



4TH VIENNESE CONFERENCE ON MEDIATION

“CULTURE MEETS CULTURE”

“THE ‘NEW’ DISCONTENT WITH CULTURE”

03 –06. May 2006, Europahaus, Vienna

Sigmund Freud has described the straining relationship between the drive oppressing culture and individuals living within the very culture, in his famous work of 1930. Additionally, he developed a generally applicable law of evolution, i.e. culture supplies us with evolving and expanding possibilities for living and creativity, but at the same time brings with it suppression and forces to adapt, withdraw and renunciate. When strenuous times are not followed by adequate relaxation and/or compensation, the compiling tensions can become explosive.

Today we are confronted with a new malaise in culture and between cultures, manifested by:

- 8 million people die each year because they are too poor to stay alive.¹
- Although we have an overproduction of food, 840 million people are malnourished and 18,000 children die daily.²
- 20 % of mankind, living in the 1st world, use 70-75% of world resources and energy.³
- Many people and nations are searching for comfort, security and identity in fundamentalism and nationalism, which were the causes of 42 wars and armed conflicts in 2004.⁴
- Unemployment rates stay constantly high, costs for health care are under question, and the pension provisions are threatened despite general wealth;
- Environmental deterioration is increasing globally, and climate change endangers islands, coastal regions and the whole ecological environment.

We are aware of the unjustified, unfair and dangerous developments and they make us uneasy.

“For more than 500 years the world was dominated by the European culture - the culture of the colonial masters. Then the colonized countries gained independence one by one. Now they have become proud of their own culture and want to be respected for their own identity. The only path towards a peaceful future is to open up to the multitude of these other

cultures. And foremost, we Europeans need to understand that we are no longer the landowners of this planet.”⁵

Crucial issues are:

- respect and pay tribute to other cultures
- redistribution of goods and valuables that have made our industrial development and wealth possible
- globalisation that is advantageous and fair to all
- fairness in the distribution of developmental possibilities for all.

We are convinced that mediation can build bridges, since it tries to reach solutions on the basis of sovereignty and mutual understanding and follows basic democratic principles.

In the conference we will focus on diverse approaches and traditions of mediation in various cultures, on underlying values and mechanisms why and how mediation works and on research results.

¹ The end of poverty, Jeffrey D. Sachs, to be published by Penguin Publishers

² UN-Welternährungsprogramm WFP, Der Standard, 10. Dezember 2004

³ Entwicklungsprogramm der Vereinten Nationen (UNDP), 1994

⁴ Arbeitsgemeinschaft Kriegursachenforschung / Akuf-Universität Hamburg,

⁵ Ryszard Kapuscinski, Der Standard 26.05.2004

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O rganisation:	Conference languages:	German, English (some workshops will be in Russian)
	Organisations-Team :	Klaus Rückert, Gerda Mehta, Valerie Rückert, Werner Mayer, Gerhard Karl, Harald Picker, Iris Rückert-Possél
	Organiser:	ARGE Bildungsmanagement, Vienna, largest provider in Austria of mediation trainings and other professional psychosocial training programmes.
	Registration fees:	€ 340.- Full registration / € 360,- on site € 300.- Early booking till 31. 1. 2006 € 280.- Special fees for ARGE-participants in current training programmes, till 31. 1. 2006 € 120.- Fees for a day € 200.- pre-conference workshop fees

Conference in Europahaus Wien,
Linzer Straße 429
A-1140 Vienna
Rosenhotel/Europahaus,
same address
Tel.: +43-1-577 4 577,
www.rosenhotel.at

Venue: The congress will take place in the 14th district in a castle on the outskirts of Vienna, close to where the Vienna Woods start. The huge park around the castle will help to relax between the lectures and workshops and provide possibilities to the participants to meet and walk around and talk with other participants and lecturers. The conference hotel can easily be reached by public transport: from Airport to city terminal (Wien Mitte) by train, bus or City train.
reached by public transport in Vienna
with metro **U 4** (stop Hütteldorf), or
bus **150** or **151** (stop Wolfersberggasse /Europahaus),
or tram **49** (stop last station)

These internet addresses can be helpful for booking other hotels:

for further hotels: www.westbahn.hotels.or.at ,
www.haydn-hotel.at, www.vienna.nethotels.com.
There are limited possibilities to rent rooms in the conference hotel.

Registration:

You can pre-register by e-mail
(office@bildungamangement.at), or
fax (+43 1 2632312 20).

The detailed programme can be found on internet
(www.bildungsmanagement.at) in middle of
December 2005 or will be sent upon request. When
registering you will be asked to choose among afternoon
workshops.

Venue:

Pre-conference takes place at
Arge Bildungsmanagement,
A-1210 Vienna, Friedstrasse 23,
Tel +43 1 2632312,

reached by public transport
metro **U1** (stop Alte Donau) and
bus **20b** (stop Friedstraße), or
U6 (stop Neue Donau) and
bus **20b** (stop Friedstraße).

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Programme overview:From **T**uesday, 02nd to **W**ednesday, 03rd May 2006 **P**re-conference workshops

Participants will learn about special methods and conflict dynamics in mediation. These pre-conference workshops will be held in

**ARGE- Bildungsmanagement training centre,
Friedstrasse 23, 1210 Vienna**

close to the river Danube, in a wonderful recreational area.

(Tuesday, May 2nd 13h -20h; Wednesday May 3rd, 9h -15h; total duration 14 hours.)

A separate pre-conference workshop registration is necessary.

The presenters of these workshops are: (*more information on www.bildungsmanagement.at*)

Dennis Sandole, teaching in a Doctorate programme on conflict resolution in George Mason University, USA, and contributing to many peace building measures in various parts of the world.

Title of the workshop:

Conflict analysis and resolutions – challenges for the post modern world.

The workshop will be in English.

Hania M. Fedorowicz, director of the European Institute for Community-based Conflict Resolution in Salzburg. Her main research is on sources of Conflict in Culture and Identity.

Title of the workshop:

Does identity diversity automatically lead to conflict?

The workshop will be in English & German.

Ed Watzke, an experienced practitioner in conflict resolution and trailblazer in developing techniques and tools for mediators.

Title of the workshop:

Transgressive mediation.

The workshop will be in German.

Main Programme

Wednesday, 3rd May 2006: Main theme: **C**ultures in **T**ransformation

16⁰⁰-17³⁰ Registration

17³⁰-20⁴⁵ Opening ceremony and keynote lectures by:

Joseph Duss-von Werdt (Switzerland)

Dennis Sandole (USA)

Stella Sabiiti (Uganda)

Fred Kelly (Canada)

simultaneous translation will be available.

Welcome buffet.

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T hursday, 4 th May 2006: Main theme: Man & Culture			
7 ³⁰ -9 ⁰⁰	Registration	14 ³⁰ -18 ⁰⁰	Workshops and Dialogues (in English, German or Russian)
9 ⁰⁰ -13 ⁰⁰	Presenters are:		
	Fred Kelly (Canada)		
	Ruth Mischnik (Germany, Indonesia)	18 ³⁰ -19 ³⁰	Evening lecture (in German):
	Arthur Trossen (Germany, Latvia)		Roland Girtler (Austria)
	Niranjan Bhatt (India)		
	Amir Zaidan (Syria, Austria)		
	Florian Gommel (Germany, Nigeria)		
	Gisela and Hans-Georg Mähler (Germany)		
	Galina Pochmelkina (Russia)		

F riday 5 th May 2006: Main theme: Man & Ethics			
9 ⁰⁰ -13 ⁰⁰	Presenters are:	14 ³⁰ -18 ⁰⁰	Workshops and Dialogues (in German, English or Russian)
	Shobha Pais (India, USA)		
	Viola Raheb (Palestine, Austria)		
	Birgit Sauer (Austria)		
	Leah-Carola Czollek (Germany)		
	Werner Vogt (Austria)		Evening programme:
	Robert Misik (Austria)		GET TOGETHER AT VIENNESE HEURIGEN
	Leo Montada (Germany)		
	Franz Martin Wimmer (Austria)		

S aturday 6 th 05.2006. Main theme: Mediation & Science			
9 ⁰⁰ -10 ³⁰	Presenters are:	14 ⁰⁰ -14 ⁵⁰	Main lecture: Johan Galtung (Sweden, Spain, Norway)
	Wilfried Kerntke (Germany)		
	Thomas Henschel (Germany)	15 ⁰⁰ -15 ⁵⁰	Summarizing Dialogue:
	Holger-Christoph Rohne (Germany)		WHAT ARE THE NEW DISCONTENTS IN CULTURE?
	Richard C. Collins (USA)		Friedrich Glasl
			Joseph Duss-von Werdt
			Johan Galtung
11 ⁰⁰ -12 ³⁰	Workshops and Dialogues:	16 ⁰⁰ -17 ⁰⁰	
	Friedrich Glasl (Austria)		
	Johan Galtung (Sweden, Spain, Norway)		
	Horst Zillessen (Germany)		PLAYBACK THEATRE AND FAREWELL
			Ed Watzke

Afternoons: Participants can choose between 10-12 parallel workshops or dialogues with morning presenters and other experts in mediation and culture in German, English or Russian. They will discuss techniques and application of mediation for cultural, political, social and personal conflicts, case reflections of mediation processes and forms of conflict resolution in different settings, areas and cultures and discussion of crucial topics in mediation and conflict studies.

Among these workshop leaders and dialogue partners will be:

Rudi Ballreich, Rainer Bastine, Eveline Brehm, Klaus Brehm, Peter Emmerson, Andrea Fritsch, Leo Gabriel, Brigitte Gans, Friedrich Glasl, Wilfried Graf, Monika Groner, Klaus Harramach, Marcus Hehn, Thomas Hennefeld, Gudrun Kramer, Andrea Lederer-Rothe, Christine Hubka, Andreas Jindra, Stefan Kessen, Doreen Klipstein, Norbert Koblinger, Ruth Kronsteiner, Ursula König, Sibel Kuldaş, Gisela Mähler, Hans-Georg Mähler, Christine Mattl, Ian McDuff, Silvia Michal-Misak, Elke Müller, Barbara Preitler, Susanne Prashak, Elisabeth Reif, Lis Ripke, Margit Rumpler, Tsisana Schamlikashwili, Christian Schwaighofer, Anahita Sojahan, Arthur Trossen, Michael Wandrey, Iris Filie Utz, Lisa Waas, Hermann Zebisch and others.