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Information on the thematic tracks

Dear submitter,

we appreciate your interest in participating in the *Future for all* conference. The debates on the content of the conference are structured along tracks. This document explains in more detail the main focuses and directions of the tracks. **If you would like to submit a contribution, please read the texts of the tracks you are interested in (see below). Please also adhere to the *submission guidelines*, which will be available on the website very soon.**

The conference will focus on the one hand on the development of and exploration of utopias, i.e. *How do we want to live in 2048?* On the other hand, we want to explore the necessary transformation processes to get us there. The main focus will be on medium and long-term strategies that are necessary to change society. If you submit a contribution, please consider whether it should be part of the utopia or transformation phase (see conference structure)



Overview of the tracks:

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This track is around visions and ideas of transformation for a just, climate-friendly and democratic food system. Food production, processing and allocation is run collaboratively. Consumption and a continued use of what has formerly been considered “waste” contributes to the common good. Everyone has access to healthy and culturally diverse diets with more plant-based protein sources. The responsibilities for (care) work are divided equally and contribute to healthy ecosystems.

Agriculture and Food

Submissions can deal with the following questions, for example:

What do ecological, need-based and circular regional economies which create good living and working conditions look like? How do we make sure that people enjoy living and working in rural areas? Who owns the means of production? What is the role of different models of organization, e.g. cooperatives, in this transformation? Who has access to land, who shapes its use? How do mechanization and digitization come into play?

If the protein supply is more vegetable-based in the future, how many animals and animal production will there still be in agriculture? Which role can local politics and administrations play? How can tax regulations, EU subsidies and global trade policies be reoriented? What alliances are needed to shape different paths of the transformation? How can more people be reached and inspired?

Who does the track address in particular?

For the congress, we would like to see new encounters to enable us to develop a joint strategy in which we also leave our comfort zone. We are looking forward to contributions from practitioners along the value chain, politicians from local to European politics, trade unions, stakeholders and all interested parties.



Keywords

access to land, agroecology, agroforestry, climate-just agriculture, community-based agriculture, circular economy, commons/commonsing cooperative use of means of production, (local) food politics, food sovereignty, labour and (self-)organisation, need-based economy, permaculture, veganism

All the Work

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Thematic Focus

For an ecologically sustainable and socially just society of the future, we must fundamentally change, redistribute and interrelate work and activities. It is about looking at the entirety of work in an anti-racist and gender just society free of discrimination. All people should be able to have a good life, have time at their disposal, have opportunities to shape their lives, have access to desired activities, social security and participate in society and politics. Therefore the question is: How can we change the different forms and spheres of work in such a way that the participation of all, a fair distribution and an orientation towards ecological, gender-equitable, social and democratic needs can be guaranteed? What could be initial projects into a good future for the entirety of work?

Who does the track address in particular?

Submissions should be made with the above explanations in mind and should highlight different social spheres and movements in society, including queer-feminist, anti-racist, care-activist, unemployed/-ment as well as trade union activists. For this we would like to invite especially actors of different communities LSBTIQA*, BIPOC, women of different social-political positions, people affected by poverty, people with disabilities or illness, and appreciate their contribution with stronger recognition. The categories named certainly represent connected life realities and are not separate, certainly, here only listed for clarification.

Submissions can deal with the following questions, for example:

Which forms of work-relations, gender-relations, social infrastructures and organization of time do we want to have in **2048**?

What does a need-based organization of care work and self-care of the future look like? Which overall legal, social and political conditions must be changed for this?

How can forms of communal life beyond the heteronormative nuclear family be strengthened?

Is there a future system of waged employment based on meaningful, sustainable, creative and relevant work? Or do we need an overcoming of wage labor for this goal?

What do different social actors in self-organization, trade unions, company co-determination and collective agreements contribute to a good organization of work?

What role can new approaches to economy such as commons, caring economy, etc. play; what role do a reduction in working hours and new forms of social security play?

How can labor relations be decolonized looking from a global perspective? How can struggles for a distributive justice of work and food be effectively combined with perspectives critical of discrimination and privilege, both locally and globally?



Keywords

Care-work, industrial work, subsistence, agricultural work, un/paid work, in/visibility, precarity & flexibility, working time, time prosperity, gender relations, globalization and care work, selective migration, discrimination, racism, LGBTIQA*, inequality, distribution of work, labor struggles, co-determination & self-determination, organizing, trade unions, social security, caring economy, work and the climate/natural environment



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Digitality refers to the interweaving of “analog” and “digital” realities and questions the tension between humans and technology. Digital technologies open up a lot of possibilities for action, and thus room for social vision, but also come with risks. Can digital technologies be made useful for social utopias?

Digitality

Thematic Focus

Digital technologies are not free of contradictions, ranging from increased efficiency to increased resource consumption or from better democratic decision-making processes to the danger of monitoring, manipulation and control. We have to ask ourselves where we can and want to use digital technologies, and where they have no answer to offer.

What should a utopian economy look like in **2048**, and what role can digital technologies play in this, for example in the identification of needs and the distribution of goods and services? What models of collective and democratic work organisation are conceivable with them? Is a new understanding of technology necessary for the many to understand it sufficiently and use it competently? Can digital technologies perhaps also contribute to shaping new ways of life or forms of living together beyond forms of discrimination such as race and gender?

Who does the track address in particular?

Utopian visions regarding digitality are diverse and we would like to develop these visions with all parts of society. Accordingly, we would like to discuss various perspectives on the topic. From techies to digital artists, trade unions, environmentalists, feminist and anti-racist activists and other actors, we would like to encourage everyone to get involved, regardless of their level of technical knowledge. In addition to thematic workshops, we also welcome artistic or practical submissions.

Keywords

work and economics, data protection, democratization and power concentration, digital infrastructure, digital mobility, digital skills, digitale sufficiency, society and culture, human-machine-relations, consumption and use of resources, technological development





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What does an educational utopia in the context of school look like? How can education be conceptualized and implemented in a way that contributes to a solidarity-based way of living? How can it support a good life for all?

Education: School of the Future

Thematic Focus

The institution of school is at the centre of our interest, because school continues to have a great impact on the lives of the vast majority of people. This is where worldviews and courses of lives are set very often. "School" in the year 2048 will be very different for us than it is today. It will look very different structurally and people will meet each other here in a very different way than before. The close interlocking with society as a whole, with out-of-school places and actors (local and global), learning across all ages, voluntariness and learning at eye level are some of the central themes for us. It is also important for us that in this utopian school, learners can experience and practise the ability to shape their own lives and to think critically.

Submissions can deal with the following questions, for example:

Why, what and how do we learn? Whose perspectives will be considered? Which learning spaces are possible? What role do learners, learning facilitators, learning environment and structural anchoring play? Submissions on general education topics are welcome if they nevertheless focus on "school".

Who does the track address in particular?

In the sense of previous debates of actors in the field of global learning, education for sustainable development, democratic learning, anti-racist education, critical political education and transformative learning, we address all practitioners, researchers, learners, learning facilitators, administrative actors, affected persons and other interested parties to get involved, exchange, try out and network.

Keywords

global learning, education for sustainable development, democratic learning, anti-racist education, critical political education, transformative learning





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With the climate crisis the eco-social challenges of an energy-intensive and privileged lifestyle became obvious. Imagine 2048: Worldwide, all people decide how to produce, use and distribute their energy according to their needs and eco-social feasibility.

Energy and Climate

Thematic Focus

The urgently needed structural change should take into account as many different perspectives as possible. Do we want centralized or decentralized energy production and distribution? Who owns and who can use the necessary means such as resources, infrastructure, capabilities? How can democratic control of the energy sector be ensured? How can measures be made climate-effective and climate-just? How can we check whether the goals of energy system transformation are being achieved? How can we succeed in moving away from fossil and nuclear energy and who will bear the consequential costs of doing so? When and where is the use of energy appropriate at all? How much energy do we need for a good life? And can novel technologies make energy wealth for all possible? Are existing and future approaches to solutions scalable to the whole world with its diversity of lifestyles and life plans? How can players learn from and with each other, especially industrial societies from initiatives in the Global South?

When submitting your entry, please consider how climate-friendly, resource-saving and nature-compatible your utopia is in a holistic view. To what extent does it also overcome existing injustices and contribute to social justice?

Who does the track address in particular?

We would like the topic to be viewed and discussed as self-critically as possible from many angles: Beyond technical aspects of the Global North, this includes the social and political dimension and especially perspectives of BIPOC groups.

Keywords

sufficiency & efficiency, centralization & decentralization, structural change, self-sufficiency & cooperation, low- vs. high-tech, people's electricity, microgeneration, ownership, climate justice, democratic governance



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Financial System

Thematic Focus

Our financial system in 2048 plays a mediating role within an economic system that serves people and the planet. It is democratically controlled and stable. It should be a monetary and financial system through which social tasks are adequately financed. It should promote investment in the real economy for the necessary socio-ecological restructuring and social welfare. We want to develop our utopias for a future monetary and financial system and talk about how to get from now to the future.

Who does the track address in particular?

We are addressing all actors* who, within the framework outlined above, are concerned with the financial system in the sense of attempts at active transformation, are engaged in learning or teaching activities or are professionally engaged in contributing, exchanging and networking.

Submissions can deal with the following questions, for example:

Do we still need a monetary and financial system or how could it be replaced?

What is the architecture of the financial system and what role do money and finance play in a society without growth and profit orientation?

Do we still need banks and a central bank, and are they private/cooperative/state organised?

Is profit necessary as a control parameter for economic activities or what could replace it?

How is the social control of financial market actors achieved?

How do we divert investments from financial speculation to the real economy and at the same time ensure that these investments are in line with social and ecological criteria?

How are social tasks financed and how does the financial system contribute to this?

What is the relationship between private and social assets?

Are the "Green Deal" concepts meaningful steps to shape the transition, and if so, under what conditions?

How can we prevent or repress the financialisation of social areas?

How do we manage international financial flows without discrimination?

How do we support the efforts of differently structured economies and prevent exploitation through financial relations?



Keywords

banks, financial markets, financial system, money, public welfare, social control, Green New Deal, profit orientation (overcome), taxes, postal growth, wealth



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Imagine no longer having to fight against closed borders and everyday exclusions. Instead, you are part of a lived utopia of the world with open borders – an attempt to dissolve thinking about the future.

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Freedom of Movement

Thematic Focus

The vision of freedom of movement means: equal rights for all people, in all areas of society and at all political levels. **2020:** Today, local initiatives and city administrations are beginning to put this demand into practice as Solidarity Cities. Central basic needs such as housing, education and health care are combined with the major meta-questions of climate justice and overcoming capitalist economy. Together we want to put an end to patriarchy as well as to Eurocentrism and colonialism in history and the present. Our Utopia **2038:** National borders have become permeable for self-determined migration; deportations and drowning in the Mediterranean belong to the past. Infrastructures that are necessary for the desired freedom of movement are being built by neighbourhoods and transnational social movements. The state side also supports these structures. Everyone is working to overcome their own borders in their minds and thus all forms of exclusion. And in **2048?** Are closed borders still conceivable for us then? What will we be fighting for at that time?

Submissions can deal with the following questions, for example:

What do utopias of freedom of movement look like? How can strategies be sensibly combined and complemented? Which alliances do we need? Which impulses from the Global South and other movements are relevant for struggles for freedom of movement? How can the European border regime be replaced by alternatives based on solidarity?

Who does the track address in particular?

In the struggle for freedom of movement we must be many. We want to address all those who deal with the above topics and questions. Whether from personal experience or from an activist, artistic, scientific, professional perspective and whether recently or for a longer period of time, it does not matter. While the topic is important for everyone, we especially invite Black, Indigenous and People of Colour, queer people and people from the Global South. In the same way, interested people who are mainly working on other topics are also invited to network.

Keywords

Anti-deportation movement, anti-racism, Roma movement, Solidarity Cities, open borders and cities, urban citizenship, life without papers, migration and work, illegalisation through disenfranchisement, solidary (non-governmental and governmental) institutions, global chains of care, climate and environmental justice, linking the struggles of the Global South and North, post-colonialism, from sea to the cities





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In 2048, the colonial injustices that have existed for centuries will be balanced – materially, financially, technically, ecologically and ideologically.

Global Justice

Thematic Focus

We live in a world that is characterized by global justice and in a constant process of maintaining and developing it. Global grassroots negotiate common values on the basis of which the participation and co-determination of all is made possible. The basic principles are a way of living based on solidarity, individual freedom, diversity of lifestyles, bottom-up decision-making structures and the conservation of finite resources and ecosystems worldwide.

Submissions can deal with the following questions, for example:

- How can global institutions realize the participation of all?
- Which global values do we want to negotiate together and how?
- Which social issues are negotiated globally and which locally?
- How can social and ecological justice be implemented worldwide?
- How will goods and services be distributed?
- How will redistribution take place and according to which principles will world trade be organized?
- If we reduce economic exchange – how can we nevertheless realize idealistic exchange, freedom of movement and the participation of all?
- How can we sensitize people for global injustice and empower (encourage) those who are affected by it?
- How can we develop and implement a global way of living based on solidarity?



Keywords

colonial injustice, Just world trade, grassroots (global) institutions, commons, de-growth



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In order to realize the fundamental right to housing for everybody, no one may enrich themselves on the housing market in 2048. The profit orientation has been overcome and everyone can live well. But what exactly does this mean – what does “good living” mean in the future?

Housing

Thematic Focus

Projects such as squats, house projects, car spaces, rural communities, ecovillages, neighborhoods and quarters are already pioneers within this utopia. With the campaign “Expropriate German Housing” (in German “Deutsche Wohnen enteignen”), tenant strikes and the rent cap in Berlin, something has become clear: Without redistribution and reorganization of living space, i.e. without expropriation – at least of the housing groups – this will not be possible.

Who does the track address in particular?

We are looking for approaches, concepts and ideas that revolve around good living. Whether pioneer project, city councilor, housing researcher, input with discussion, room for exchange or visit – bring in your ideas!

Submissions can deal with the following questions, for example:

In order to be able to live together well and in a future-oriented manner, we must find answers to many questions.

Who owns the living space?

How do we build?

How do we organise common property?

Who lives where and how much space do we actually have?

What does (residential) community mean when we tear down walls and habits?

Under what conditions is diverse living together possible?

Who takes care if the drainpipe leaks or neighbours are ill?

Who is responsible for the living space and who actually pays for it?

Keywords

housing, community, living together, neighbourhood, multi-generation, commons, housing projects, cohousing, squat, ecovillage, community, car spaces, tiny house, building, maintenance, administration





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*How do we move in 2048? What are the mobility utopias of most diverse people worldwide?
What does just and ecological mobility for all look like?
How is it designed and by whom?*

Mobility: Movement from below

Thematic Focus

The transport sector currently accounts for approximately 25% of global CO2 emissions. A mere change of the power sources within the current mobility system will not be enough. Rather, the focus is on climate-friendly forms of mobility that satisfy the basic needs of all people. Attention must be paid to the different needs of different groups, e.g. (post-) migrant groups with widely scattered families or care workers with different distances to travel.

Who does the track address in particular?

We invite activists, researchers, experts, practitioners and local politicians to share their mobility utopias with us.

Submissions can deal with the following questions, for example:

How does mobility look like in a changed world of living and working? Is there still commuting? Or do we live in a car-free city of short distances with lots of space for bicycles, pedestrians and families? How are the mobility needs of marginalised groups satisfied?

What role do public transport, rail and (electric) cars play in rural areas?

How will the production of future transport modes and infrastructure be organised?

How do we travel and explore the world? Will sabbaticals, for example, allow us to take time off for slow travel?

What role will freight transport play? How can regional economic cycles be combined with cosmopolitanism and cultural exchange?

Will the end of the combustion engine lead to more peace, or will there be new distribution struggles and unfair trade – this time in a post-fossil version?

Will digitalization bring platform capitalism into the field of mobility, or are there democratic and common-good alternatives?



Keywords

climate friendly and just mobility, slow travel, public transport, city of short distances, bicycle, walking, democratic mobility platforms



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It's not easy to formulate what our utopian vision for a future society is. Especially if we think of the year 2048 from the present context. This question touches on central aspects of society. How could we concretely organize a society based on solidarity, freedom and equality? And how do we get there?

Organizing Society

Thematic Focus

These are the big questions we want to discuss. If by **2048** power structures have been (largely) eliminated, how is our way of life, our production and reproduction, our consumption, our everyday life, our politics organized? Is it enough to regulate markets or do we have to abolish them? How is property organized and who owns what? Which social structures and mechanisms prevent discrimination and make it obsolete? Has the State been changed or have its functions been replaced by other political structures? Is the distribution of goods and services still linked to work, or to what extent can (the necessity of) work be largely eliminated? Do we coordinate and organize production in a central or decentral way? And which elements of the infrastructure existing today will continue to exist, will be transformed or perhaps abolished altogether?

Transformation strategies must be developed: Which steps towards a socially and ecologically just society can be achieved with which strategies? What is the relationship between major social disruptions and gradual processes of change? What role do autonomous spaces and the construction of new eco-social relationships play? How are emancipatory actors positioned with regard to the major upheavals that are inevitably facing us?

Who does the track address in particular?

These are the big questions we ask. We want to discuss the concrete ideas and conceptions behind the keywords and fill them with content. We want to try to go together beyond sectoral demands and visions, and develop coherent utopias. We also want to focus on transformation strategies to achieve this.

Utopian thinking must necessarily be diverse, and debates should be inclusive and solidary. It's important to reflect on our own position. Especially welcome are contributions that make marginalized voices beyond classic eurocentric utopias audible.



Keywords

state, market, property, ecosocialism, anarchism, council democracy, commons, parecon, solidarity economics, reform, revolution, autonomous spaces



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Social Guarantees

Thematic Focus

In the Social Guarantees thread, utopias and visions are explored and developed as to how every person in every place where he lives can be fully guaranteed social existence and participation. Submissions to this should also clarify the ideas of social justice that are connected with it.

In the transformation section we want to discuss role models that point the way to a society with social guarantees. We also want to debate enforceable monetary and non-monetary (public infrastructure, welfare) provision and accesses in the medium term that guarantee everyone a good life.

Who does the track address in particular?

We look forward to submissions from academics, activists and volunteers.

Submissions can deal with the following questions, for example:

What impact would social guarantees have for everyone on democracy, on reproductive / production relationships, ways of life and love and how to deal with the natural foundations of our lives?

How are global social rights related to the right to freedom of movement?

What possibilities of international solidarity are conceivable to guarantee social rights worldwide?

Which alliance partnerships are necessary and possible on the way to a world that guarantees existence and social participation for all people?



Keywords

unconditional basic income, citizen insurance, welfare, social infrastructure, social security, social justice, time sovereignty, redistribution, global social rights



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Solidarity Economy

Thematic Focus

In the year 2048, solidarity, need orientation and sustainability determine economic activity. People are self-determined in democratically organised companies and enterprises, which are characterised by a culture of appreciation. The complex processes of mediating needs and producing a wide variety of goods are made possible by new democratic forms of organisation and cooperation. Through the long and ongoing process of radical decolonization, people are coming closer to the goal of establishing economic cooperation in solidarity and without domination, even with people living far away.

We would like to look at what such an economy could look like in concrete terms for everyone, what challenges need to be considered and what steps could bring us to this utopia. We also want to make visible what forms of alternative economic activity already exist today, what we can learn from them and how they can be thought of as systemic alternatives.

Submissions can deal with the following questions, for example:

What role do the state, the market, planning, property, money or other means of exchange play in a solidarity-based, sustainable economy – do they still exist and, if so, what forms do they take? What is the relationship between global, continental, regional and local production processes?

How can we describe the ways in which we relate to other people and to our environment that arise from a solidarity-based economy? How are mental infrastructures created that motivate solidarity-based action at the global level? What strategies and design potentials can be identified in current approaches and practices of alternative economies with regard to processes of transformation in society as a whole? How do we manage on the basis of sufficiency and deal with needs that contradict this principle?

Who does the track address in particular?

We welcome submissions in a wide variety of formats: from film, concrete reports on experiences from your collectives, to theoretical analyses and reflections that question the status quo, especially with regard to questions of “market, state, property”, sometimes more, sometimes less radically.

Furthermore, we would like to create an offer that includes contributions for people who have not yet dealt with the topics in detail, as well as for those who have been working on them for a longer time, who want to ask themselves deeper questions and who want to network intensively.



Keywords

global justice, democratic forms of organization of enterprises and production, sufficiency, needs, subsistence, division of labor, logic of exchange (freedom), conviviality, commons, solidarity economy, post-growth, feminist economy, economic democracy



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We want to create a future worth living together. To achieve this, we will develop our potential for relationship and love, strengthen our empathy for all living things and respect our fellow human beings. We will create a future culture of cooperation.

The World of Relationships

Thematic Focus

This track will focus on how a future relationship and love culture can look like – and what effects this will have on society as a whole.

The starting point is the analysis that many people today feel very alienated from one another. We cannot or do not want to feel our own pain, nor that of other people or other living beings.

That is why it is so fundamentally necessary that we open ourselves up more for relationships with each other and with our fellow world.

In our utopia, people have done this and thus made a culture of cooperation possible instead of continuing to remain in opposition and isolation. In order to create a future worth living, people will have to resolve conflicts with each other and make good decisions.

Submissions can deal with the following questions, for example:

What can a future relationship and love culture look like?

How can we create a culture of togetherness instead of remaining in competition and opposition?

What kind of awareness development is necessary for this, and what practical approaches can support us in this?

How will people with different needs, cultures and world views communicate, resolve conflicts and make good decisions?

How will the world change when we re-engage with ourselves, and with our physicality and sexuality?

How will our ideas about gender and their relationships with each other change?

Who does the track address in particular?

We address people in social movements and visionary communities who are already sowing seeds for a new culture.

We also invite people who are committed to developing a new culture of communication; we welcome inspiration from the Global South and indigenous peoples.

Spiritual and philosophical thought leaders are invited, as well as people who are working for a liberation from restrictive ideas of physicality, gender and sexuality.

Keywords



Community, Relationship, Values, Human image, Needs, Empathy, Self-love, love culture, (ideas of) gender, physicality, sexuality, decision-making, (non-violent) communication culture, conflict culture (sociocracy, holocracy, systemic consensus, moderation, circle discussions, deep ecology)