

General terms and conditions for attending the International Conference on Degrowth 2014

§1 Scope of the general terms and conditions (GTC)

These GTC cover the attendance at the Fourth International Conference on Degrowth 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the event) that is held from 2 to 6 September 2014 in the German city of Leipzig and is organised by: University of Leipzig, DFG Research Group “Postwachstumsgesellschaften” at the University of Jena, Konzeptwerk Neue Ökonomie e.V., Förderverein Wachstumswende e.V., and Research&Degrowth (hereinafter referred to as the organisers). Participants also include all speakers and exhibitors at the conference. The participation agreement is concluded once the participants have registered; have paid a conference fee of at least 15 €; and participation has been confirmed by the organisers via email.

§2 General terms and conditions

- a)** Participation in the non-public parts of the event will only be possible with a ‘conference ribbon’. In order to receive a conference ribbon, participants must provide the confirmation (sent to them via email after successful registration). Resale of the conference tickets is permitted after notifying the organisers.
- b)** The organisers reserve the right to deny admission to participants if compelling reasons exist. In that case participants may only claim a refund of the face amount of their ticket, unless admission has been denied for compelling reasons relating to the participant’s character or behaviour. Any other claim for compensation is excluded unless there is gross negligence or intent on the part of the organisers.
- c)** Admission tickets may only be purchased via the event website through the payment system Fairbill or at the conference venue.
- d)** Payment of the tickets is made using Fairbill; separate GTC apply.
- e)** Organisers will refund 80% of the costs for tickets up to four weeks prior to the start of the conference. Afterwards, conference fees will no longer be reimbursed. The application for refund must be submitted directly to the organisers. Responsibility for repayment lies with the organisers, not with Fairbill.
- f)** If the body and health are at risk due to weather conditions, the event will be cancelled or terminated. This also applies in case of force majeure; order by the public authorities or the landlord; legal rulings; or in cases of risk to participants or a threat of escalation caused, for example, by large numbers of people. In such cases claims for refund or compensation are excluded unless gross negligence or intent on the part of the organisers can be proven.
- g)** The organisers reserve the right to restrict access to individual areas of the conference, such as individual lecture halls or rooms for reasons of safety due to overcrowding. Participants may not derive any claims for compensation from this given the impossibility of exactly predicting the turnout for individual events.
- h)** Domiciliary rights are exercised in all event venues through the organisers or third parties appointed by them.
- i)** Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a person entitled to the custody of the

child or a legal guardian.

§3 Programme

a) Apart from choosing the speakers and artists for the conference, the organisers have no direct influence on the organisation and content of the conference events.

b) The organisers reserve the right to change the programme for compelling reasons. A justified reason is, in particular, no-shows of announced speakers, due to circumstances beyond the organisers' control (cancellation, non-attendance).

§4 Safety

a) Participants must strictly comply with the instructions of the organisers, persons authorised by the organisers, and supporters at all times and without undue delay, in particular during admission controls and in case of overcrowding. In case of noncompliance, regardless of the nature of the infringement, the organisers reserve the right to withdraw from the contract pursuant to §1 and expel participants from the event venue.

b) The concerts taking place in the context of the conference can seriously and permanently affect and damage the hearing. At the concerts, the level of noise will likely exceed 95 dB. The organisers take the necessary precautions in order to prevent permanent damage to hearing or health. At the same time, it is strongly recommended that participants use hearing protection (earplugs) to prevent possible damage to hearing or health. The organisers are not liable for any damage caused.

§5 Audio, image, and video recording

a) In general audio, image, and video recording is permitted at the event. Audio, image, and video recording is not permitted during the concerts taking place in the context of the conference.

b) During the event, the organisers and their partners will make photo and video recordings. By entering the event venue, participants give their irrevocable consent to these recordings being made and the free use of their pictures/video shots and voice recordings for photography and video and/or audio recordings made by the organisers or their partners in the context of the event; as well as to the subsequent Internet exploitation on the websites of the organisers and their partners; in the programme of current or follow-up events; and in promotional press reports on the part of the organisers. If a photo shows only one identifiable person, this person can demand from the organisers and their partners to remove the photo.

§6 Commercial activity, advertising

a) Any commercial activity of participants at the event is prohibited without the organisers' prior written consent.

b) Advertising of any kind by participants or other third parties is prohibited at the event venue and its immediate surroundings unless organisers have granted their explicit prior permission. This advertising ban covers, in particular, the distribution or placing of flyers, giveaways and similar items as well as the use of advertisements of any kind, and the covering of advertising from the conference partners. Trademark references on clothes are excluded from the ban.

§7 Compensation, liability of organisers

a) For any claims for damages of visitors the following applies: Liability of organisers is ruled out. This does not apply to damages resulting from injury to life, body or health caused by a negligent violation of duty by the organisers or by an intentional or negligent violation of duty by the legal representatives of or persons employed by the organisers. This does also not apply to other damages caused by a grossly negligent violation of duty by the organisers or caused by an intentional or grossly negligent violation of duty by the legal representatives or persons employed by the organisers.

§8 Conditions for organised accommodation

a) As part of the registration, the organisers offer to help with finding hotel/hostel accommodation, private accommodation (mostly a place to sleep at private homes in Leipzig), and the possibility to camp at a location away from the event venue for the duration of the event. Provision of accommodation is not an entitlement.

b) In the event of hotel or hostel accommodation, arrangements with the owners shall apply. Accommodation expenses have to be paid at the hotel/hostel in addition to the conference fee.

c) In the event of private accommodation, the organisers give no guarantee as to the location or the conditions. Participants have to indicate their accommodation needs when registering. In case of a shortage of private accommodation, the organisers may give preference to persons that rely on private accommodation and/or set an age limit. There will be no fee for private accommodation.

d) When camping at the location provided by the organisers away from the event venue, special arrangements apply. Consent must be given at the location and fees must be paid in addition to the conference fee.

§9 Final provisions

In the event that one or more clauses are or become ineffective, the effectiveness of the contract and the remaining clauses remain unaffected.