

**Developing common welfare  
The state between community and global society**

Der Staat zwischen  
Gemeinschaft  
**Gemeinwohl**  
und **entwickeln**  
Weltgesellschaft

**Preliminary program**

*June 2011*

# **5<sup>th</sup> Austrian Conference on Development**

## **Krems**

**October 14-16, 2011**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Austrian Conference on Development will take place in Krems from Friday, October 14, to Sunday, October 16, 2011. It will essentially deal with questions related to state, community and global society. What kind of state do we need to guarantee a good live for everybody? How do we develop common welfare on all levels? The Conference on Development wishes to link and produce knowledge to enable an integrated perception of development.

## **Who will attend the conference?**

The conference addresses experts from the developmental sector, practitioners as well as researchers, who want to look beyond their own disciplines, promote exchange and create new alliances. It's also open to all persons interested in development politics. Concretely, participants will be...

...people, who work in development organisations, in the public sector and in the private / NGO / church sector.

...people, who belong to organisations of the development sector, or to other social organisations.

...people, who are interested in questions of development politics: students from different universities, teachers, activists ...

...opinion leaders in media and politicians.

Number of participants: approx. 300 - 400.

## **What do we aim at with this conference?**

1. To open new spaces for networking.
2. To provide free space for critical thinking, to reflect about the contradictions between individuals and structures.
3. To develop a new concept of development that gives answers to the contradictions of the mainstream system. For doing so, it is necessary to promote knowledge for better orientation in our confusing times and to develop political visions.

## Preliminary program

### Friday, October 14, 2011

- 17.00      **Opening of the conference**  
Stefan Pernkopf, governor of Lower Austria for environment, agriculture and energy  
Ingeborg Rinke, mayoress of Krems  
Jürgen Willer, rector of the Danube University Krems
- 17.40      **Introduction: What´s this conference about? Theses and questions**  
(Andreas Novy)
- 18.00      **Opening Lecture: Marcio Pochmann, IPEA, Brazil: The welfare state is possible. New Brazilian experiences.** (Lecture in Portuguese with translation in German)
- 19.00      Discussants
1. Christian Kloyber, bifeb
  2. Petra Navara-Unterluggauer, AG Global Responsibility
- 20.00      Organic and fair buffet

### Saturday, October 15, 2011

- 9.00      Is the strong development state returning?  
**Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl**, department director of OEZA in the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in dialogue with Irmgard Strach-Kirchner, Südwind Magazine
- 9.30      Lecture 1: **Padma Pushpakanthi, Sri Lanka**, grass-root activist and globalization critic: **Development of common welfare due to or despite of the state?** (Lecture in English with translation in German)

Discussants:

1. Petra Bayr, speaker for development policy affairs of the Social Democratic Party in the National Assembly
2. Werner Raza, ÖFSE

Facilitator: Karin Fischer, Mattersburger Circle

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 Lecture 2: **Daniel Keftassa**, Alemaya University of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Center, Debre Zeit, **Ethiopia**; agronomist and consultant for project monitoring and local organization development: **Community-based development in rural societies in Ethiopia** (Lecture in English with translation in German)

Discussants:

1. Brigitte Öppinger-Walchshofer, Austrian Development Agency
2. Franz Glaser, speaker for development policy affairs of the Austrian People's Party in the National Assembly
3. Birgit Habermann, CDR

Facilitator: Cornelia Staritz, ÖFSE

13.00 Lunch Break

14.30 **Open Space and Workshops**

Open Space, location: Aula Danube University Krems  
Facilitator: Markus Distelberger, Arge 7 Generations

Seven Workshops, location: school center Krems:

1. When the Aid Cavalry is coming. Humanitarian support in a failing state.(Martina Schloffer, Red Cross Austria)
2. Developmental policy resolutions of the Lower Austrian Parliament and the Austrian National Assembly. (Ingrid Schwarz, Südwind NÖ Süd; Gottfried Mernyi)
3. Political Education, Development Policy and Common Welfare. (ÖGPB – Austrian Society for Political Education, Hakan Gürses; Heidi Grobbauer, Komment)
4. “We decide the budget!” What happened to a best practice from the South...(Forum of Development Research in Innsbruck, University of Innsbruck)
5. How to come close to people? Reflection on the community-based approach in Ethiopia (Daniel Keftassa, agronom and consultant, Ethiopia)
6. The City Krems & its local community (Ingeborg Rinke, mayoress of Krems)
7. Who has a fair share? Gender Budgeting in development cooperation (Working Group “Gender”, AG Global Responsibility)

18.30 Dinner

19.30 Soiree with cultural program

1. “That is mean!” Forum theatre, Margarete Meixner together with students of the DUK
2. Music by Cornelia Pesendorfer and BraZaMa

## Sunday, October 16, 2011

9.00 **Lecture: Wolfram Schaffar**, visiting professor at the University of Vienna, Department International Development: **The state in times of globalization.**

### 09.45 **Forum of young scientists**

Short papers written by young researchers on the thematic fields of the conference, previously selected by a jury, will be presented.

Facilitators: Birgit Englert and Andreas Exenberger

11.00 Break

11.30 **Developing common welfare?**

Round Table:

- a. **Irene Etzersdorfer**, Plattform Political Communication, Danube University Krems
- b. **Rahel Baumgartner**, ÖGPB
- c. **Judith Schwentner**, speaker for development policy affairs of the Green Party in the National Assembly

12.45 Closing remarks

13.00 Closing of the conference