

Diploma in Associative Economics

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Language: English

The *Diploma in Associative Economics* is a distance learning process supervised by Dr Christopher Houghton Budd but 'driven' by the student. It is organised in the following way.

Portfolio:

It requires the student to design, organise and maintain a portfolio (see Section 6 in Mentoring Guidelines) that, when complete, demonstrates his conceptual understanding, technical grasp, and practical experience in regard to associative economics. The student is the author of this portfolio and the role of the mentor is to coach the student in whatever way is relevant to his situation.

The aim of the diploma is primarily to acquaint the student with the approach to economics instigated by Rudolf Steiner¹ in 1922 and to ask how economics as he perceived it already lives in or could be brought about in today's circumstances. In practice, however, it is based on doctoral-style mentoring undertaken with a view to equipping students for eventual accreditation by both mainstream and alternative institutions in the fields of economics, finance and business.

For practical purposes portfolios are evaluated at a level not less than MBA and according to guidelines of a standard not less than those of a university of good standing. Importance is also attached to the monetary and financial aspects of economic life. These are not absolute criteria, but signal the level at which a student should pitch his studies.

Taught Elements:

- Attendance at the *Colours of Money*² workshop (or its equivalent).
- Participation in the 9-module *Metamorphosis of Capitalism*³ course (or its equivalent).

Tutored Element:

- One-on-one-supervision by a combination of remote and face-to-face sessions (as agreed between mentor and student).

Presentations:

- Peer group- and panel-based presentations.

Reading:

The basic reading requirements are:

A Human Response to Globalisation – Discovering Associative Economics, Marc Desaules.

The Metamorphosis of Capitalism – Realising Associative Economics, Christopher Houghton Budd.

Prelude in Economics, A new approach to economics, Christopher Houghton Budd.

Economics – The World as One Economy, Rudolf Steiner.

(All these can be bought online at cfae.biz/publications.)

Other reading, which should be germane to the overall purpose of the diploma and to the student's chosen topic, is as suggested and agreed between the mentor and the student.

Cost:

There is a one-off non-refundable registration fee of £50. Any course or module that the student is required to take is paid for at the published price when it is taken. Otherwise mentoring services are tailored to the needs of the student and charged on an hourly rate (to be agreed with the student) on an 'as incurred' basis. Students pay 5 hours in advance.

¹ Rudolf Steiner (1861-1925), a philosopher and scientist whose concept of economics is of a single world economy, associatively managed.

² For details of this course please contact chb@cfae.biz.

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