

Re-inventing Democracy with generative and disciplined transdisciplinary - intergenerational - intercultural Dialogues and Conversations

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<http://www.benking.de/open-forum/events/NeuesEuropa.html>

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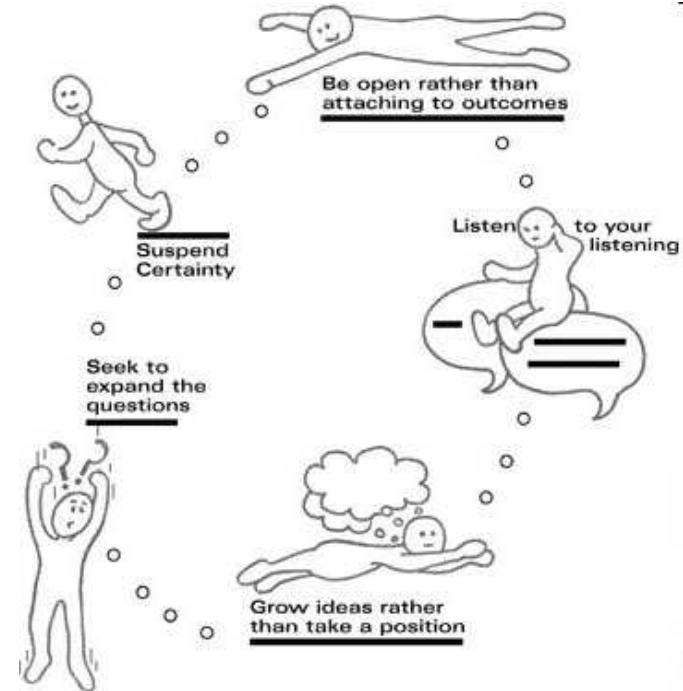
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Open-Forum

DIALOGUES



Das Open-Forum beschäftigt sich mit alten und neuen Gesprächsformen und eine notwendige Gesprächs- und Entscheidungskultur. Es handelt von alternativen Organisationsformen für Gesprächsrunden oder Kongresse.

Behandelt werden offene und mehr strukturierte, geordnete Moderations- und Veranstaltungsformen und wie ein jeweils optimaler Verlauf unter Einbeziehung der Erwartungen, Räumlichkeiten und Zeitvorgaben angestrebt werden kann.

Ein Schwerpunkt ist das von uns entwickelte MAGIC ROUND TABLE Rundgesprächs-Verfahren.

Sie sind eingeladen als Referenzen eine Sammlung von Veranstaltungen unter dem Titel "Demokratie neu-erfinden", oder eine Publikationsliste und das ursprüngliche Homepage-Sprungbrett mit weiteren Texten und Materialien zu erkunden.



The Open Forum page is about Dialog and Conversations, how to organise meetings and gatherings, and help groups come to sharing meanings and concerted action, about a much needed dialog- and decision culture and about how we can empower and give voice, co-create and invite change and surprise in any group, or generations and cultures dialogues, or with senior "systems" people.

It is about learning about open and closed formats and dialog methods, and how to trigger surprise and change in groups. We specially invite to study our magic round-table dialog exercise, a time-credit moderation method where attention and the invitation to speak is embodied as token, given as a present for encourage- or empowerment.

We cordially invite to visit a collection of open-forum events we call "re-inventing democracy", a list of publications we recommend, and the original "jump-page" we maintain since 1996.

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OPEN FORUM
 ACTION & BELONGING & RESPONSIBILITY IN NATURAL & LIVING SYSTEMS

four principles

- you are the ideal participants
- whatever happens - it is the only possible
- it starts when the time is right
- over is over

the law

of the two feet
 or the freedom to
 decide yourself.

two realisations (forms of participants)

the butterfly
 the bumble bee

INTRODUCTION & WARMING UP: beiner benking -
 With CONTRIBUTIONS & CO-CREATIONS from PARTICIPATORS & SURPRISE GUESTS

the law

of the two feet
 or the freedom to
 decide yourself.

**And the Joy of Giving Voice,
 empowering and Co-creation.**

In an open forum - space which invites surprise.

Open-Forum - 'Magic Round Table' "Rules":

Each person is given an equal number of beads, stones, or other tokens representing equal units of time. The total meeting time is divided into units matching the distributed tokens, thus valuing them. Each member then introduces her/himself, and if so desired, offers a topic for discussion. Members then give tokens to others whose topics they want to have introduced for discussion. The "voting or encouraging" continues as topics generate more or less interest; and as others join in the discussion, they can receive tokens as encouragement to continue with their line of thought. This open, transparent format can encourage inhibited people to participate and minimise domination by authoritative types. In case of unexpected changes in meeting duration, the tokens can be revalued inflated/deflated to match the remaining available time.

Reports can be found here: <http://open-forum.de/fo-invent-democracy.html>
 Please also check the article of [Farah Lerner](#) about the family of "open" & muss method for dialogue, mediation, and participation after meeting with Harison Owen at the Berlin Open-Space conference in 1998.

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The method can be considered a self-organizing, open, transparent, dynamic and embodied way of participation and empowerment which cultivates differences and fosters co-creation.


IMPRESSIONS: a SELECTION OF EVENTS (1995-2005) ...

that we have photos of to record our exercises of "re-inventing dialogue and democracy" towards an art of listening and jointly subsuming and resonating.

Please follow the links for more pictures, reactions and comments of the participants.

2005:


Traumland Intensivstation, Opening Spaces in an Ecumenic Church in Munich around Sciences and Hospitals around Intensive Care and Trauma: goto [Impressions](#) and [Article](#).



2004:

Congress: "[Ideen für Neues: Ganztagelernen / Ideas for Change: Day School Learning](#)" at Berlin Congress Centre

Youth Congress: "[For a New Europe](#)" at FEZ Berlin



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some "participant views" - *perspectives with other "eyes"* from events which combined the OPEN SPACE and OPEN FORUM method

1995 PEACE UNIVERSITY - Fördergemeinschaft zur Gründung einer Friedensuniversität (FGF) e.V. - deutsche Version
Ergebnisse der Sommer Universität in Berlin, Juli - Oktober 1995
<http://open-forum.de/cultures-generations-dialogue.html>

*DIALOGUE OF CULTURES AND GENERATIONS - storytelling and listening
GENERATIONEN UND KULTUREN DIALOG - da war doch noch was...*





GETTING THE WHOLE SYSTEM IN THE ROOM FOR CONVERGENCE AND ACTION.

BERTALANFFY'S 100TH

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[EXPO 2000 and Future Raft](#)
[Dialoge in the Circus - Chancen 2000](#)




1999: [House of Democracy Berlin](#)



1997: [Asilomar ISI - Social System Design](#)
1996: Club of Budapest, Munich

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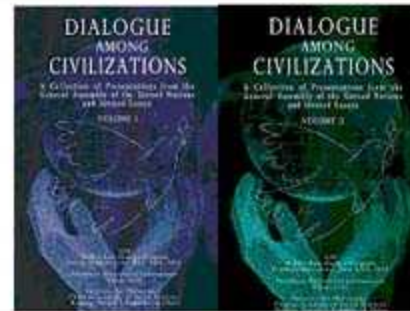
GLOBAL SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

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DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS

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Please see in Volume II

Role of Culture in Dialogue among Civilizations

Heiner Benking, (Independent Scholar) and Sheryl Stalinski, (Independent Scholar)

"Dialogue Toward Unity in Diversity" please see [here](#) the full original text as presented for the 100 years Ludwig von Bertalanffy celebrations of the Systems Sciences community.





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World Futures:
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pp. 115 - 128

Using Systems Thinking to Construct Agoras of the Global Village

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TOWARDS A NEW COVENANT:

EMBRACING A DIALOGUE AND DECISION CULTURE TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES OF THE AGORAS OF THE 21 ST CENTURY

Heiner Benking and Farah Lenser, Open Forum, Berlin, Germany

& Sherryl Stalinski, Aurora Now Foundation, Tucson, AZ

Summary of the Editors:

Heiner Benking, Farah Lenser, and Sherryl Stalinski analyze the difficulties faced in trying to dialogue across geographical and cultural boundaries. They examine two effective and relatively simple methods for bringing awareness and consciousness into a group of strangers: Open Space and Magic Roundtables. These methods work by themselves in situations where mutual understanding is the goal and as icebreakers in situations that demand planning and concerted action.

Twenty-first century agoras, unlike their historical counterparts, are not comprised of villages populated by individuals who know each other and share the same past, environment, and culture. Contemporary agoras are diverse and global. Their dialogue is often conducted across geographical and cultural boundaries. Additionally, they often address challenges and issues that are far more complex than those of the early agoras. This paper seeks to identify such challenges and summarize a variety of appropriate dialogue methodologies.

KEYWORDS: *dialogue, conversation, conscious cultural evolution, dialogue culture, social systems* [leson](#)



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Dialogues and Conversations - Participation and moderation/mediation: ways and means towards re-inventing Democracy and Good Governance



by Heiner Bonking, Independent Scholar, Berlin

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This posting from a list of activists for democratic schools might help us clarify the issue or how wide the topic is:

[AEROlistserve] Definition of "democratic"

Arnold Greenberg gmbro@downeast.net wrote Wed, 14. Jun 2006:

Folks: For me democratic education is much more than equal voting for students and teachers, it's having the students be in charge of their education. At Liberty School we want students to have real ownership of their minds and spirits and at the same time share equal responsibility for our learning community. We take each of the words--"democratic learning community" seriously and discuss--what does it mean to be democratic, What do we mean being committed to being learners and what does it mean to be a community?

Foreword



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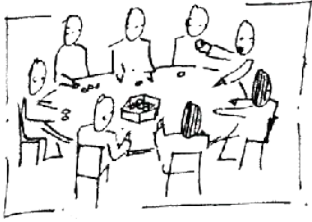
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(PLEASE NOTE: Below you find the full list of content. But only an extract which is omitting some figures, links, references could be made available at this time for the First Virtual Conference on World Citizenship and Democratic Global Governance. You will find more by following this link some time soon: <http://benking.de/dialog/dialogues-conversations2006>).

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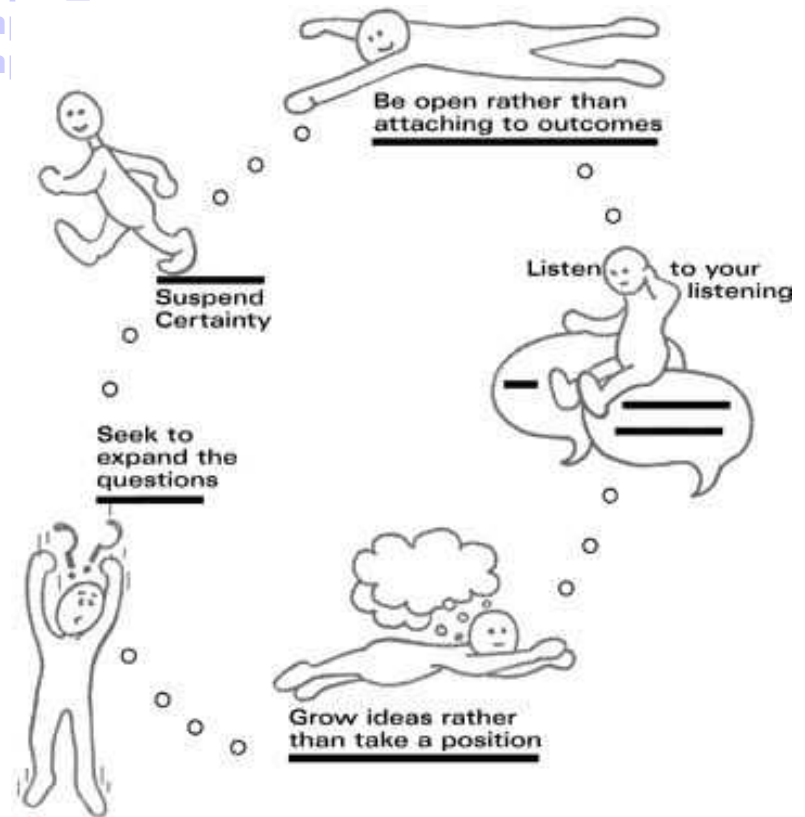
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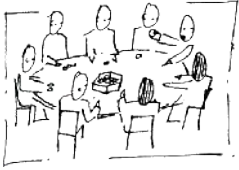
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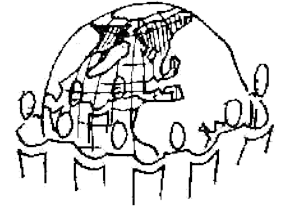
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**BE PREPARED
TO BE
SURPRISED**



e – DISCUSSION ON ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

"Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development".



N) Proposal for *Anna-Lindh-Foundation*, *European – Mediteranian Countries, Berlin-Alexandria 2008. Transcultural Dialog and Peace-Making Roundtable learning from experience during the last 40 years and new ideas*

Stumbling blocks preventing true dialog, peace-making, and reconciliation:

- 1) we fight over words but do not check the meaning,
- 2) we do not question and compare the values attached to statements and attitudes,
- 3) we do not contextualize and embody concepts and meaning, do not check the sectors, regions, scales, proportions and consequences of alternative actions,
- 4) we do not give voice, empower, listen, cherish and cultivate difference or variety in dialog and decision making,
- 5) Disorientation and dumbing-down in Cyberculture and a mis-administered and misunderstood, intangible “Globalisation / Glocalisation”: Where we get overloaded by communication noise (sign/symbol melange) and media demagoguery which means: no trust and fidelity in the statements and no ways and means to check the credibility and impact/relevance, and get lost between the scales, brackets, and sectors.
- 6) The above incompatibility and incomparability opens the door for over-claims and oversimplifications. Leaders use intangible jargon (plastic-words), neglect impacts and avoid instead of exploring differences and alternatives.

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