currently, we are collecting signatures and planning to go public. You find texts it attached. Please feel free to send us your differentiated consent and/or your qualified dissent, feel free to sign it (the short version), comment it, and disseminate it among your colleagues and friends. We regard the document just as a snapshot in a process of further developing and deepening our common understanding of today’s world and its necessities. Our goal is to evoke reactions which we intend to collect and publish in a book which we hope to present to Pope Francis, next Fall.

RESEARCH PROJECT

Another project in the quiver which targets master and phd graduates (yet the grade is not a condition for it.) concerns research fields in which the transversal approach can provide possibilities of wider scientific knowledge and keener application, e.g. Recognition, as a common concept, the concept of Nation on the level of public law, Political-ecological education or the goal of a universal emancipation. These works can be a part of a master or phd thesis, or ideally even a social project, which you want to start. The only requirement is that it considers different thinking approaches and put them in dialogue with each other.

NETWORKS

If any of the scholars among us wants to support this dialogical efforts either from Christian or a Marxist side, please contact us, in order to create the necessary network.

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As you may see, things are developing and we can keep in touch through this newsletter and directly, if you feel part of DIALOP.

All the best!

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P.S. Should you not be interested in this communication, please feel free to let us know: office@dialogop.eu