



Summer School

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Economics Conference of the Goetheanum

By invitation

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*.

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