

BUEN VIVIR - A good life for everyone!

20. - 29. April 2017 in Berlin

A week of events

With Alberto Acosta and others

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Sumak kawsay

Buen Vivir or Sumak kawsay (in Quechuan) names a central principle of the worldview and the way of life of indigenous groups from the region of the Andes in Latin America. It strives towards a good and fulfilled life for the people in their community and living together in diversity and harmony with nature. This Latin American way is also inspiring a lot of people in Germany and Europe. For Buen Vivir fuses a profound criticism towards the capitalistic growth-driven society with inspiring ideas for a sustainable world.

The week „Buen vivir - The right to a good life for everyone!“ is supposed to create impulses, inspiration and a space for debates aiming to approach a good life beyond growth, consumption, competition and environmental destruction.

From 20th to 29th of August we invite you to participate in the diverse program consisting of workshops, lectures, concert readings, movie presentation, a city tour and a lot more.

All events will be in German language. If you wish to participate and your need translation, please contact robin.stock@fairbindung.org in advance so we can try to organize that!

A detailed program and further information is offered at www.fairbindung.org/buenvivir

Panel discussion: „Berlin bridges to Latin America – focus on communal city partnerships“ 20.04.2017, 7 pm

Representatives of the city twinnings Kreuzberg-San Rafael del Sur (Nicaragua), Köpenick-Cajamarca (Peru), requested: Senate Chancellery of Berlin - Mexico and Buenos Aires. Topics such as: City twinnings - a chance to learn from each other. How is the exchange expected to develop? Sustainable municipal development - a contribution to „Buen vivir - The right to a good life for everyone“. Fair trade - Experiences, perspectives, commitment to and engagement for city twinnings.

Date: Thursday, 20.04.2017, 7 pm

Place: Lateinamerika-Forum Berlin e.V. , Bismarckstr. 101 (at SEKIS) 10625 Berlin, entrance Weimarer Str.

Free entrance.

The panel discussion is hosted by the Lateinamerika Forum Berlin www.lateinamerikaforum-berlin.de

Lecture: Buen Vivir and the greed for oil – What is left by Ecuador’s concept of a Good Life?

In 2007, Ecuador attracted international attention by the revolutionary Yasuní-ITT initiative: In order to preserve a good life in harmony with nature, the oil in the Yasuní rain forest was supposed to stay in the soil forever and supported by the countries of the Global North an alternative economic and development model was about to be built. The Ecuadorian constitution of 2008 even raised the concept of Buen Vivir to be a principle of state and nature was granted its own rights. Still today, the government of Ecuador propagates the concept of Buen Vivir - as well as the expansion of oil production in the rain forest. How does this fit together? Which attitude does the YASunidos Collective adopt?

Josephine Koch and Marco Paladines from YASunidos are going to present the state of realization of Buen Vivir in Ecuador as well as the YASunidos Collective. Furthermore, there will be a discussion about how exactly the great transformation towards a Good Life can be started, here and there.

Date: Friday, 21.04.2017, 7:30 pm

Place: Meeting room of the FDCL, Mehringhof, 3rd staircase, 5th floor, Gneisenaustr. 2A, 10961 Berlin

Free entrance, donations welcome.

The lecture is offered by YASunidos <http://yasunidos.org/> in collaboration with the Centre of Research and Documentation Chile-Latin America (Forschungs- und Dokumentationszentrum Chile-Lateinamerika, FDCL e.V.) www.fdcl.org

Training: Buen Vivir – The Good Life as a topic of Global Learning

The Latin American idea of Buen Vivir inspires many people being an alternative to our current growth-driven society. The positive vision of a good and fulfilled life for people in their communities and coexistence in diversity and harmony with nature is a perfect topic for educational work. The EPIZ - Zentrum für Globales Lernen (Centre for Global Learning) and FairBindung are inviting multipliers involved in educational work to get to know Buen Vivir as a topic of global learning and to try different methods which can be helpful for working with young people in education settings.

Date: 21.04.2017, 10 am – 5 pm

Place: EPIZ, Schillerstraße 59, 10627 Berlin

Free Participation. Application to bruch@epiz-berlin.de

The training is offered by EPIZ Berlin in collaboration with FairBindung e.V.

<http://epiz-berlin.de/>

<http://fairbindung.org/>

Workshop: The „Good Life for Everyone“ - (y)our utopia?!

We ask ourselves: „What if you woke up tomorrow and your vision of a ‚Good Life for Everyone‘ would have become reality overnight?“ This interactive workshop aims to let you find out and share your ideas concerning this question. What in your life would change exactly in your individual utopian scenario? What would your daily life look like - and your environment? With whom would you live together, how would you spend your time? Tracking our individual utopian imagination, we will confront ourselves with these and other critical questions in a playful way. The workshop wants to empower the participants to develop action perspectives enabling us already now, even without the utopian miracle having happened yet, to approach the „Good Life“ little by little. Everyone is invited to participate, there are no existing preconditions.

Date: Saturday, 22.04.2017, 2 pm

Place: HandlungSpielRaum, Karl-Marx-Straße 166 / 2nd backyard, Berlin-Neukölln

Application and information to: postwachstum@attacberlin.de.

Free entrance, donations welcome.

The workshop is offered by Attac Berlin - Postwachstums AG and the working group Kula Kula - die experimentelle Beitragsökonomie.

Workshop: "Work that reconnects" - Deep Ecology und Buen Vivir

We are living in times where the limits of growth are already exceeded in many fields for far too long. The destructive consequences of the industrial growth model become more and more visible.

Facing the present crises, many people feel a lack of power and despair...

This workshop is an introduction into the deep ecological „work that reconnects again“ by Joanna Macy. The philosophy of Deep Ecology, like the concept of Buen Vivir, is based on the idea of unity between human beings with the ecological network of life on the earth and grants every living being the right to live. This unity is going to be made perceptible and understandable by the workshop. We are able to perceive and acknowledge our emotions facing the crises. In this way, we encourage each other to start acting powerfully and lovingly and to form a future where a Good Life for Everyone is possible.

Direction: Dominik Werner, freelance facilitator, theatre pedagogue and initiator of the Transition Theater.

Date: Sunday, 23.04.2017, 11 am - 7 pm

Place: Baumhaus Berlin, Gerichtstr. 23 (Berlin-Wedding)

Participation fee 10-20 € (at one's own discretion). Please register until 10.04.2017 at: maria.rojas@fairbindung.org

Lecture: With bio-economy towards a Good Life? Concert reading with Alberto Acosta and Grupo Sal

Continuing growth without wrecking the world is possible - this is the central promise of bio-economy. „Renewable raw materials“ becomes the magic formula for the future. The concept of a Good Life, of Buen Vivir, however, questions the relationship to nature and insists on the necessity of a fundamental reorientation.

Where does the belief in feasibility of bio-economy lead us? Which impact does bio-economy have for the Global South and is the idea of Buen Vivir able to offer an alternative?

Speaker: Thomas Fatheuer, author of „Buen Vivir - vom Recht auf Gutes Leben“ („Buen Vivir - from the right to a Good Life“) and „Kritik der Grünen Ökonomie“ („Critique of Green Economy“), employee of FDCL

Date: Monday, 24.04.2017, 7 pm

Place: Meeting room of FDCL, Mehringhof, 3rd staircase, 5th floor, Gneisenaustr. 2A, 10961 Berlin

Free entrance, donations welcome.

Organizer: Forschungs- und Dokumentationszentrum Chile-Lateinamerika (FDCL e.V., Centre for Research and Documentation)

www.fycl.org

Alberto Acosta, former minister and president of the constituent assembly of Ecuador as well as co-founder of the well known Yasuní initiative, is probably the most popular voice of Buen Vivir.

This evening event wants to give an introduction into the concept of Buen Vivir and the question on a Good Life by fusing Latin American sounds by Grupo Sal und the political and social visions of Acosta. Contentual contributions by Alberto Acosta in the form of texts, reports and stories combined with songs concerning the same topic by Grupo Sal make Buen Vivir a sensual and artistic experience that night.

Afterwards the room will be open for dialogue and discussion.

Furthermore you may be looking forward to the Market of Alternatives where participating groups will be presenting themselves and their work.

Date: Tuesday, 25.04.2017, 6:30 pm

Place: Concert hall of the Freie Waldorfschule Kreuzberg, Ritterstr. 78, Berlin-Kreuzberg

Entry: 5-15 € (at one's own discretion)

Movie presentation: „La buena vida – The good life“ - subsequent discussion about imported coal from Colombia

The award winning movie „La buena vida – The good life“ by Jens Schanze tells the story of the Colombian village community Tamaquito which is endangered to be displaced by a coal mine.

The village of the Wayúu community lies in the North of Colombia. Nature in this place provides people with everything they need for living. But their livelihood is being destroyed by the mine „El-Cerrejón“: The huge hole, by spreading 700 square kilometers being the biggest open cast coal mine in the world, invades further and further into the once pristine landscape. Jairo Fuentes, leader of the village community, is determined to prevent a violent expulsion of his community like the many expulsions other villages were forced to experience in the past.

Following the movie Laura Weis, One World promoter for climate justice at PowerShift, and Sebastian Rötters from Urgewald are going to talk about the emergence of the movie and connections to the coal imports in Berlin.

Date: Wednesday, 26.04.2017, 7:30 pm

Place: Regenbogenfabrik, Lausitzer Str. 22, Berlin-Kreuzberg

Free entrance, donations welcome.

Buen Vivir – an evening of practice

After the evening with Alberto Acosta and Grupo Sal, we want to explore what „los buenos convivires“ (the good living together) mean for us and our daily life. Which attitudes, which skills can we practice for a comprehensive „being in relationship“ ... and what part of it do we already bear inside? Which ideas of development and growth are we able to unlearn and how does connectedness work?

Anna von Gruenewaldt and Henrike Lindemann are inviting us to acknowledge the connection between the inner development of the human being and the outer systemic development as well as to approach this idea during different exercises.

Date: Wednesday, 26.04.2017, 7 pm

Place: Impuls-Büro, Kiefholzstr. 20

Free entrance, donations welcome.

The Buen Vivir practice evening is organized by Impuls – der Agentur für angewandte Utopien e.V. (Impulse - Agency for applied utopias)
www.impuls.net

Lecture/Reading: Give us the good life! Stories of success from the book „Glücksökonomie - wer teilt, hat mehr vom Leben“

Many people all over the world are no longer keen on competition, individualism, hierarchy, exploitation and destruction of resources. They have started going new paths between market and state and have founded companies, projects and initiatives being no longer based on a monetary logic but on a logic of happiness. They experiment with diverse forms of collaboration and a decentralized economic management. Cooperating, sharing, promoting the common good, interacting as equals, committing oneself for others, moving in an undamaged environment - these are the very essences of contentment and creation of meaning in our own lives which is confirmed by the international happiness research.

The journalists Annette Jensen and Ute Scheub, both of them formerly working for taz, are going to read stories of success from the book „Glücksökonomie - wer teilt, hat mehr vom Leben“ („Economy of happiness - having more by sharing“).

Date: Donnerstag, 27.04.2017, 6 pm

Place: Baumhaus Berlin, Gerichtstr. 23 (Berlin-Wedding)

Free entrance, donations welcome.

Tour and evening event: Solidarity is becoming practical. Direct imports, community-supported agriculture (CSA) and self-organization here and in Southern Europe

A Tour through Kreuzberg and Neukölln visiting initiatives dedicating their efforts in different manner to support self-organizing structures in Greece, Italy and Spain. By the purchase of which imported goods can we not only obtain high quality products but also support self-government and political battles - mostly preconditions for a Good Life. How can the concept of community-supported agriculture (CSA) be helpful to the crisis-ridden Southern Europe? Where and how can I participate and which kind of support is needed?

The tour leads to an evening event including discussion and a movie presentation (presumably: I fight, therefore I am).

Requested projects: Schnittstelle, Solidarity4All, FairBindung, SoliOli, SoLaWi with direct imports and others.

Date: Saturday, 29.04.2017, 1-6 pm with subsequent evening event.

Place: For application and more information please contact mail@das-kooperativ.org

Free entrance, donations welcome.

The tour is offered by das kooperativ e.V., Wandelwoche Berlin-Brandenburg and FairBindung.

Walking tour: In the On- mode - How digitization transforms our life

Even if you may not count yourself as a technophile human being - you are already located right in the middle of it: the so-called digital revolution!

Social media, global networking and Big Data affect all areas of our lives. Thus, on the one hand, we have possibilities at our disposal which seemed unthinkable just 30 years ago and which sometimes may be pretty useful. On the other hand, we are leaving our traces everywhere and Google knows us better than our former school mates.

During our walking tour, we want to track down digitization in our own life and discuss which role the digitization plays in the context of social and environmental transformation.

Date: 05.05.2017, 6 pm until 07.05.2017, 2 pm

Destination: Goslar and surroundings

Costs: 60 Euros, application until 23.04.2017

The tour is offered by Naturfreundejugend.

http://www.naturfreundejugend.de/unterwegs/termine/show/3743/bewegung_gruende_Wanderung_Im_On_Modus_Wie_Digitalisierung_unser_Leben_transformiert/

The week of events „Buen vivir - A good life for everyone!“ is organized by FairBindung e.V.

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The detailed program and further information can be found at:

www.fairbindung.org/buenvivir

and over Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/fairbindung.berlin/>

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