

Practical Information:

Registration and Participation Fee:

Participation Fee including food etc. but without overnight accommodation € 60,00

Participation Fee including accommodation in a twin room, breakfast and food: € 160,00

There might be a possibility for financial support for accommodation and participation fee but not for travel costs.

Language:

The conference languages are German and English

Registration:

The Registration Form can be downloaded from the web site.

Return to: renate.moser@dioezese-linz.at

**Or by Post: Renate Moser, mensch & arbeit,
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Travel information will be sent when you register

Arrival: Thursday 22nd January 2015 before 18.00

Departures: Sunday 25th January 2015 after breakfast

Information:

Further information on the web site of the Cardijn Verein:

www.cardijn-verein.org

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Seminar Location:

Treffpunkt Mensch & Arbeit Linz-Mitte

Cardijn Haus

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Invitation

Debt(s) – Forgiveness - Liberation

Debt as a weapon of death - theology for life?

Debt(s) and forgiveness (release) are central themes and concepts not only for theology but also for economy and they have high actual relevance

Many initiatives are searching for new ways

⇒ **What are the central dynamics of the economy?**

⇒ **What encouragement comes from practice and theology?**

The Cardijn Association invites people from across Europe who are engaged with debt issues to participate in an...

... international ecumenical seminar.

Linz, Austria,

Thursday 22nd until Sunday 25th January 2015

Invitation:

The seminar is for employed workers and volunteers/activists in social, political and pastoral areas, especially those engaged in addressing:

- Increasing inequality and increasing poverty within and between countries.
- The destruction of the welfare state and the social system based on solidarity.
- Growing unemployment and worsening working conditions

Pastoral and social workers, those in urban industrial mission and with youth and educational work, community workers and trade unionists and those involved in advocacy and campaigning, as well as others in similar fields who are engaged socially and politically.

Aims:

The seminar offers participants the opportunity to:

- Share their analysis of the impact of national and international economic and political decisions on concrete living and working conditions,
- Exchange information and experience of concrete actions in diverse contexts,
- Discover resources of faith, theology and spirituality as the basis for new and promising strategies and
- Explore new approaches for change and renewal.

Through this process of exchange, analysis and theological reflection we are looking for new ways of local, national and international action that can be supported by different people and groups.

Programme:

Key Questions:

- Where do we see increasing debt and modern slavery in practice?
- Where do we see the practice of redemption and liberation?
- How does theology serve to legitimate debt(s) and enslavement?
- How does theology support and empower resistance?
- What encouraging practice has been developed? Are we developing? Could we develop?

Context, Reality und Actions:

We begin with the concrete reality of people living everyday with indebtedness, with the dynamics of debt and the ways towards freedom from debt. We will look at the impact of the financial crisis and debt on the countries of southern and eastern Europe through analysis and the experience of those affected.

The Austrian reality will be used as a ‚mirror‘ for the reflections of the experience of the participants. The focus is on listening and conversation.

Theology and Spirituality:

Starting from the Bible leads us to develop counter-proposals to an economy of debt and exclusion. Together we will concretise a liberating theology for Europe.

A good life and good work for all is the vision and the direction of action.

Next Steps:

We will reflect on our own practice and what has been experienced and learnt from our common experience and plan for future actions.