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DIALOP NEWS

transversal dialogue project



TRANSFORMATION ON THE ROAD

MAY 1ST AND UNITED WORLD WEEK



Twice as many participants at the May 1st marches as the years before and not only the beautiful sunny day. In the federal state of Salzburg Austria, the Left reached the 11% mark in the last regional elections, an astounding result. You hear people on the street saying: "The KPÖ is anti-xenophobic, yet it was able to take votes away from the FPÖ". Remarkable is also the 28th United World Week taking place from 1st-7th May 2023 worldwide to promote fraternity, unity and peace, organized by the communities of the Focolare Movement across the globe.

Is there a common ground between Christian and Marxist approaches to peace ethics? What kind of transformation leads to peace?

We interrogated the roots of a peace ethics in both the Christian and the marxist socialist thought during three webinars between February and April. The first let the two thought traditions dialogue with each other. The second on the concept of positive peace dealt with the relationship between justice and peace.



THREE PEACE WEBINARS



Angelina Giannopoulou was one of the moderators.

Can the arts, science and religion redeem us and help ferment peace? On this topic an artist from Israel, a scientist from Italy and a theologian discussed the different levels of an interesting interaction and the potential for negative but also positive influence in politics and history.

The recordings of these webinars can be accessed via vimeo and youtube on our website www.dialop.eu

A CALL FOR PAPERS

FOR A TRANSVERSAL SOCIAL ETHICS

»»» RESEARCH FOR ... MORE

DIALOP aims to explore the shared principles of Marxist social criticism and Christian social ethics, with the goal of generating proposals for change and transformation in a wide range of fields. How can an economy of life, a community of caring, a politics of solidary transformation, a future of ecological peace be achieved? Fields and goals of a transversal social ethics can be found in the Position Paper of DIALOP under www.dialop.eu/press/press-material/position-paper.

We invite to submit your work in the following thematic areas:

- Humanities including Theology (History, Philosophy, Psychology, Education)
- Social Sciences/Economics, International Relations, Law, Architecture, Digital Technology and AI, Communication, Medicine&Care, Engineering, Environmental Studies
- Reflected Activism (theoria cum praxi et commune bonum – G.W.Leibniz)



»»» YOU CAN MAKE THE CHANGE

The importance of dialogue cannot be overstated, especially when faced with global threats such as nuclear confrontation, the devastating impact of globalization, wars, the exploitation of resources, the climate emergency and the degradation of the environment, policies of closure in the face of the flows of refugees and migrants, ...

Despite these challenges, humanity has always produced credible proposals, and we believe that by working together, we can tackle the fundamental problems our changing world is facing.

We encourage authors to consider the concept of "differentiated consensus and qualified dissent" between Marxist-socialist and Christian social teaching as a means of connecting the two perspectives. By emphasizing areas of agreement and productive disagreement, we believe that this approach can help to generate innovative proposals for addressing today's social and political challenges.

The contributions will be presented during a conference in January 2024 at the Sophia University in Loppiano.

DIALOP GOES YOUTH

A WORKSHOP ON *COMMUNICATION IN TIMES OF WAR* DURING THE
UPCOMING CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY IN LISBON

»»» FROM JULY 31ST TO AUGUST 2ND

The workshop aims to probe – in a theoretical and practical way – what the main elements of communication are today (e.g. the power of images) and how they are subject to financial and political powers, ideologies, digital bubbles, fake news built by artificial intelligence, etc. How do media change in war times? What is true? What do social media, what does AI do to me? Can we achieve reliable and truthful news? Does reconciliation exist? Inputs and lab investigations with young people from European Countries and beyond.

If you would like to participate please **contact office@dialop.eu**

»»» NEWS FLASH

The coordination team of DIALOP together with Walter Baier presented the DIALOP project at the audience of the General Council of the Focolare Movement on March 17th at the Centre in Rocca di Papa. Many of our readers know that the Focolare Movement appointed two members to mediate between the Left and the Vatican after the audience of Alexis Tsipras with Pope Francis 2014.

The Focolare Movement is a movement of spiritual and social renewal, founded in Trent, Italy, in 1943, during the Second World War. It was approved by the Catholic Church in 1962 and is now present in 182 nations. Around 2 million people are involved in its life and work. Inspired by Jesus' prayer to the Father, "May they all be one" (Jn 17:21), its goal is to promote fraternity and to achieve solidarity, respect and value diversity. The Movement engages in various forms of dialogue and is committed to building bridges of fraternal relationships among individuals, between cultural groups and in every Country. www.focolare.org



The coordination team with President Margaret Karram - in the middle - and the General Council of the Focolare Movement in Rocca di Papa on March 17th.

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informed without tiring you.
in this sense the character
of the newsletter is colored,
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