

Program for the weekend conference "Unimaginable Utopias: Solutions for Unfolding Social Crises." Open Academy, November 7-9, 2025.

	Friday, November 7		Saturday, November 8	Sunday, November 9
		9:00-10:30	Rupa Visnawath: The pitfalls of liberal anti-racism NN: On the acute danger of fascism (tentative)	Thomas Herzmark: Perspectives on utopia from the anthropological record: imagining egalitarian futures outside neoliberal economics* Lucien Holzner, Christoph Klug: The social nature of humans and the future of humanity
		10:30	Break	Break
		11:00	Support group International Automobile Workers' Conference Braunschweig-Wolfsburg, Josef Lutz: The Future of Transportation	Peter Weispenning: Socialism: Utopia? Science!
		12:30	Break	Break
1:00-2:30	500 years of utopias – humanity stands at a turning point today	1:30 p.m.	Victor v. Mirbach & Chantal Senn: Plant-Based Universities – How are our diets and global environmental disasters connected? A report on opportunities!	Svenja Schurade, Selmar Krug: Right of residence for all! Practical alternatives for an open and supportive society from the bottom up! Martin Hulpke-Wette: Referendum on the cycle path network
2:30–3:00	Break	3:00	Break	Break
3:00-4:30	Jürgen Wagner: The "era of rearmament" – causes, risks, and side effects	3:30–5:30	Workshops: (see page 2)	Closing plenary session 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Summary and closing statement
4:30–5:00 p.m.	Break	5:30-6:30	Break	
5:00-6:30	Werner Rügemer: Decent work! How the EU was expanded into a capital bureaucracy – and the alternative	6:30–7:15	Irinell Ruf: Alexei Nikolayevich Leontiev & Augusto Boal	
6:30–7:00	Break	7:15–7:30	Break	*German: Perspectives on utopias from an anthropological point of view: ideas of egalitarian future scenarios outside the neoliberal economy
7:00-9:30	Border crossers: Music program. Timeless utopias from six centuries.	7:30–9:00	Port workers from Greece and Hamburg against war transports	
		9:15	Closing with music	

Workshops

Lena Çay, Mika Christian, Christoph Klug, Jens Meulenberger: From utopia to reality – finding and applying the laws of society.

Irinell Ruf: The poetics of the oppressed as a path to utopias.

Ronald Bialozyt, Mimi Filova, Elizabeth Crawford: What is real democracy and how does it work?

Martin Hulpke-Wette, Göttingen Zero: The heating transition in Göttingen.

Rebell: How to organize solidarity with Gaza?

Christine Ro se, active in the Attac regional group Göttingen: Inequality breeds authoritarianism – how can we overcome fascism with real utopias?