Economics and the Common(s):
From Seed Form to Core Paradigm

Exploring New Ideas, Practices and Alliances
Berlin, Germany, May 22–24, 2013
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One of the most significant impediments to positive social change is the entrenched power of market-fundamentalism as an economic and political paradigm. The prevailing dogma is that only a scheme of individual self-interest, expansive individual property rights, market exchange and globalized free trade can advance human well-being. This view has increasingly been called into question as the predatory dynamics of the market economy became clear and as its threats to the biosphere have become more acute.

ECONOMICS AND THE COMMON(S): FROM SEED FORM TO CORE PARADIGM seeks to open up some new vistas in politics, economics and culture by exploring the commons as an alternative worldview and provisioning system. A rich array of commons – in nature, cities, civic life, the Internet, and many other realms – are showing that commons can provide stable, equitable and ecologically benign alternatives to conventional markets.

The Economics and the Commons Conference (ECC) will expand and empower this work by exploring the commons as a coherent field of inquiry and action. It will convene approximately 240 commoners – researchers, practitioners and advocates from around the world – to explore the relationship of conventional economics and the commons, showcase key actors and initiatives, and devise plans for moving the commons paradigm forward. Special care will be taken to avoid a “sectoralization” of commons discussion because we believe that a coherent “general narrative” of the commons nurtures global social change and applies across many different sectors of commoning.

Among the questions to be asked: What core principles of commoning can be identified across different resource domains? What makes a commons so generative? In what circumstances can commons-based provisioning models substitute for conventional markets, or interact constructively with markets? How can the protection and re-creation of the commons be made an integrated part of productive processes?
The Economics and the Commons Conference (ECC) will be hosted by the Heinrich Böll Foundation (hbf) in cooperation with the Commons Strategies Group, The Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation and Remix the Commons. The event will take place at the headquarters of hbf in Berlin from May 22 to 24, 2013. Optional side-events on topics such as communications strategies for the commons, governance of global commons, and others, will be held on May 21-22 and 25.

**Goals of the Conference**

The ECC seeks to show the breadth and feasibility of commons-based provisioning and forge a coherent narrative and analysis about it and the next steps for action. Substantive discussion at the conference will therefore focus on several key themes:

- The commons as a way to move beyond conventional economics;
- Alternative economic and provisioning models;
- The transformations needed to move to a new type of economy.

**Process**

More than fostering an exchange of information, the conference is intended to help build new working relationships, personal commitments, and a group ethic of listening to each other. Active participation by everyone will be vital. This will be facilitated by an online wiki (www.p2pfoundation.net/ecc2013), which will include a bibliography, profiles of participants, and other resources to be determined. The conference is designed as a working session among key thinkers, activists and project leaders to build shared critiques and set up common goals.

We invite you to contribute to the whole by:

- **Being Present.** Host yourself first and be willing to put up with the chaos of thoughts and shared ideas. Keep your mind open and be prepared to deal with the uncertainty of not knowing and learning.
- **Co-creating.** Blend your knowledge, experience and practices with the knowledge, experience and practices of others to co-create wise action.

Special care will be taken to avoid a “sectoralization” of commons discussion. We believe it is important to develop a “general narrative” of the commons that applies cross-sectorally. Even with differences in the rivalrous/nonrivalrous nature of resources, certain principles and ethics of commoning can be seen in each case.
Side Events

Participants are invited to attend one or more Side Events that will take place on May 21 and 22 and on May 25 at various locations in Berlin. More information can be found at: http://p2pfoundation.net/ ECC2013#Side_Events. Or you can contact one of the convenors. Confirmed Side Events include:

Commons Culture Communications
Prinzzessinnenstraße 19-20, May 21, 14:00 – 00:00, and May 22, 9:00 – 11:30
Convenors: Alain Ambrosi (ambrosia@web.ca) and Franco Iacomella (franco@p2pfoundation.net)

Commons for Public Health
Campus Charité Mitte, May 21, 11:00 – 17:00
Convenors: Dr. Peter Tinnemann, Charité Universitätsmedizin, (Peter.Tinnemann@charite.de), and Lukas Fendel, Universities Allied for Essential Medicines

Commons Education Commons
(venue to be announced), May 22, 13:00 – 16:30
Convenor: Leo Burke (leoburke1948@mac.com)

How to Change the International Rules for the Commons in Europe?
HBF Building (Auditorium 1&2), May 22, 13:00 – 16:00
Nicole Alix (nalix@confrontations.org), Frédéric Sultan (fsultan@vecam.org)

Commons in intentional communities
Germanwatch e.V., Schiffbauerdamm 15, May 21, 13:30 – 18:00
Convenor: Katalin Kuse (Katalin.Kuse@e5.org)

Conference Communications

To help people inter-connect more easily at the conference – and with the wider global audience of commoners and the public – we have two Internet platforms that we will be using:

Conference wiki: http://p2pfoundation.net/ECC2013
Conference communications platform: http://commonsandeconomics.org
Twitter hashtag: #forthecommons

A list of conference participants will be made available on the conference program and the ECC wiki (www.p2pfoundation.net/ecc2013).
Conference Programme

All participants are invited to attend the plenary keynotes and subsequent discussions. For those who urgently wish to discuss a specific topic, self-organized breakout sessions are possible on May 22 from 2:30 to 5:00 pm. However, the afternoon of May 23, from 2:30 to 5:00 pm, is the preferred time for such meetings.

All keynote talks will be web-streamed and video-recorded. Simultaneous translations will be made available only in Large Auditorium 1+2.

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*Ground Floor*

7:00 – 8:30 pm  
**“What Do We Mean by Economics and the Commons?”**
Silke Helfrich (Germany) and David Bollier (USA)

What does a commons-based economy look like? What is the relationship between economics and the commons? What are the principles of the institutions we need for a commons-based and commons-creating economy?

*General Discussion with David Bollier, Michel Bauwens and Silke Helfrich, The Commons Strategies Group*  
*Moderation: Armin Medosch, Journalist, (Austria)*

8:30 pm  **Reception and Dinner**  
*Ground Floor*

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**Thursday, May 23**

9 – 9:45 am  **Registration of participants**

9:45 – 12:00 am  
**Framing Stream #1: Integrating Theory and Practice in the Management of Natural Commons**

*“Natural Resource Governance: Between Revolution and Reform”*

Joshua Farley (USA) in Dialogue with Ugo Mattei (Italy)
IUC, University of Turin and University of California, Hastings College of Law

**Framing Stream #2: Doing Away with Labor: Working and Caring in a World of Commons**

Daniela Gottschlich (Germany), Social Scientist, Leuphana University Lüneburg

**Framing Stream #3: New Infrastructures for Commoning by Design**

Miguel Said Vieira (Brazil), Phd Candidate on Intellectual Commons and Commodification, University of São Paulo, Brazil

**Preparing the Breakout Sessions**
Moderator, to be announced

*Large Auditorium 1*
12:00 – 2:30 am  **Lunch break and “Commonopolis”**  

2:30 – 5 pm  **Parallel Breakout Sessions for Stream #1 (Nature), Stream #2 (Work) and Stream #3 (Infrastructure)**

*Key questions for each group: What does it mean to reconceptualize this domain as commons? How exactly does needs-based production work?*

*Each breakout session has its own assigned room.*

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**Stream #1: Integrating Theory and Practice in the Management of Natural Commons**  

*Hosted by Saki Bailey (Italy) Large Auditorium 2*

Throughout the world, neoliberal economic policies have had destructive effects, resulting both in the degradation of natural environments as well as reductions in fair access to shared resources.

This dynamic can be well seen in the aggressive privatization of water systems in large metropolitan areas like Berlin and Naples, which has resulted in price increases, lower quality water, reduced access to water and less democratic control. Although a flourishing anti-privatization movement in both Europe and the Global South has arisen, much of this advocacy does not have the analytical and theoretical tools to push for a paradigm shift in the economic organization of our natural resources as a commons. This stream will bring together legal scholars, ecological economists and commons advocates to develop commons-based policies and models for governing shared natural resources, especially water and land.

**Methodology:** The session will utilize a “snowball” and a “reversal snowball” method for facilitating discussion broken into three phases: First, we will break up into a land group and a water group, and if necessary, into additional sub-groups. The groups will prepare a summary of how the principles of the commons framework apply to the management of their resource. Second, the sub-groups will reconvene, present their experiences to one another and come up with a integrated presentation as well as a list of questions and suggestions for reworking the framework/model.

Finally, the groups will meet all together and again present their different findings, modify the model as needed, and synthesize a final document.
Stream #2: Doing Away with Labor: Working and Caring in a World of Commons

Hosted by Heike Löschmann (Germany)  Small Auditorium 1 and 2

While global development policies deprive commoners of use rights to natural commons, a new ecology of collaborative production is (re)emerging beyond markets, money and organizational hierarchies as we know them. The lines between production and consumption are becoming blurred by social practices of sharing and (indirect) reciprocity. These practices are providing innovative answers to the fundamental question of how to (re)produce our livelihoods. Yet, most of the time, they do neither recognize “the whole of work,” which means to overcome the structural division between productive work and care work (education, health, eldercare, household level, etc.), nor do they reduce embedded gender imbalances in the performance of these activities. And yet, the emerging new patterns bear the potential for a historical transformation toward a model that we could term “(re)prosumption.” It could provide alternatives to both globalized capital(ism) and “national-developmentalism,” and overcome structural causes of gender inequality and the markets externalization of care and nature services. While most trade unionists focus on the labor market and a fair distribution of available employment, the work of the future may no longer be a “product” that is bought and sold in the market, but one that can be managed as a commons.

Methodology: In the first breakout session, we will provide the opportunity to move between six thematic “speaker’s corners” where particular sub-issues of the framing keynote talk will be featured. Participants will be able to move from speaker to speaker as they choose. This will be followed by a reflection session and open debate. The second breakout session will provide working time to explore the idea of looking at the “capacity to work” as common pool resource and how it can essentially be managed as a commons.

Stream #3: New Infrastructures for Commoning by Design

Hosted by Miguel Said Vieira (Brazil)  GLS Bank, opposite HBS Building

One of the main challenges in advancing commons as a stable paradigm is to find ways to develop commons-friendly infrastructures. Many existing systems favor practices that tend to be commons-unfriendly (e.g. fossil fuel-based individual transportation) or generate negative social and environmental impacts (e.g., nuclear power and even “clean” energy sources). While some infrastructures have
progressive dimensions (using distributed networks, promoting local access), they may be minor parts of larger, regressive infrastructures that still depend upon individual transportation, centralized power grids and concentrated industrial structures. Yet there are important lessons to be learned from commons-based infrastructures such as Internet protocols, which have fostered the emergence of countless digital information commons. An urgent need of our time is to ensure that infrastructures can “by design” foster and protect new practices of commoning.

Methodology: This stream’s first session will focus on traditional, existing infrastructures in order to try and identify what features bias them for or against commoning. The second session will discuss ways to move forward: alternative approaches to infrastructure (new proposals and emerging practices) that are designed to favor commons, or that are commons in themselves.

*NOTE: This period is also reserved for those who urgently wish to convene self-organized sessions on topics of their own choosing (cf. programme view).

5:00 – 5:30 pm  
Break  
*Ground Floor*

5:30 – 7:00 pm  
Framing Stream #4: Money, Markets, Value and the Commons  
“Commoner money, markets and value”  
Jem Bendell (UK), Professor of Sustainability Leadership, University of Cumbria (to be confirmed)

Framing Stream #5: Treating Knowledge, Culture and Science as Commons  
“What if the Fear Changes Sides?”  
Carolina Botero (Colombia)

Preparing the Breakout Sessions for the next morning  
*Moderator, to be announced*

7:00 – 8:30 pm  
Dinner  
*Ground Floor*

8:30 – 9:00 pm  
Rhythm is a Commons, with Johannes Heimrath  
*On the Staircase*
**Stream #4: Money, Markets, Value and the Commons**  
*Hosted by Ludwig Schuster (Germany)*  
*Small Auditorium 1 and 2*

The dominant economy is to a huge extent market-fundamentalist and money driven. It is built around unsustainable principles like extraction, competition, profit and exponential growth, and it is fueled by interest-bearing credit creation through a profit-oriented banking system. By contrast, a Commons Economy is driven by other motives and proposes a different mindset. Some commoners tend to follow a logical design of a Commons Economy beyond (artificial) scarcity, rendering money and markets irrelevant, which suggests that commons can function without money as we know it. Others focus on redefining the role of money or the redesign of money itself as a commons. But all agree that if a Commons Economy still has credit, money and markets, they will have a very different character than they have in our current economy.

The objective of this stream is to integrate the different “paths of imagination” towards a Commons Economy, and to get a clearer picture of the architecture and underlying design principles of commons-oriented allocation and provisioning systems.

**Methodology:** The session is split into two parts: In parallel working groups, we will first try to reimagine money as a commons and discuss how markets, money and value systems need to be modified. In the second part of the session, we will try to synthesize the different views into a holistic scenario of the commons’ economic framework and possible ways to get there. We will create a “collaborative mental map” that ideally includes a variety of monetary tools and accounts of their role within the scenario.

**Stream 5: Treating Knowledge, Culture and Science as Commons**  
*Hosted by Mike Linksvayer (USA)*  
*Large Auditorium 2*

Science, and recently, free software, are paradigmatic knowledge commons; copyright and patent are paradigmatic enclosures. But our focus on paradigmatic examples and the language of “intellectual property” and “openness” may actually limit our imaginations about what might be possible. If we took the
commons seriously, for example, we might begin to see that copyright and patent are not just knowledge enclosures, but “modern” ways of enforcing privileges and inequalities in what may be known and communicated. Similarly, open access and use is not necessarily an emancipation, but rather a shift in control to those who own a given digital platform. This Stream will attempt to (re)consider and (re)conceptualize the free/libre/open/commons movements from a strategic and commons-first perspective.

**Methodology:** Both sessions will feature fast-paced interventions, debates and working breakouts. The first session will engage with the big picture: all commons as knowledge commons, and knowledge commons as commons, first and foremost. The second session will dive deeper on what a “commons-first” reconceptualization means for knowledge commons movements. The stream may generate more questions than answers, but we hope to identify some principles and provocations that will be useful to commoners in the years ahead.

*NOTE: For self-organized breaks, room options include GLS-bank meeting room opposite the HBF Building (max. 30); small conference room 1, large auditorium

12:00 – 13:00
Large Auditorium 1

**“Life, Meaning and Spirituality in the Commons: Towards a Cultural Paradigm Shift”**
Andreas Weber (Germany), Philosopher, Biologist and Author
Moderated discussion; moderator to be announced

1:00 – 2:30 pm
Lunch break and “Commonopolis” Ground Floor

2:30 – 5 pm

**Parallel Breakout Sessions – by Stream and Self-Organized**
Sessions will be held for each of the Streams, and for any breakout group that participants may wish to self-organize on topics of their choosing. Each session should focus on specific action steps for synthesizing knowledge, convening key players, advancing strategic goals, organizing institutions and/or the public, etc.

5:30 – 7:00 pm
Large Auditorium 1

**Towards a Commons-Based Society**
Panel with Stream Coordinators or Rapporteurs to share main insights. (CSG will prepare methodology and concrete questions.)
General dialogue.

**Closing Session** (followed by soup and quiche)
Saturday, May 25

Post-Conference Side Events

Post-Conference Side Events from 9 am to 5 pm at the HBF building, as announced here http://p2pfoundation.net/ECC2013#Side_Events

Conference Organizers

The Commons Strategies Group and Heinrich Böll Foundation are the joint organizers of this conference, which is an outgrowth of the landmark International Commons Conference (ICC) in Berlin in November 2010. That event brought together about 180 commons activists, academics and project leaders from 34 countries, and started a cross-disciplinary political and policy dialogue about the commons in diverse international settings.

Building on the energy from that conference, CSG in cooperation with Heinrich Böll Foundation has just completed a major book anthology of 73 essays on the commons that has been published in German and English. CSG principals have made dozens of presentations about the commons at various conferences, universities and public events. This Economics of the Commons Conference (ECC) is a logical next step in working with networks of commoners around the world to advance the commons paradigm.

The Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation has supported the attendance of some partners to the International Commons Conference that took place in November 2010 in Berlin and wishes now to continue its support by co-funding the ECC regional consultation process.

Both FPH and HBF consider the commons a key element for the transition toward commons-based economics and cultures. Both foundations focus their strategic support toward this end, either in cooperation with partners or through their own initiatives. This “cross-granting” partnership between two European foundations seeks to advance a new culture of collaboration among like-minded political actors and funders. Both foundations believe that a culture of dialogue, sharing and common programmatic approaches among grant makers is a necessity.

Remix the Commons is another partner in organizing and hosting the ECC. A Montreal-based project that focuses on multimedia communication about the commons, Remix the Commons is especially focused on how to improve public education and popular communications about the commons.
Steering Committee & Key note speakers: Short Bios

**Bailey, Saki** (Italy/US). J.D. & PhD Candidate Goethe University Frankfurt am Main. Executive Director of the Institute for the Study of Political Economy and Law of the International University College of Turin (IUCT), Lecturer in Human Rights at IUCT. She is also Director of ‘Occupying the Commons: Teatro Valle Occupato.’ Publications include: ‘Social Movements as Constituent Power: The Italian Struggle for the Commons.’ *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies (spring 2013, coauthored with Ugo Mattei)* & ‘Legalizing the Occupation: The Teatro Valle as a Cultural Commons.’ *South Atlantic Quarterly 112:2 (spring 2013).*

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