

Dear participants at the Andante Summer School 2012

After many months of preparations we are pleased to welcome each and everyone to another session of the yearly Andante Summer School. We are looking forward to exciting days of inputs and discussions, of participation and communication, of personal reflection and engagement in various activities. And more than anything the prospect of establishing new friendships in an international environment - and reaffirming old ones - fills us with high expectations for the days ahead.

The theme of this year's summer school: *'We are the inheritors of the Earth – what can we do to live responsibly?'* is both a demanding and challenging one, and in line with problem areas which have been discussed widely in different fora. As Andante we hope to have as our special focus the Christian, personal and ethical aspects of the challenges concerning the environment, and see how we in a small way can contribute, as women and citizens of different nations, towards a protection of the Creation - how we can live more simply and more in accordance with our vocation as Christians.

We have compiled the most important information for the next few days in this folder, hoping that it will answer most of your questions, but will at the same time encourage you to contact anyone on the organising committee if there is anything we can help you with. As you will notice, the days are long and the programme is quite full. Please, feel free to take care of your own needs whenever that is necessary.



An Andante summer-school session cannot change the world. But it can be an inspiration for individuals who in turn can inspire others. We are confident that you as participants will be inspirational in so many ways, and we do hope that the days between the 11th and the 15th of July, 2012, will be an inspiration to you all!

Mette Bruusgaard, Zsuzsa Huszka Laczkóné, Mary McHugh, Claire Renggli-Enderle and Marie-Louise van Wijk-van de Ven of the organising committee extend you a cordial welcome!

Programme

Wednesday 11th July

'WARMING-UP'

15:00 – 18:00	Arrivals/Registration	Entrance Hall
18:00	Dinner	'Neuer Speisesaal'
Evening	Welcome Getting to know each other Introduction to the theme	'Petrussaal'

Thursday 12th July

ETHICS and AIR

07:15	Mass St Paulushaus (option)	'Kapelle'
07:30 – 08:00	Experiencing Silence (option)	'Ignatius'
08:00 – 08:45	Breakfast	'Neuer Speisesaal'
08:45 – 09:00	Morning Praise (Claudia Nietsch-Ochs music: Sabine Slawik/Magdalena Bobritz)	'Petrussaal'
09:00 – 09:15	Introduction to the day (Barbara Baumann)	
09:15 – 09:45	' <i>We shape the world – the way we want it!</i> ' (Michaela Moser)	
09:45 – 10:30	Dialogue groups	
10:30 – 11:00	Break	outside 'Petrussaal'
11:00 – 11:30	' <i>What will be our legacy to our children?</i> ' (Dr. Helen Costigane SHCJ)	'Petrussaal'
11:30 – 12:15	Dialogue Groups	
12:15 – 13:00	Plenary	
13:00	Lunch, Break	'Neuer Speisesaal'
15:00 – 15:30	' <i>Plant for the Planet</i> ' (Clara Madeleine Slawik)	'Petrussaal'
15:30 – 16:00	Questions, Discussion	
16:00 – 16:30	Break	outside 'Petrussaal'
16:30 – 18:30	Workshops (cf. list)	small meeting rooms
19:00	Dinner	'Neuer Speisesaal'
20:15	Film on Fair-trade Clothing Campaign of KDFB Augsburg	'Petrussaal'
22:00 – 23:00	Meditative walk in the dark (Claudia Nietsch-Ochs)	surrounding woods

Friday 13th July

EARTH and WATER

07:15	Mass St Paulushaus (option)	'Kapelle'
07:30 – 08:00	Experiencing Silence (option)	'Ignatius'
08:00 – 08:45	Breakfast	'Neuer Speisesaal'
08:45 – 09:00	Morning Praise	'Petrussaal'
09:00 – 09:15	Introduction to the day (B. Baumann)	
09:15 – 09:45	" <i>Sustainable living, locally and globally</i> " (Kristine Hofseth Hovland)	
09:45 – 10:30	Dialogue groups	
10:30 – 11:00	Break	outside 'Petrussaal'

11:00 – 11:30	" <i>Thirst for Change</i> ", <i>Action against global water poverty</i> (Ma. Elena Arana)	'Petrussaal'
11:30 – 12:15	Dialogue Groups	
12:15 – 13:00	Plenary	
13:00	Lunch	'Neuer Speisesaal'
15:00 – 17:00	Workshops	small meeting rooms
17:00 – 18:00	Plenary on the Workshops	'Petrussaal'
18:00 – 19:00	Preparation, international buffet (optional)	
18:00 – 19:00	Preparation, Sunday Liturgy (optional)	
19:00	International / Intercultural Evening	'Haupt-Speisesaal'

Saturday 14th July

	FIRE; All Elements (<i>Synopsis</i>)	
07:15	Mass St Paulushaus (optional)	'Kapelle'
07:30 – 08:00	Experiencing Silence (optional)	'Ignatius'
08:00 – 08:45	Breakfast	'Neuer Speisesaal'
08:45 – 09:00	Morning Praise	'Petrussaal'
09:00 – 09:15	Introduction to the day (B. Baumann)	
09:15 – 09:45	" <i>Saving our energy</i> " (Sarah Rodriguez)	
09:45 – 10:30	Dialogue groups	
10:30 – 11:00	Plenary	
11:00 – 11:30	Break	outside 'Petrussaal'
11:30 – 12:00	" <i>Elements - Responsibility - Emotions</i> " (Gabriele Ulbrich)	'Petrussaal'
12:00 – 13:00	Dialogue Groups – Personal challenges	
13:00	Lunch	'Neuer Speisesaal'
15:00 – 16:15	Evaluation and Commitments (by organisation/ by country)	small meeting rooms
16:30	Departure for visit of Augsburg	Public Transport
17:00	Herb garden, Dr. Nina Kraus	near restaurant
18:00	Dinner	Restaurant ' <i>Zeitlos</i> '
19:15	Walk in the old town	
21:00	Concert/ballet ' <i>Carmina Burana</i> '	Open Air Theatre
Ca. 23:00	Return to St Paulushaus	by private bus

Sunday 15th July

	Looking back / Plans for the future	
08:00 – 08:45	Breakfast	'Neuer Speisesaal'
09:00 – 10:30	Evaluation, commitments, plans for the future, from a personal perspective and from that of one's organisation	'Petrussaal'
11:00 – 12:00	Eucharist (Pfarrer Max Stetter + group)	'Petrussaal'
12:30	Lunch	'Neuer Speisesaal'
Departures	Going out into the World...	

Moderators and speakers



Barbara Baumann (1963) will accompany and guide us through the whole summer school as moderator. She is a theologian and biologist and leads an office for supervision and coaching for individuals and organisations near Aachen, Germany. She has wide experience of moderating dialogue and discussion events, workshops and conferences at national and European levels. She is married and is the mother of a daughter. She also moderated the Andante Summer School of 2011 in Reute, Germany.

Claudia Nietsch-Ochs (1957) will be our spiritual guide during this summer school, in particular during the 'experience silence' sessions and the daily 'morning praise'. She will also lead the group who will prepare the liturgy for the Eucharist Celebration on Sunday. Claudia is married and lives with her husband and two sons in a village between Augsburg and Munich. She gained a diploma in theology at Bamberg university. Professionally she has been active as an educational consultant in theology at: the youth centre Castle Feuerstein, Archdiocese of Bamberg (1984–1990); the diocesan branch of KDFB (Catholic Women's League of Germany) in Augsburg (1992–2003); Retreat House Leitershofen, Diocese of Augsburg (since 2004). She has additional qualifications in Bibliodrama and Spiritual Direction. She works in a honorary capacity as spiritual director to the Federal Organisation of KDFB; she is a writer and (self-taught) lino-printer and an enthusiastic gardener.



Michaela Moser (1967) is a theologian, moral philosopher and PR-counsellor and for many years has been involved in the Austrian Conference against Poverty as well as in the European *Anti-Poverty Network*. She gained a doctorate in philosophy in 2009 presenting a social/ethical dissertation entitled: '*A Good Life for All. Feminist Reflections on Women, Poverty and the Possibilities of Creating a Change*'. After having worked for many years for the Austrian umbrella organisation of the State-approved agencies advising people how to deal with their debts, she holds, since 1 May 2012, the post of academic assistant at the Ilse-Arlt-Institute for Social Inclusion Research at the Polytechnic St. Poelten.

On Thursday morning, Michaela Moser will set the tone for the Summer School with her key note address:

'We shape our world – as we want it to be'

By making the claim 'to cooperate with others in shaping the world' women prove that they are willing and motivated to actively create those conditions which will determine the life of humanity, our planet, our Earth – today and in the future. The desire to shape the world demands courage, and may at first sound like megalomania; but in fact it is fundamental to our Christian vocation. If we want to play our part in ensuring that all may experience life in its fullness, then we need strong visions, must be adventurous but also aware of our vulnerability, and of our need to live in relationship with others. We need the love of truth and a passion for justice, and new perspectives for the economy, society, politics and religion.



Dr Helen Costigane (1957) is a native of Scotland but has lived and worked in England for over 30 years. She is a member of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus for whom she acts as European Province Bursar, in addition to being a Senior Lecturer at Heythrop College, University of London. Holding doctorates in Christian Ethics and Canon Law, she teaches these subjects at undergraduate and postgraduate level. She has a particular interest in Business Ethics, which was sparked by her training as a Chartered Accountant in the early 1980s.

On Thursday morning Helen Costigane will give a talk on our personal responsibility towards future generations in matters of climate change. In the afternoon she will give a workshop on ethical investments 'Greening our money'.

What will be our legacy to our children?

What will our world be like in 2080, when today's children will be grandparents? The question is an important one if we consider what, if any, are our obligations to future generations and what kind of a world we wish to inhabit, or leave behind for those who come after us. As *Gaudium et Spes* (1965) notes: 'There is not just an individualistic morality at work in us and the Church; we have to develop a sense of corporate responsibility'. Therefore, we have to consider how the choices we make today have a wider impact than in just our immediate milieu. In other words, we have to consider the problem of climate change from a personal, societal and universal perspective, what the barriers to this are, and how we might overcome them.

Clara Madeleine Slawik (1997) is in year 8 (10/11 in the UK system) at the Classical Grammar School. Her hobbies: dancing, reading, and playing the piano and the cello; she is a member of the school orchestra. On 16th March 2009 she underwent training as an ambassador for Climate Justice at *Plant-for-the-Planet*; since 2011 she has been a member of the board of this organisation and the convenor of a working group on the protection of the environment; in October 2010 she took part in the conference for biodiversity in Nagoya, Japan. During the past three years she had given more than 50 addresses including at large conferences of experts in the field.



On Thursday afternoon Clara will introduce the organisation Plant-for-the-Planet and play the 'World Game' with us, so that we may become familiar with the reality of social injustice in our world and clearly understand the interconnections of the situation.

Children plant for their future

The voice of the single child is hardly audible. But a choir can draw the attention of a large crowd. And now the children of the world unite to empower each other in order to ensure a safe future. In just five years a world-wide organisation has been established which gives us children a voice and hope. We share our knowledge and together we plant trees to combat climate change and to set a symbol for climate justice.



Sabine Slawik (1961) will bring a musical touch to our summer school, in particular during the daily morning praise, the cultural evening and the Eucharist celebration. Her friend Magdalena Bobritz will accompany her on flute. "Professionally I am a qualified nurse, married for 24 years to the same man and mother of four wonderful children who are 14 to 22 years of age. Since 2008 I have been engaged in the leadership committee of the diocesan branch of KDFB (Catholic Women's League of Germany) in Augsburg in a honorary capacity. Here I concentrate on work with ONE-WOLRD and sustainability. The outstanding event of 2011 was the fashion show –

relating to the theme of my workshop; this even got a prize. If anyone should be interested in my hobbies, they are: hill walking, cycling, child rearing, singing and making music."



Kristine Hofseth Hovland (1980) works at the Christian Council of Norway in the fields of global education and information. Among the global themes addressed in the Council are climate change, justice, and care for Creation. The Council has 18 member churches, including the Catholic Church in Norway. Kristine is a political scientist with a specialization in international human rights. She is a member of the Lutheran Church of Norway, but has the last decade been involved in ecumenical work – both as a student, as a volunteer and as a professional.

On Friday morning Kristine Hofseth Hovland will give a talk on the relationship between local issues and those elsewhere in the world.

In the afternoon she will give a workshop on 'eco-communities'.

EARTH – Sustainable living, locally and globally

What is our connection to the earth and to each other? How can we be part of building sustainable communities? In this session we will reflect on the links that bind us together, and look at examples of global thinking converted to local action. From my perspective it is important to connect the local issues with the global ones. How are our actions connected with what is happening in the world in terms of climate changes. What can we do to create spreading effects? One example: The Sami Church Council headed a delegation to six Norwegian cities this May, focusing on *Statoil's* investments in tar sand. These were big issues – put on the agenda in a local community and passed on to the general assembly of *Statoil*. I would like to focus more on what constitutes a sustainable society rather than on the more classical protection of the environment. In other words: What kind of ripple effects do the climate changes have on people's lives and their living conditions? How are our lives connected? How is the struggle to eradicate poverty linked to the fight against climate changes?

Maria Elena Arana (1955) Born in Chihuahua, Mexico, she grew up near New York City. After a degree in History and Latin American Studies, she did an MA in International Relations at Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC. She travelled throughout Latin America and spent time as an intern in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She came to the UK for a 2 week holiday and ended up spending 30 years based in London marrying an Englishman and raising 3 children. For the last 21 years, she has worked for CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) as the outreach campaign manager. She is a member of the board of 'Eco-Congregations-England and Wales' and acts as CAFOD representative on National Justice and Peace Network, National Board of Catholic Women, Jubilee Debt Campaign and EIN (Environmental Issues Network of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland). In her free time, she has remained involved with her local community as chair of governors of the local nursery school and children's centre.



On Friday morning Maria Elena will give an input to the element WATER whereas she will facilitate a workshop in the afternoon of that same day.

Thirst for Change: Action against Global Water Poverty

I will share stories of women and girls whose lack of access to clean water and safe sanitation harms their own lives, impairs their own development and that of their families, communities and countries. I will also look at and discuss some relevant Gospel stories and quotations from Catholic Social Teaching. I will end with presenting some of the work of CAFOD and our partners seeking to reduce water poverty in Africa and the rest of the developing world as well as challenge political leaders in Europe and North America to prioritise this crucial issue.



Sarah Rodriguez (1989) is a French second-year student of a Master's Degree in International and European law, currently doing a 4 months-internship as an assistant for energy and climate policy work at the German office of WECF (Women in Europe for a Common Future) in Munich.

On Saturday morning Sarah will give an input on the element FIRE

'Saving our energy'

A brief introduction on energy will be given, summing up both ins and outs, with a focus on the current issues that the world faces today regarding energy resources. The presentation will then turn into a more practical emphasis that will enable the participants to be given concrete examples of what they can do in their daily life to contribute to energy savings.

Gabriele Ulbrich (1957) After finishing High School I started my professional life as a flight attendant at Austrian Airlines. I married a winegrower and I learned a lot around wine and also how to run a restaurant since we had a typical Austrian 'wine restaurant' called 'Heurigen'. After the divorce I supported myself through selling a food processor before I worked for my brother, who is a medicine doctor, as a receptionist. At that time I met for the first time someone who used something called 'Kinesiology' to support people to solve their stress linked issues. In 1992 I started to study a form of Kinesiology that is called "Three in one Concepts". In 1993 I finished my basic education and started to see clients and very soon also to teach interested people the "Three in one Concepts" system. I have been teaching until 2010 with great enthusiasm. In 2011 I stopped teaching but I am still seeing clients and one of my main focuses is (has always been) to work with children, so that they can develop more easily their individual potential.



Friday afternoon, Gabriele Ulbrich will try to help us in discovering our personal feelings with regard the four elements. She will also moderate the last plenary session on Sunday morning.

Responsible emotional engagement with the four elements

means responsible engagement with nature, our environment, everything that lives and finally with ourselves. The four elements are the basis of the world which we experience with and through our senses. The number four is therefore basic to the fundamental realities of our physical world and world order, as for instance the four points of the compass, the four gospels, the four ends of the cross, our four extremities, the four phases of the moon, the four temperaments etc. What sentiments do we link to the four elements, and how can we keep these alive so that we remain faithful to our responsibility? Imagine the properties of FIRE: light, warmth, destruction can all evoke very different sentiments. What do we feel with regard to the properties of WATER: firm, liquid, gaseous, threatening. What do you feel about the properties of AIR: colourless, odourless, tasteless, essential. What feelings arise when you think of the properties of

EARTH: soft, hard, rough, fine. Our experience, senses, feelings and thoughts determine the way we relate to or deal with the elements and hence with everything that lives. It is vital that we become aware of our own feelings and emotions and to allow ourselves to really feel, for only then can we succeed in accepting responsibility for what is felt. Respect for what is felt arises from taking 'a second look', and this demands time. Let us take the time to become aware of what we feel, to discover ourselves and thus to find the right and fitting response to life itself and to everything that lives.



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