



Buddhist Insights for a New World Economy

3rd Conference of the Buddhist Economics Research Platform

January 18-19, 2010 in Brisbane, Australia

A partnership of the Buddhist Economics Research Platform, and Griffith University's School of Environment and Multi-faith Centre, are pleased to announce the 3rd Conference of the Buddhist Economics Research Platform titled "Buddhist Insights for a New World Economy." The conference welcomes people from all perspectives and backgrounds and is intended to be a think-tank identifying practical knowledge and wisdom, with a focus upon Buddhism, for new economies where people matter (Schumacher, 1973).

The Buddhist Economics Research Platform aims to connect people and institutes engaged in developing Buddhist economic theory and practice and to spread ideas and working models of Buddhist economics and management to private enterprise, and public and other organizations, communities, and the general public. The Platform is a continuation of the cooperative research and publications of many scholars from Europe, Asia, Australia, and North America and follows the previous two conferences:

1. [Economics with a Buddhist Face.](#) 1st conference of the Buddhist Economics Research Platform held August 23-24, 2007 in Budapest, Hungary.
 2. [Buddhist Economics: Theory and Practice.](#) 2nd international conference held at Ubon Ratchathani University, Thailand April 9-11, 2009.
- (see the links below)

A web page for the conference is under construction and will be available by mid-August 2010.

Background

The economies of debt, greed and carbon-based, high impact, fossil energy can no longer be sustained. While most people in the consumer market economy continue to subscribe to a theory of happiness based upon material accumulation and control, the credibility and viability of this theory have never seemed so tenuous. There is growing evidence that this path leads to neither healthy, sustainable world economies nor growth in individual and community well-being. While recognition of the problematic nature of existing modes of production and consumption may be far from complete, it is growing, together with the search for alternative knowledge, visions and guides for human motives and behavior. In this conference, we consider how Buddhist and related world views can contribute to the envisioning and implementation of more sustainable economies that truly enhance well-being.

Indicative Topics for the Conference

- Buddhism and sustainability
- Business and organisational ethics for sustainable and healthy economic systems – inspirations from Buddhism
- Measuring progress in a new world economy
- New financial models based on interdependence
- Ethical finance
- Alternative economic systems and institutions utilizing Buddhist perspectives
- Buddhism and sustainable consumption
- Other thematic ideas are welcome

Previous Conference Websites

1st conference - Hungary

http://ethics.bkae.hu/html/buddhist_index.htm

2nd conference – Thailand

<http://buddhist-economics.info/index.html>

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Place and Date

The venue for the “Buddhism in the New World Economy” conference will be the Multifaith Centre at Griffith University’s Nathan Campus in Brisbane, Australia. The campus is about 9 kms south of Brisbane’s central business district. The formal presentations will be held January 18th and 19th with a day of field activities planned for January 20th.

Participation Fee of the Conference

\$US 230 for regular participants
(approx 170 Euros or \$Aust 250)

\$US 130 for participants not having institutional support
(approx 100 Euros or \$Aust 150)

\$US 85 for students and accompanying persons
(approx 70 Euros or \$Aust 100)

Accommodation within walking distance will be available from about \$60-100 Australian per night for single accommodation – cheaper if sharing.

Submissions

Interested participants should email an *abstract* of their planned presentation (about 250 words) accompanied by a *biographical note* (100 words) electronically by September 15, 2010 to:

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