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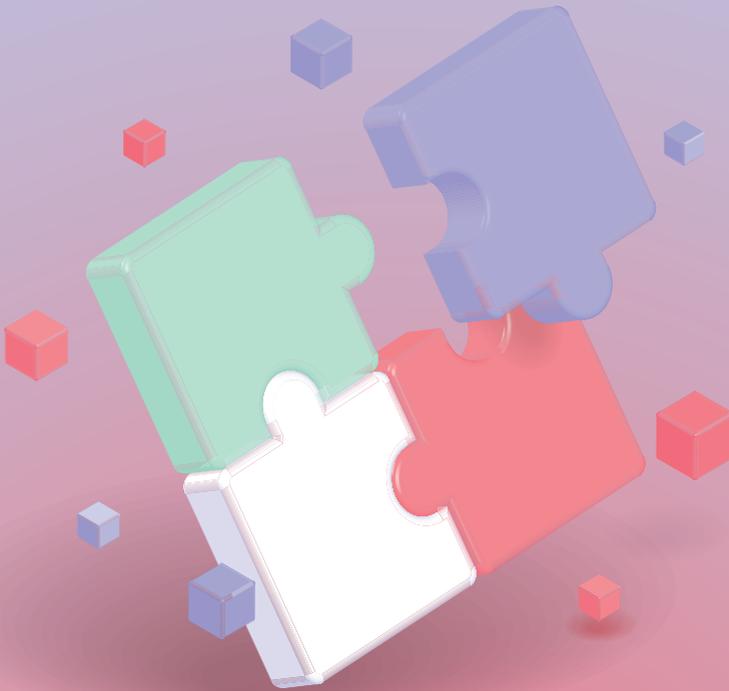
# 6th FOUNDATIONAL ECONOMY

## CONFERENCE VIENNA

Exploring the Foundational Economy  
for a Just Transition

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**Programme**



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## About

Multiple crises – war, global warming, disasters, famine and social injustice – are generating heightened insecurity among populations and trigger the search for security and stability. Defending, strengthening and expanding accessible, affordable and sustainable foundational goods and services is thus a cornerstone of an eco-social transformation that can secure everyone's basic needs.

From the 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at the 6<sup>th</sup> Foundational Economy Conference academics and practitioners will discuss about these challenges and critically engage with the concept of the Foundational Economy, exploring potentials for strengthening and building better foundational systems. Approaches to the Foundational Economy will be put in conversation with feminist, degrowth and intersectional perspectives on social provisioning and eco-social transformation. All keynotes and the panel discussion will be livestreamed.

# Programme

14<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## 9.30 – 10.00 Opening of the Conference

- Welcome by Michael Getzner, TU Vienna & Alexandra Strickner, Competence Center for Infrastructure Economics, Public Services and Social Provisioning
- Welcome by Jens Schneider, Rector of TU Vienna
- Welcome by NN, Foundational Economy Collective

## 10.00 – 11.00 Keynote

### The crisis of everyday liveability & what to do about it

Julie Froud, University of Manchester

Moderation: Astrid Krisch, University of Oxford

## 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

## 11.30 – 13.00 Parallel Sessions

- PS1: Analysing government responses to the cost-of-living crisis across Europe: system stabilisation instead of just transition?
- PS2: Transformative Climate Actions (TCAs), the foundational economy and the property question
- PS3: Housing: Vulnerability, commodification and de-commodification in the housing sector
- PS4: Digitalization: Digitization, platforms and infrastructures
- PS5: Urban Planning: Participation, transition and transformation in cities
- PS6: Circular Economy: Circularity in the foundational economy

## 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

## 14.30 – 16.30 Parallel Sessions

- PS1: Universal Basic Service: the key to unlocking a just and sustainable economy
- PS2: Culture, Cultural Policy and the Foundational Economy
- PS3: Foundational Liveability: towards a multidimensional understanding
- PS4: Der Kampf ums Wasser (The fight for water – Session in German)
- PS5: Mixed topics: Economic development, progress, and degrowth
- PS6: Energy: Democracy, inclusion, and the energy transition

## 16.30 – 17.00 Coffee Break

## 17.00 – 19.00 Plenary Debate: A good life for all within planetary boundaries.

### Welfare in degrowth transformations

Keynote - Max Koch, Lund University (via Zoom)

Followed by a panel discussion in German with simultaneous translation into English with

- **Leonore Gewessler**, Austrian Federal Minister for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology
- **Jürgen Czernohorszky**, Executive City Councillor for Climate, Environment, Democracy and Personnel of the City of Vienna
- **Lukas Oberndorfer**, Head of the Department Environment & Mobility, Chamber of Labor Vienna
- **Andrea E. Schmidt**, Head of the Competence Center for Climate and Health, Austrian National Health Institute
- **Willi Haas**, Institute for Social Ecology, BOKU & Lead-Author of the APCC Report - Structures for Climate-friendly Living

Moderation: **Nora Laufer**, Der Standard

20.00 Reception hosted by the Mayor and Governor of Vienna  
Michael Ludwig - Rathauskeller

**Keynote** - 10.00 - 11.00

**The crisis of everyday liveability & what to do about it**

*Julie Froud, University of Manchester*



*Julie Froud is Professor at the Alliance Manchester Business School, University of Manchester UK. She has worked for more than 20 years with fellow researchers originally on financialisation and its impact, and more recently on the foundational economy. Together with Luca Calafati and Colin Haslam she is publishing in August in 2023 the book “When Nothing Works: From Cost of Living to Foundational Liveability”, Manchester University Press.*

In her keynote Julie Froud will use the lens of liveability to explore both the current acute cost of living crisis in Europe and the wider, more chronic crisis for households of accessing good quality services and social infrastructure, as well as adequate incomes to meet the cost of essentials. The foundational liveability framing provides a focus both for analysis that can highlight distinctive experiences between households and European countries, and for thinking about policy.

**Parallel Sessions 11.30 - 13.00**

**PS1: Analysing government responses to the cost-of-living crisis across Europe: system stabilisation instead of just transition?**

*Bärnthaler, Richard; Neuhuber, Tatjana; Plank, Leonhard; Bassen, David; Busso, Sandro; Dagnes, Joselle; Salento, Angelo; Froud, Julie; Haslam, Colin; Johal, Sukhdev; Williams, Karel.*

This session explores how governments across Europe have responded in various ways to the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and the implications of these responses. The first part compares the share of total income spend on Foundational Economy between higher and lower income households in Austria, the UK, Belgium, and Italy – both before and after the cost-of-living crisis hit. The second part discusses different national responses and their respective impacts. Finally, part three explores policy implications and what a more coherent and sustainable approach to foundational systems could look like.

**PS2: Transformative Climate Actions (TCAs), the foundational economy and the property question**

*Maltzahn, Lisette von; Müller, Hannah Lucia; Novy, Andreas & Hahnenkamp, Paul.*

Societal material and energy consumption needs to be reduced drastically to prevent ecological breakdown. This requires settlement structures and a foundational economy that enable climate friendly living for all. So far climate actions have failed in delivering those. In this session the preliminary results of the research project TRANSREAL on transformative climate actions (TCAs) will be presented and discussed in relation with the foundational economy and property rights. TCAs have been defined as being desirable, effective, and feasible while fulfilling 6 characteristics: TCAs link pragmatic and radical actions; shape framework conditions for climate-friendly living to transform societal modes of living; operate on multiple levels; broaden climate targets to social-ecological goals; prioritise avoiding harm and CO2-emissions and ensure basic provisioning and limit overconsumption. The concept of TCAs has been applied to settlement structures in two Austrian micro-regions. A further dimension that will be explored in this session is how property rights can be on the one hand barriers towards settlement structures and a foundational economy that enable climate friendly living and on the other if property right could also be operationalised to develop TCAs.

**PS3: Housing: Vulnerability, commodification and de-commodification in the housing sector**

*Kumnig, Sarah; Litschauer, Katharina; Pfeifer, Richard; Kramar, Hans; Happ, Stephanie.*

The following papers will be presented:

- Housing Provision between Commodification and Decommodification: Contested Instruments and Practices in Vienna. Kumnig, Sarah; Litschauer, Katharina
- Revisiting Jim Kemeny’s housing theory: Contested housing imaginaries in Vienna and Brussels. Pfeifer, Richard
- Vulnerability Check for Austrian cities. Kramar, Hans; Happ, Stephanie

**PS4: Digitalization: Digitization, platforms and infrastructures**

*Mettenberger, Tobias; Marrone, Marco.*

The following papers will be presented:

- High hopes and high hurdles. On the Digitization of Rural Foundational Economies. Mettenberger, Tobias
- The platformization of foundational infrastructures: the case of Poste Italiane, Marrone, Marco

**PS5: Urban Planning: Participation, transition and transformation in cities**

*Ware, Sarah; Krisch, Astrid; Suitner, Johannes; Aziz, Usman.*

The following papers will be presented:

- Insurgent planning: locating transformational practices in the spaces between formal and informal participation. Ware, Sarah
- Engaging with foundational change from the ground up: Mutual learning between risky micro-interventions and institutionalised planning configurations in the quest for urban transformation. Krisch, Astrid; Suitner, Johannes
- Toward green and just transitions in city regions: A study of three different approaches to urban sustainability policymaking. Aziz, Usman

**PS6: Circular Economy: Circularity in the foundational economy**

*Thompson, Matthew; Meyer, Ina; Baumgartner, Jasmin.*

The following papers will be presented:

- Recycling imaginaries in the post-Yugoslav space: city-regional waste management as the foundation for political-economic transformation? Thompson, Matthew; Beel, David; Jones, Ian Rees; Morgan, Kevin; Jones, Martin
- The combined economic effects of decarbonization and circular economy. Sommer, Mark; Haas, Willi; Meyer, Ina; Baumgart, Andre; Eisenmenger, Nina; Virag, Doris; Kratena, Kurt
- Building a common foundation: reviving the foundational economy through the transition to a circular construction economy. Baumgartner, Jasmin; Bassens, David; De Temmerman, Niels

**PS1: Universal Basic Service: the key to unlocking a just and sustainable economy**

*Coote, Anna; Mang, Sebastian; Dengler, Corinna; Bärnthaler, Richard.*

To achieve a fair and sustainable global economy, we must ensure that everyone has access to life’s essentials - the things we all need to thrive now and in the future. Universal Basic Services (UBS) are a vehicle for addressing this challenge. UBS is a key component of the foundational economy - a set of collective measures designed to meet these needs through public services, backed by investment of public funds and regulation for sustainability and quality. By prioritizing and extending UBS, we can reduce poverty and inequality while building provisioning systems that proactively safeguard environmental limits. The challenge now is to develop UBS in a way that promotes economic participation, strengthens democracy, and promotes a prosperous economy without fuelling unsustainable growth. The session will discuss how we can build on past and current experiences to ensure that UBS is implemented effectively.

**PS2: Culture, Cultural Policy and the Foundational Economy**

*O’Connor, Justin; Meyrick, Julian; Barnett, Tully; Gilmore, Abigail; Burnhil-Maier, Claire.*

This session draws on the collective work of the Adelaide-based Reset Art and Culture collective, begun in 2021. We argue that the creative industries paradigm had not only run its course but was actively damaging cultural policy’s ability to grapple with new challenges. We also suggest that without culture many existing programmes of transition would be weakened. Finally, Reset identifies the Foundational Approach as a useful way of radically rethinking the ground of a new progressive cultural policy. Panelists will outline among others how the Foundational Approach can help us rethink cultural policy for a just transition; what does it mean, to place cultural policy inside the production boundary, as a generator of value in itself, and not just in respect of culture’s (imagined) disaggregated benefits or “spill-overs”; what benefit is gained from applying doughnut economics thinking to the arts and culture sector, and what can doughnut economics teach us about cultural policy, cultural value and how we understand and communicate the purpose and benefit of arts and culture in and for societies.

### **PS3: Foundational Liveability: towards a multidimensional understanding**

*Grabow, Simon; Riepl, Tobias; Froud, Julie; Haslam, Colin; Johal, Sukhdev; Williams, Karel.*

From the very beginning, foundational thinking has highlighted that liveability cannot be reduced to sufficient individual income, but also builds upon the collective provision of good quality foundational goods and services, that is, the shared infrastructures of everyday life. As such, it seeks alternatives to traditional GVA/GDP frames, which are biased towards individual market income, impose a unitary identity upon regions, and fallaciously assume that higher productivity solves low-wage problems. Residual income is a preferred alternative metric, measured as post-tax disposable household income minus the inescapable costs of household essentials such as utilities, food, housing, and transport. It strikes a balance between market-income-based private consumption and infrastructure-based collective consumption. This session explores developments of analytical frameworks to study foundational liveability in a spatio-temporal way and includes empirics and cases.

### **PS4: Der Kampf ums Wasser (The fight for water – Session in German)**

*Blöschl, Robert; Strutzmann, Iris; Goudriaan, Jan Willem; Kahlert, Andreas (tbc); Neunteufel, Roman; Urbanek, Bettina.*

Laut dem neuesten IPCC-Bericht leben bis zu 3,6 Milliarden Menschen in Regionen, die durch die Klimakrise stark gefährdet sind. Bereits jetzt leidet die Hälfte der Weltbevölkerung zumindest einen Teil des Jahres unter schwerem Wassermangel. Auch in Österreich und einigen Ländern Europas erleben wir zunehmend neue Hitzerekorde und regelmäßige Trockenperioden, die unsere Wasservorräte reduzieren. Diese Entwicklungen werfen die Frage auf, wie es aktuell um die Wasserversorgung in Europa bestellt ist und ob bzw. wie sichergestellt ist, dass auch zukünftig noch alle Menschen einen Zugang zu sauberem und leistbarem Trinkwasser haben. Im Mittelpunkt des Workshops stehen u.a. folgende Fragestellungen: Wie kann das Menschenrecht auf Wasser und damit eine faire Verteilung bei Wasserverknappung sichergestellt werden? Welche Rolle spielt die öffentliche Wasserversorgung für Versorgungssicherheit und wie kann eine ausreichende Finanzierung

dieser sichergestellt werden? Wie kann Privatisierungsbestrebungen entgegengewirkt werden? Welche Nutzungskonflikte ergeben sich durch den Rückgang der Wasserbestände? Welche Auswirkungen hat die Wasserverknappung auf die Energieproduktion? Welche Eckpunkte sollte eine nationale Wasserstrategie beinhalten? Diese Fragen diskutierten Robert Blöschl (younion\_Die Daseinsgewerkschaft) und Iris Strutzmann (Arbeiterkammer Wien) u.a. mit Jan Willem Goudriaan (Europäischer Gewerkschaftsverband für den Öffentlichen Dienst/EPUS), Andreas Kahlert, ver.di (tbc); Roman Neunteufel, Universität für Bodenkultur und Bettina Urbanek, WWF.

### **PS5: Mixed topics: Economic development, progress, and degrowth**

*Egyed, Ildiko; Zsibók, Zsuzsanna; Bottone, Germana; Aigner, Ernest.*

The following papers will be presented:

- Exploring firm performance in Central and Eastern European Regions: a foundational approach. Egyed, Ildiko; Zsibók, Zsuzsanna
- When words matter. Progress vs economic growth. Bottone, Germana
- COMMONSIM: Exploring degrowth and commonism in an agent-based utopia, Aigner, Ernest; Gerdes, Lena; Scholz-Waeckerle, Manuel; Meretz, Stefan; Pahl, Hanno; Schlemm, Annette; Schröter, Jens; Sutterlütli, Simon

### **PS6: Energy: Democracy, inclusion, and the energy transition**

*Villela, Malu; Blake, Christopher; Bonfert, Bernd; Barning, Lucas; Wiechers, Henk.*

The following papers will be presented:

- Cross-sector work between the community and institutional levels: unlocking the potential for inclusive and sustainable foundational economies. Villela, Malu; Blake, Christopher
- 'We like the idea of sharing energy but currently there's no advantage to do it.' Transformative opportunities and limitations of Local Energy Communities. Bonfert, Bernd
- Talking About Democracy – Examining Energy Democracy Discourse Among Energy Sector Practitioners. Barning, Lucas; Wiechers, Henk

**Panel Discussion 17.00 to 19.00**

**A good life for all within planetary boundaries.  
The contribution of services of general interest or everyday economics  
and the challenges for a Just Transition.**

To mitigate the impacts of the climate crisis and avoid reaching tipping points and triggering unpredictable, amplifying dynamics, profound societal changes must take place at all levels. As the APCC Special Report on structures for climate-friendly living shows, framework conditions in particular need to change. This includes welfare states. Welfare states have successfully increased the prosperity of their citizens and protected them against a variety of social risks. However, they have also contributed to the ecological crisis and must now systematically integrate ecological risks. Strengthening the everyday economy - including the expansion of public infrastructures and the improvement of public services of general interest - is an essential building block to enable an affordable, climate-friendly, safe life for all. In the 21st century, a sustainable welfare state policy consists above all of identifying and facilitating synergies between social and ecological objectives and of weighing up conflicting goals. What challenges arise against the background of these objectives? What questions need to be addressed? What political framework conditions and measures are needed to enable a Just Transition?

**Keynote (via Zoom)  
“Welfare in degrowth transformations”**

Max Koch, University of Lund



Max Koch is a professor of social policy and sustainability at Lund University, Sweden. His research addresses patterns of capitalist growth and its impacts on the social structure, environment and wellbeing. Most recent publication about to be published: *Deep transformations: A Theory of Degrowth*. Hubert Buch-Hansen, Max Koch and Iana Nesterova, Manchester University Press

Based on the forthcoming book “Deep transformations: A Theory of Degrowth” by Hubert Buch-Hansen, Max Koch and Iana Nesterova, Max Koch will offer in his keynote a theoretical understanding of degrowth

transformations and the role of (welfare) states therein, combining critical realism, political economy, materialist state theory and Bourdieusean sociology. He will also present empirical research on degrowth transformations in Sweden, namely qualitative data from deliberative citizen forums and quantitative survey results on sustainable welfare and the support for eco-social policies.

This keynote will be followed by a panel discussion, in which the following persons will participate:

- **Leonore Gewessler**, Austrian Federal Minister for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology
- **Jürgen Czernohorszky**, Executive City Councillor for Climate, Environment, Democracy and Personnel of the City of Vienna
- **Lukas Oberndorfer**, Head of the Department Environment & Mobility, Chamber of Labor Vienna
- **Andrea E. Schmidt**, Head of the Competence Center for Climate and Health, Austrian National Health Institute
- **Willi Haas**, Institute for Social Ecology, BOKU & Lead-Author of the APCC Report - Structures for Climate-friendly Living

Moderation  
**Nora Laufer**, Der Standard

*The panel debate will be held in German with simultaneous translation into English.*

**20.00 Reception hosted by the Mayor and Governor of Vienna  
Michael Ludwig - Rathauskeller**

Address: Wiener Rathauskeller, Rathausplatz 1, 1010 Vienna.

# Programme

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## 9.30 – 11.00 Keynotes

- Keynote 1  
**Caring Societies? Feminist Lessons for the Foundational Economy**  
Corinna Dengler, Vienna University of Economics and Business  
Moderation: Emma Dowling, University of Vienna
- Keynote 2  
**Owning the Future – Building democratic ownership**  
Mathew Lawrence, Common Wealth Think Tank  
Moderation: Richard Bärnthaler, Vienna University of Economics and Business

## 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

## 11.30 – 13.00 Parallel Sessions

- PS1: Solving the Care Crisis from Below: Current Struggles and Challenges.
- PS2: Visible and Non-Visible Food Networks.
- PS3: Social Infrastructure – Current research and future pathways.
- PS4: Degrowth and the Foundational Economy - Strategies for social-ecological transformation.
- PS5: Mixed topics: Local provision, remunicipalization and infrastructures

## 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

## 14.30 – 16.00 Parallel Session

- PS1: Financing the Transition to a Foundational Economy.
- PS2: Foundational Economy as Communal Luxury.
- PS3: Good housing for all within planetary limits: a reality check for Austria.
- PS4: Transforming economic education with the Foundational Economy idea?
- PS5: Value of Work & New Risks
- PS6: Degrowth: Sufficiency, degrowth, and social ecological economics

## 16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

## 16.30 – 17.00 Wrap-up and outcomes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Foundational Economy Congress

Moderation: Alexandra Strickner

## 17.00 – 18.00 Egon Matzner Award Ceremony & Closing of FEC 2023

Keynotes 9.00 - 11.00

**Keynote 1: Caring Societies? Feminist Lessons for the Foundational Economy**

*Corinna Dengler, Vienna University of Economics and Business*

The Covid-19 pandemic once again proved that the wealth and well-being of the world rest upon the sphere of both paid and unpaid care work – and yet: Moving from a structurally care-less economic system to caring societies is far from easy. In her keynote speech, Corinna Dengler, foregrounds unpaid care work as the invisible foundation of our societies and asks what lessons Foundational Economy advocates can learn from feminist engagement with care.

**Keynote 2: Owning the Future – Building democratic ownership**

*Mathew Lawrence, Common Wealth Think Tank*

What foundation is the foundational economy built upon? Fundamental to its operation is how it is owned and governed. Yet from private equity care homes to the privatisation of utilities to the financialisation of housing, extractive property relations increasingly dominate. In his keynote speech, Mathew Lawrence traces how the foundational economy has been reconfigured through transformations in ownership into a site of wealth extraction and financial engineering, and asks what movement can reclaim it for a life-centred economy?



*Corinna Dengler works as an Assistant Professor at the Institute for Multilevel Governance and Development (MLGD) at the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU Vienna). Her research focuses on feminist ecological economics, care, degrowth, and the political economy of inequality. She is co-editor of the book “Caring Societies: New dependencies or more equality?”, published open access by Beltz Juventa in 2022.*



*Mathew Lawrence is the founder and Director of Common Wealth, a UK-based think tank that designs ownership models for a democratic and sustainable society. He is the co-author of Owning the Future (2022) and Planet on Fire (2021), both with Verso Books.*

Parallel Sessions 11.30 – 13.00

**PS1: Solving the Care Crisis from Below: Current Struggles and Challenges**

*Dowling, Emma; Gösenbauer, Barbara; Braun, Alexander; Tecklenburg, Feline; Manka, Inge; Riß, Sabina; Scheufler, Leon; Kussy, Angelina*

This session will discuss the connections between feminist perspectives and foundational economy approaches. A particular focus is the ongoing, multi-faceted care crisis and the hurdles, strategies and struggles to bring about change in different urban and rural, paid and unpaid, settings. The following papers will be presented:

- The Socioeconomic Impact of Informal Elderly Long-term Care and its Gender Distribution. A Systematic Review. Gösenbauer, Barbara; Braun, Alexander
- (Re)constructing Agents of Power in the Care Economy Sector - Different Approaches of the Care Economy Movement in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Tecklenburg, Feline; Beulshausen, Liska
- How Intersectional Feminism Impacts Space and Care in Rural Areas. Hirschler, Petra; Manka, Inge; Riß, Sabina; Scheufler, Leon
- The Caring City? A Critical Reflection on Barcelona’s Municipal Experiments in Care and the Commons. Kussy, Angelina

**PS2: Visible and Non-Visible Food Networks**

*Psenner, Angelika; Löschenbrand, Daniel; Giolai, Vanessa; Plank, Christina*

In order to meet our (urban) society’s food needs, an enormous supply infrastructure is required at different scales - from global to regional. It consists of a multitude of different networks in terms of food production, trade, logistics, sales, waste & recycling. What makes up these different components is that they all need to be supplied with energy and release emissions; but also, that they take on a spatial dimension - a fact that represents another financial economic reality and is of great relevance for urban development. The session will demonstrate the complexity of the food theme in relation to the city. The contributions are intended to facilitate a discussion on how existing food-related networks and circuits can be made more resilient and sustainable. The aim is to identify potentials and challenges and to reflect on how this can transform life in the city. Directly related to this is the question of what role politically responsible compensation providers should take on in this question.

### **PS3: Social Infrastructure – Current research and future pathways**

*Renner, Anna-Theresa; Plank, Leonhard; Getzner, Michael*

Social infrastructure and institutions are part of everyday life as they provide essential goods and services for all citizens, and are, hence, fundamental for people and businesses alike. The different domains of social infrastructure are often interconnected (e.g., housing and health), and are provided in myriads of specific country and regional frameworks, that differ along the lines of welfare state regulations and provisions, social safety nets, gender and equality standards, and historical and post-colonial pathways. Social Infrastructure institutions can be organized formally or informally, and provided and funded by public, non-profit, and private as well as profit-oriented entities. Given the complexity of the topic, a single scientific discipline on its own is not sufficient to delineate and analyze SI in a comprehensive and meaningful way. This session looks at current research in this field. Panelists will include the presenters as well as the editors of the Handbook of Social Infrastructure, which will be published by Edward Elgar in 2023. Presentations include topics such as the social dimensions of public recreation areas by Michael Getzner, Social-cultural infrastructures in an urban environment by Pedram Dersch.

### **PS4: Degrowth and the Foundational Economy – Strategies for social-ecological transformation**

*von Maltzahn, Lisette; Hollweg, Max; Pirklbauer, Sybille (tbc); Reisch, Sina; Trettel Silva, Gabriel*

The multiple crises that we are facing require a social-ecological transformation of our societies. To ensure a good life for all within planetary boundaries, Degrowth proposes a radical downscaling of production and consumption and the restructuring of socio-economic systems around human well-being and ecological stability. Productive capacities should be directed towards activities that serve the well-being of the people and the environment. A big part of those lie within the Foundational Economy. Strengthening the Foundational Economy and thereby making sure that people are able to meet their basic needs (e.g. by universal basic services (UBS)) might at the same time create acceptance of the more radical, transformative measures. Foundational Economy and Degrowth proponents agree upon that the organization of basic provisioning around the principles of profit generation and international competition has to be ended and is driving social and ecological destruction. Lisette van Malthzahn (Degrowth Vienna) will explore with

Max Hollweg (Attac/Degrowth Vienna), Sina Reisch (Konzeptwerk Neue Ökonomie), Gabriel Trettel Silva (Modul University Vienna) and Sybille Pirklbauer (AK Wien, tbc) the intersections between the Foundational Economy and Degrowth, and present starting points for the role of the Foundational Economy for social-ecological transformation.

### **PS5: Mixed topics: Local provision, remunicipalization and infrastructures**

*Cieslak, Borys; Salento, Angelo; Soteropoulos, Aggelos; Pühringer, Florian; Kalasek, Robert*

The following papers will be presented:

- Dramatic rehearsal and remunicipalisation: a pragmatic inquiry into the state induced municipal water crisis in West Pomerania. Cieslak, Borys
- The future of Italian motorways as foundational infrastructure after ‚re-nationalisation‘. Salento, Angelo
- Local supply in Austria: A spatial analysis of the accessibility and distribution of supermarkets. Soteropoulos, Aggelos; Pühringer, Florian; Kalasek, Robert;

## **Parallel Sessions 14.30 – 16.00**

### **PS1: Financing the Transition to a Foundational Economy**

*Schneider, Colleen; Steininger, Lea; Jäger, Johannes; Mang, Sebastian; Haim, Daniel; Miess, Michael*

Public goods and services are critical in supporting a transition to, and maintenance of, the Foundational Economy. This includes, among others, water, mobility, energy, waste management, education, health, and social care. This panel will consider financing the establishment and maintenance of, and ensuring continued access to, such goods and services. This includes the role of price stability in maintaining access to key goods and services, the potential for building out a more expansive system of universal public services, and the role of a job guarantee. Further, it will consider what forms of governance and public decision-making are required to regulate, provide, and fund the goods and services of the Foundational Economy.

## **PS2: Foundational Economy as Communal Luxury**

*O'Connor, Justin; Olma, Seb; Oakley, Kate*

This session looks at the politics of cultural policy from a perspective derived from Kristen Ross' work on the Paris Commune - „Communal Luxury“ - as well as her work on „May 1968 and its Afterlives“. The different inputs attempt to insert a radical and popular cultures into the frame of the foundational economy. Kate Oakley looks at the English Premier League and its discontents. Seb Olma looks at Mark Fisher's attempt to rethink communism in the light of the radical sixties. Justin O'Connor takes issue with recent attempts to dismiss the politics of culture as a project of the professional managerial class.

## **PS3: Good housing for all within planetary limits: a reality check for Austria**

*Plank, Leonhard; Novy, Andreas; Haas, Willi; Gutheil, Gerlinde; Kössl, Gerald*

The Austrian system of housing provision is often used as reference when looking for approaches that seek to ensure affordable housing for the many. Key elements in this regard are the municipal housing stock of Red Vienna and the role of Austrian Limited-Profit Housing Associations. The aim of the session is to subject this image to a reality check and to update in light of the challenges to provide good housing for all within planetary limits. Three papers will be presented:

- Greening Red Vienna – a political economy of social-ecological housing provision. Novy, Andreas et al.
- A stock-flow analysis of Austria's housing system: Historic patterns and futures scenarios. Haas, Willi et al.
- Limited-profit housing and its economic impact on households and the economy. Gutheil, Gerlinde; Kössl, Gerhard

## **PS4: Transforming economic education with the Foundational Economy idea?**

*Pfau, Sven-David*

Economic education is a very contested field of ideas still dominated by mainstream economic ideologies about „the economy“, individuals as „maximising consumers“ and growth as a goal in itself. These narrow ideas promote a type of economic literacy that is disempowering and non-transformative. In this interactive session, we explore the

transformative potential of the Foundational Economy as an approach in economic education (both formal and non-formal). In the first part, we will experience activities and get to know materials from an Erasmus+ project on adult economic literacy (<http://work.economic-literacy.eu/>). In the second part, we share own experiences, potentials and challenges to teach using the Foundational Economy approach.

## **PS5: Value of Work & new risks**

*Duman, Anil; Heck, Lukas; Bohnenberger, Katharina; Nullmeier, Frank*

The following papers will be presented:

- Revaluing Essential Work: pay and protection gaps, and need to move towards social value of labour. Duman, Anil
- The limits of time-use surveys: Non-linear times as a potential development for visualizing the invisible. Heck, Lukas
- Tackling eco-social risks in new insurance systems. Bohnenberger, Katharina; Nullmeier, Frank

## **PS6: Degrowth: Sufficiency, degrowth, and social ecological economics**

*Kafka, Olivia; Spash, Clive; Bärnthaler, Richard;*

The following papers will be presented:

- Linking Degrowth and Post-Development - Lessons from Rapidly Growing Megacities, Kafka, Olivia
- Foundational Reorientation to Social Ecological Economics, Spash, Clive
- Provisioning for Sufficiency: Envisaging Production Corridors. Bärnthaler, Richard

## **17.00 – 18.00 Egon Matzner Award Ceremony & Closing of FEC 2023**

The Egon Matzner Award for Socio-Economics honors excellent papers of young researchers in the fields of socio-economics, public finance, welfare state, and fiscal federalism, infrastructure economics, and the foundational economy. Submissions are assessed by an international jury. In 2023, the paper „A critique of the marketisation of long-term residential and nursing home care“ by Christine C. Walker, Angela Druckman, and Tim Jackson, is awarded the prize.

Christine C. Walker will present the paper; Anna Renner will give the laudatory speech.

## 9.30 Working Meetings

Possibility for groups who wish to meet in the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup> September to discuss joint research and cooperation projects.

## 13.00 City Walks

- **Social Housing: Karl Marx Hof**

Karl-Marx-Hof, a work by the Otto Wagner student Karl Ehn, is one of the many social housing complexes build as part of the housing programme in the period between 1923 and 1932. The courtyard extends over a length of more than a kilometre along Heiligenstädter Straße.

[www.dasrotewien-waschsalon.at](http://www.dasrotewien-waschsalon.at)

- **The global food system: Welttellerfeld**

The WeltTellerFeld is an interactive educational site in Vienna that makes the complex interrelationships of the food system tangible for everyone by concentrating its global dimensions on a concrete area. Aside the challenges related to the food system, it addresses concrete solutions on the ground, such as alternative food networks.

[www.welttellerfeld.at](http://www.welttellerfeld.at)

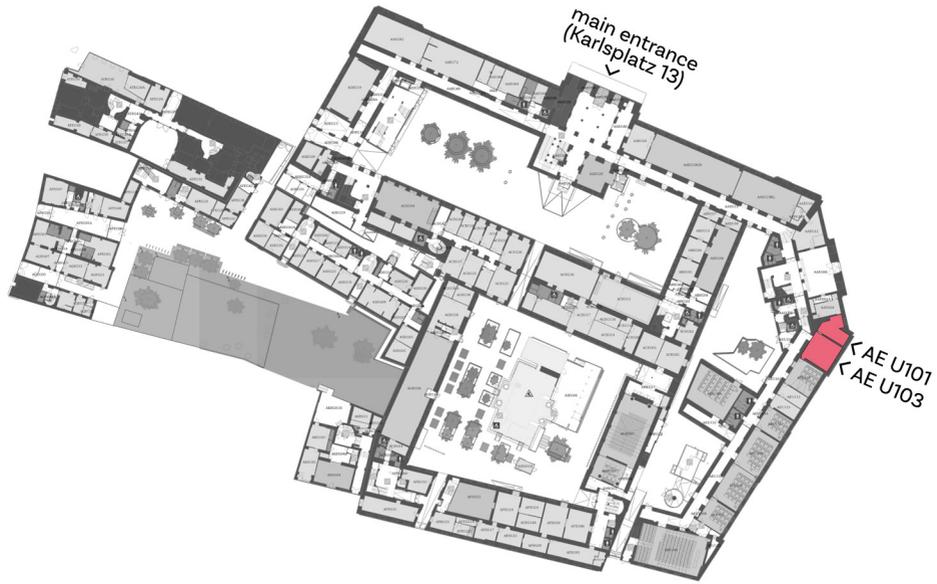
- **Energy production from waste water: ebswien**

As a service provider for the City of Vienna, ebswien kläranlage & tierservice cleans all wastewater that arrives via the sewer system in the central sewage treatment plant in Simmering. The wastewater treatment plant is also a true „eco-power plant“ as it generates more energy from renewable sources than it needs for wastewater treatment.

[www.ebswien.at](http://www.ebswien.at)

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