



Summer School

26 July – 1 August 2026

Economics Conference of the Goetheanum

By invitation upon request

The Economics Conference Summer School will encompass a grand sweep of history – from Hibernia of old, through St Gallen's mission, to the Papal reopening of the West. What, though, did we find when we got here? Not only in terms of the indigenous peoples' cultures and destiny, but also in the souls of the European settlers? Most importantly, to whom are the ideals of the US addressed – the founding documents and the speeches of significant individuals – to the progeny of those who were here before the Europeans came, or the I-beings of those who have been born or become 'American'? Immigration by incarnation, so to speak. And for which America was the Verse for America intended? As well as their threefold context, what did the likes of Ralph Courtney, Bernard Behrens and others have in mind in regard to economics, especially associative economics? And how does the financing of the Anthroposophical Society in America with its 1933 founding statutes fit into this story? 100 years on, here we are again. For what future are we preparing ourselves?

The above themes have been elaborated through several events since the start of 2024 – beginning with a gathering in Switzerland followed by a substantial sequel in Portland, OR and then subsequent follow-ups in Spring Valley, along with the various conversations and monthly discussions of the Economics Group of the ASA, which is supporting the event. However it is accomplished, a main idea of the Summer School is to create together a program that reruns the St Gallen story, so that during the week we recapitulate history and bring ourselves not only abreast of events but poised and prepared for what now lies ahead. That will inevitably include the role of the Anthroposophical Society when understood as a corner of history: those little deeds we can take that have wide and far-reaching consequences.

This is an invitational event. If you would like to participate, please email economics@goetheanum.ch, subject: *Summer School*.

Christopher Houghton Budd
Convenor

Estimated Costs

We estimate the per-person conference cost – not including travel – to be between 800 and 1,200 USD, made up of:

- 100 USD conference registration fee (to be sent immediately, please, to: **Anthroposophical Society in America, specifying a donation of 100 USD with a Donor Comment stating: 'EC Fund / Summer School' (then telling us you have done so via economics@goetheanum.ch**)
- About 385 USD (shared) to 525 USD (solo) in lodging per person
- 300-500 USD in meals for the week (depending on whether using the cafe or self-cater)

Travel Equalization Fund

To assist others with their travel costs or to receive a rebate for your own, Stephen Vallus is offering to organize a travel equalization fund. If you would like to know more, please email him: SVallush66@gmail.com.

Meals can be self-catered in the communal kitchen available in Holder House or taken in the Threefold Cafe. There is a great wholefood grocery store located 10-minutes away: a lovely walk through the woods. This allows for a full range of options from eating alone to all together, but without undertaking catering ourselves.

Lodging will be on-site, where we have reserved 35 single person beds in a combination of rooms with single, double occupancy and triple occupancy. There are also nearby homestays.

Lodging Reservation

We encourage you to make your reservation soon at <https://threefold.org/visit-us/accommodations/>. It will require this code ECG2026. When reserving a double room, please indicate the name of the person with whom you are sharing if you have a preference. You will be charged 50% of the cost at the time of booking your reservation, to be paid in full upon arrival. Rates are listed on the website: approximately \$71.00 for single occupancy; \$52.00 pp for double occupancy; \$159.00 for 'Family Rooms' with 1-3 guests. **Rooms are being held in reserve, but on June 30** when we will release any unspoken for, so please book as soon as you can. Sunday, July 26 (arrival and check-in after 4 pm) until Saturday August 1 (departure and checkout before 10 am).

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

| | Sunday 26 July | Monday 27 July | Tuesday 28 July | Wednesday 29 July | Thursday 30 July | Friday 31 July | Saturday 1 August |
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| | | Scythianos to... | Columbus to... | 1776 Celebration | 1923 to 2026 | ASA to 2033 | Culmination |
| 09:00 | | Night-time reflections | | | | | |
| 09:30 | | Scythianos: 'author' of Hibernian Mysteries | Discovering Columbia America and the interface with Prior Peoples | The founding of the USA | The coming of the Verse for America as translated in the case of Threefold | The founding of the ASA / 1933 Bylaws | Creation of ASA Circle of Treasurers? |
| 10:30 | | Pause | | | | | |
| 11:00 | | Hibernia and Accounting | Uriel and spiritual geography below the 49th parallel | Americans' Constitutional Disposition | Associative economics in the US via key players: Dunlop, Courtney, Behrens, etc. | Revisiting the structure of ASA through the lens of finance and branches | The next seven years |
| 12:30 | | Lunch | | | | | |
| 14:30 | | St Gallen, Columbanus, and the forgetting of the West | Preparing for the I and the Consciousness Soul | A glimpse into the story of bookeeping in the US | Seed Corn' economics: The Austrian School and The Other Austrian | ASA dual economy: Members' Fees and Research Donations | |
| 15:30 | | Pause | | | | | |
| 16:00 | Meet 'n Greet | Europe:America | Readying the US for Rosicrucianism | Taxation and non-profit considerations in the US | Economics Group and the work of the Economics Conference in US | The role of groups/branches (instead of regions) | |
| 17:30 | | Supper | | | | | |
| 19:30 to 21:00 | Overview then sleep | The day's themes reflected through dramatic improvisation (Open to local branch members) | | | | | |

Some relevant reading material:

Lectures by Rudolf Steiner

The Tension between East and West (GA 83)
 The Mission of Folk Souls (GA 121)
 The Karma of Materialism (GA 176)
 The Christmas Conference (GA 260)
 The History of the Johannesbau and Goetheanum Associations (GA 252, pt 31.)
 The Mystery of the Double: Geographic Medicine (GA 198)

Websites:

<https://economics.goetheanum.org/research/towards-2033>
<https://www.hopespringseternal.world/about/>