

## After the Crisis?

### Social, Economic and Political Tendencies in Europe and its Regions

What are the new challenges posed by inequalities and corruption and how can be palliated? Which kind of economic policies do we need? Is the whole capitalist system into question? What is the role of civil society in the new contexts? Which Europe do we want or expect and what are the dilemmas concerning nationality, sovereignty and collective identity? The aim of this workshop is to discuss the social, political and economic circumstances of the European regions after the economic crisis. This is an open and interdisciplinary workshop promoted by the Institute of German Cultural Studies (Ruhr-Universität Bochum) and Stiftung Mercator (Essen—Germany), in collaboration with the Department of Philosophy and the City Council of Oviedo. Students, citizens, experts, social and political agents from different countries will debate searching for a better understanding of what is coming after the economic crisis; they will propose and discuss initiatives and solutions.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> International Workshop

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## Timetable

### November 19: Arrival & reception

20:00 "Hello Oviedo" – A short colloquium  
afterwards: Get together

### November 20: The Civil Society – protest & progress

*Keywords:* Social movements and their role in the new political tendencies. Artistic and alternative proposals. Initiatives of civil society.

9:30 Addresses of Welcome  
University of Oviedo, Council of Oviedo,  
Ruhr-University Bochum, RUB Europadialog

10:00 Guest lecture  
Prof. Dr. Adolfo García Martínez  
The Asturian rural society: change, situation  
and perspectives. An anthropological approach  
Discussion

11:15 Coffee break

11:30 Roundtable 1: Social organizations  
Chair: Stefano Leucci, RUB Europadialog  
Gimena Llamedo, AACD  
Amnesty International in Asturias  
María Jesús Llorente, ACCEM Oviedo  
Gonzalo Moure, *Literature: Lab and Tool*  
Selma Rakovac, RUB Europadialog  
Discussion

13:30 Lunch break

15:00 Capital city of Asturias – Administrative center in  
Spain – European cultural heritage  
Guided tour in Oviedo. Meeting point: Plaza de la  
Escandalera

18:30 Evaluation of the city trip, RUB Europadialog  
afterwards: dinner



Calle Marques de Santa Cruz

## Timetable

### November 21: What do you live on? Economy & equality

*Keywords:* Economic inequality, corruption and other malfunctions: explaining the problems and looking for solutions; social responsibility of local and multinational companies. Flexible capitalism and its demands for workers and states. Which kind of economic policies do we need? New institutional tendencies.

9:30 Lecture: Cultural Studies  
Prof. Dr. Mirjana Stančić, Univ. of Bochum  
Defending Capitalism – a lifelong experience

10:15 Lecture: Social Philosophy  
Dr. Thierry Ngosso, University of St. Gallen  
From Profit to Provision: Rethinking the  
normative function of business corporations in a  
post-crisis context

11:00 Comment (both lectures):  
Drs. Siebo M. H. Janssen, Univ. of Cologne  
Dr. Camilo Erlichman, RUB Europadialog  
Discussion

12:00 Coffee break

12:15 Roundtable 2: Economic problems  
Chair: Paco Millan Rodriguez, RUB Europadialog  
Dr Ignacio Loy Madera, CCOO  
Roberto Mochales Álvarez, Triodos Bank  
María González de León, RUB Europadialog  
Discussion

14:00 Lunch break

14:45 Outside Workshops (small groups)  
Tourism in Asturias I: The mountains  
Tourism in Asturias II: The sea  
Cultural Heritage  
Mining and Steel industries  
Everyday Life & Living Conditions

19:00 Evaluation & Diashow

### November 22: Cultural Excursion

Avilés and the Centro Niemeyer (particular programs)

18:00 Concluding discussion

## Timetable

### November 23: Politics – for today & tomorrow

*Keywords:* New political initiatives/agents in Spain and other countries. Rethinking the European Union and its internal tensions. Migrations, independent movements, ideas of nation and state. Rethinking democracy.

9:30 Lecture: Economy  
Prof. Dr. Manuel Hernández Muñiz, Oviedo  
Economy and Equity: the Friction of Learning  
Discussion

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Roundtable 3: Political organizations  
Chair: Dr. Ubaldo Villani-Lubelli, RUB Europadialog  
Dr. Francisco Javier Gil, Univ. of Oviedo & SAF  
Juan Ponte, politician  
Matteo Scotto, RUB Europadialog  
Lucas Álvarez Canga, RUB Europadialog  
Discussion

13:30 Lunch break

16:00 Roundtable 4: Integrating future players.

*Keywords:* Discussion with secondary students: Personal and collective experiences. Education, emigration and immigration during and after the crisis. Problems, challenges and proposals.

Chair: José Manuel Morales, RUB Europadialog  
Sofiya Lykhohray, Univ. Santiago de Compostela  
Students from Aramo Secondary School of Oviedo  
Discussion

18:30 Chocolate

19:00 Summary / Drs. Siebo M. H. Janssen  
Final discussion  
afterwards: fare-well dinner