



# **Economics Conference of the Goetheanum**

*Part of the Social Sciences Section of the School of Spiritual Science*

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

## **Finance at the Threshold, The Prospects for Associative Economics in our Time**

Further to our initial announcement a few weeks back, we are writing to provide an update concerning the gathering to be held 12-14 August in Toronto. The meeting is being organised by Kim Chotzen with local logistical help from D'Arcy Mackenzie and Doug Wiley. It will take place at Waldorf Academy, near to downtown Toronto. Because of the time of year when it will be held it is important to register early so that accommodation can be organised. Please use the form annexed to do so, or in other ways contact Kim Chotzen c/o [kimchotzenevents@mwt.net](mailto:kimchotzenevents@mwt.net).

The overall theme of the programme is intended to give a context for looking at how associative economics is developing in terms of its affect on the world of economics, and in particular how things stand in North America. (Similar events are being held in Argentina and in Brazil in late July, early August.) The session themes are intended to plot the development of associative economics from its historically embryonic expression with Aristotle right up until our times, with Rudolf Steiner now beginning to appear in mainstream settings.

Although organised and carried by members of the Economics Conference, the event is open to anyone interested in the contribution of spiritual science to modern economic affairs, as elaborated by Rudolf Steiner and those who take him as their reference.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Chotzen and Christopher Houghton Budd

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Event will be held at Waldorf Academy, 250 Madison Ave, Toronto, Ontario M4V 2W6, Canada

### **Costs:**

The cost is USD 125 to include the meeting room and refreshments, but excluding accommodation (see below). Of this, a non-refundable deposit of USD 50 is due on registering with the balance payable on or before 5 August (to keep the admin simple).

### **Lodging options:**

Bed and breakfast within walking distance: The Admiral St. George, Castlegate Inn, Madison Manor and Markham House. See: [http://www.bbcanada.com/ontario/greater\\_toronto\\_area/toronto](http://www.bbcanada.com/ontario/greater_toronto_area/toronto).

Hotels: Holiday Inn – 20 minute's walk. Delta Chelsea – 40 minute's walk

Home stay arrangements will be available on a limited basis for \$25.00/per night.

There are also a number of youth hostels.

### **Travel Information:**

Direct flights from Chicago, Boston, NY, or Newark to Toronto Island (city) Airport. There is public transit system from most any part of the city.

# Finance and the Threshold

## The Prospects for Associative Economics in our Time

*An Economics Conference Gathering*

	Friday, August 12	Saturday, August 13	Sunday, August 14
9:30	This is an outline programme designed to give a common basis to all events.  Each theme session is conceived as a focusing contribution (by CHB) with discussion confined to clarification of the topic.	<b>Rudolf Steiner: The Other Austrian</b> Associative economics in a neo-liberal world	<b>Banking on Youth and Trade</b> The future lies with young initiatives and financial literacy
10:30	The Open Discussions are intended as opportunities to hear about participants' initiatives.	Pause	Pause
11:00		Open Discussion	Open Discussion and Closing
1:00	The content of the Open Evening is to be decided by those taking part.	Lunch	Lunch
2:00		<b>Finance and the Threshold</b> The spiritual challenge of modern finance	Review and Closing
4:00		Pause	
4:30	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Open Discussion	
6:00	Supper	Supper	
8:00 to 9:30	<b>Aristotle / Thomas Aquinas / Rudolf Steiner</b> A continuing legacy	Open Evening	

**For registration and lodging questions, contact:**

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- I would like to attend the **Toronto Economics Conference** meeting on 12-14 August 2011, and enclose (or have paid via Paypal) my non-refundable deposit of **USD 50**.

*(I understand the balance of USD75 is payable by 5 August.)*

- I would like to arrange a home stay at **USD 25** per person per night
- I will make my own arrangements.

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