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WORKSHOP

Climate Change, Global Citizenship Ethics and the Role of Intercultural Dialogue

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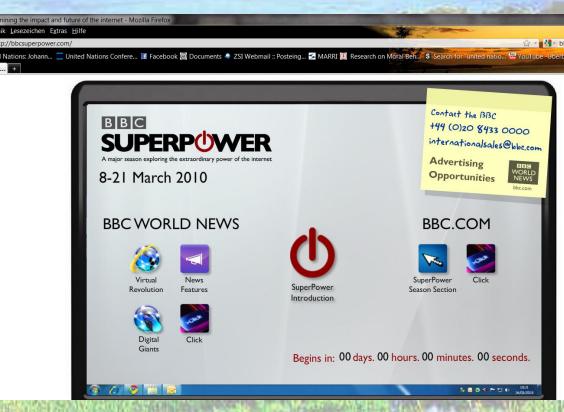


Content of the Workshop

- Is Climate Change taking Place?
- Did you feel effects in your local environment already?
- How do you respond?
- What about your global social responsibility?
- The Great Super Power You & Me We!
- Blueprint for a Knowledge and Philanthropy/Ethics driven Global Civil Society Reform
- Article 29, paragraph 1 of Universal Declaration on Human Rights
- Global Challenges Song World Cup (350.org, Youth)
- Workshop: Worst case Climate Change Scenarios and their Ethical Implications, Ljubljana November 2010
- Suggestions for Action

The Great Superpower - You & Me - We!





Blueprint for a Knowledge and Philanthropy Driven Global Civil Society Reform



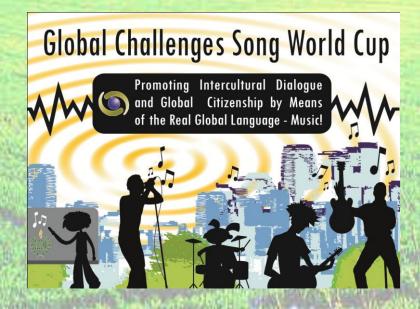
Intercultural Dialogue -> Global Challenges Song World Cup



Basic idea:

The view on common global challenges and the challenges of the future articulated by means of the universal language "music" can facilitate intercultural dialogue, bring musicians and young people from around the world in contact, strengthen global citizenship identity layers and thus narrow interethnic and interreligious conflict potentials.







An initiative of ASO Ljubljana <u>www.aso.zsi.at</u> in cooperation with Club of Rome-European Support Center Vienna, UNESCO – Social Sciences and Humanities Sector: Ethics of Science and Technology division et al.

ASO LJUBLJANA GLOBAL E-DIALOGUE 2010

(Online discussion will start October 1st 2010 on <u>www.participate.si/globaldialogue2010ethics</u>)

Summer 2010: Floods in Pakistan and China, Drought and Fire in Russia - A Case for Global Collective and Individual Social Responsibility?

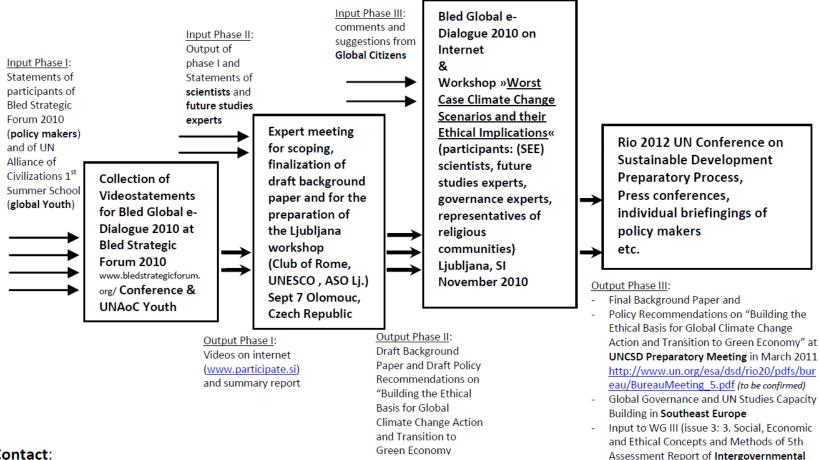
"Building the Ethical Basis for Global Climate Change Action – A Task for Science, Religion or/and Negotiation?"

Guiding questions for the video-statements (statements are supposed to last 2 - 4 min each):

- systems approach: Ethics as a key element of the failure of the global socio-economic system(s) with regard to Climate Change?
- critical reflection of the role of ethics or religions (social teaching, moral values, etc.) respectively as some kind of
 "operating system" of global society/societies (in analogy to operating systems (i.e. system software) of computers) and
 the need for an update in light of climate change
- what is the role of ethics/religion in climate change mitigation and adaptation of each individual "global citizen" (e.g. promotion of "low carbon life styles") and as guidance for the behaviour of negotiators of the global climate change framework of action in United Nations fora like e.g. UNFCCC/Copenhagen 2009 → Cancun 2010 (e.g. the "climate justice" approach)?
- can there be developed in a consensual and negotiation based way a global common ethical basis for coherent and effective global climate change action based on scientific findings regarding socio-ecological necessities which would be compatible with various mainstream religious values and norms?
- What role for civil society, religious communities, business sector? How can they participate in a coordinated and coherent way in global climate change action (e.g. in campaigning for "climate justice" or for standard setting on "human duties in the context of global challenges")?
- What is the role of **intercultural dialogue** (e.g. UN Alliance of Civilizations)?
- What are the positions of global Youth?
- Has article 29, paragraph 1 of Universal Declaration on Homan Rights "Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible." the potential to serve as a consensual point of departure and orientation for innovative approaches of global community to building the ethical basis of global climate change action?
- What role can science play in building the ethical basis for global climate change action? How do science and religion interact on these issues? What is the state of the art in (comparative) sociological studies and humanities with regard to ethics/religion and climate change? How can be developed scientific capacities in this field (e.g. in South East Europe, European Union etc.)?
- What are the items of a (potential) global research agenda on this issue? Who is funding research in this area and who could get involved in future studies in this area with a global outreach? How can research in this area be coordinated globally?

Article 29, paragraph 1 of Universal Declaration on Human Rights

"Everyone has duties to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible." How Your Video-Statement and/or Contribution to Online discussion is supposed to play a role in the Preparatory Process to United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development Rio 2012:



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Panel on Climate Change

compilation.pdf (to be confirmed)

http://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/ar5/ar5-outline-

Suggestions for Action

(as communicated to UN Secretary-General's High-level Advisory Group on Climate Change Financing via Slovene Government office for climate change in July 2010)

- Global Forum on Philanthropy and Research and (Higher) Education Funding
- Using music as a means for global community building and global empathy/solidarity generation
- (UNESCO led) Standard setting related to Article 29, paragraph 1 of Universal
 Declaration on Human Rights "Everyone has duties to the community in which alone
 the free and full development of his personality is possible."
- philanthropic giving for global action addressing effectively such issues should be regarded and promoted (also by religious communities and entertainment industry) as a moral obligation, or duty towards global community respectively.
- "Global Civil Society Compact" with UN system as partner for quality assurance
- UN Summit on Global Philanthropy and Climate Change" to be convened by UNSG & establishing of a »Portorož Commission on Philanthropists as Partners for Global Climate Change Action«
- International Conference "How can we fix our market failures? Transition towards
 Green Economy in the context of Multilevel Governance", Ljubljana 2011
- e-dialogue on "Building the ethical basis for global climate change action. A task for science, religion or/and negotiation" & workshop on "Worst case Climate Change Scenarios and their Ethical Implications" which will be organized by ASO Ljubljana in cooperation with Club of Rome European Support center Vienna and UNESCO SHS Ethics in science and technology division (which is also guiding the consultations on the desirability of a "Universal Declaration on Ethical principles related to Climate Change" http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0018/001874/187407E.pdf#5

Thank you for your attention!

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