



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 15. 1. 2006 € 280.- Special fees for ARGE-participants in current training programmes, till 15. 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) after November 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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Thursday, 4th May 2006: Main theme: **Man & Culture**7³⁰-9⁰⁰ Registration 14³⁰-18⁰⁰ Workshops and Dialogues
(in English, German or Russian)9⁰⁰-13⁰⁰ Presenters are:

Fred **Kelly** (Canada)
 Ruth **Mischnik** (Germany, Indonesia) 18³⁰-19³⁰ Evening lecture (in German):
 Arthur **Trossen** (Germany, Latvia) Roland **Girtler** (Austria)
 Niranjana **Bhatt** (India)
 Amir **Zaidan** (Syria, Austria)
 Florian **Gommel** (Germany, Nigeria)
 Gisela and Hans-Georg **Mähler** (Germany)
 Galina **Pochmelkina** (Russia)

Friday 5th May 2006: Main theme: **Man & Ethics**9⁰⁰-13⁰⁰ Presenters are: 14³⁰-18⁰⁰ 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)

Saturday 6th 05.2006. Main theme: **Mediation & Science**9⁰⁰-10³⁰ Presenters are: 14⁰⁰-14⁵⁰ Main lecture:
Johan **Galtung** (Sweden, Spain, Norway)

Wilfried **Kerntke** (Germany)
 Thomas **Henschel** (Germany) 15⁰⁰-15⁵⁰ Summarizing Dialogue:
 Holger-Christoph **Rohne** (Germany)
 Günther **Schiepek** (Germany)

11⁰⁰-12³⁰ Workshops and Dialogues:
 Friedrich **Glasl** (Austria)
 Johan **Galtung** (Sweden, Spain, Norway)
 Horst **Zillessen** (Germany)

WHAT ARE THE NEW DISCONTENTS IN CULTURE?
 Friedrich **Glasl**
 Joseph **Duss-von Werdt**
 Johan **Galtung**

16⁰⁰-17⁰⁰
 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 **Kuldas**, Gisela **Mähler**, Hans-Georg **Mähler**, Christine **Mattl**, Silvia **Michal-Misak**, Elke **Müller**, Barbara **Preitler**, Susanne **Praschak**, 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.

WELCOME TO VIENNA! **W**ELCOME TO THE CONFERENCE!