UTOPIA CONFERENCES

Since 2005, Utopia has organised a series of conferences in Paris and around the country, accessible to all. Their goal is to link the thoughts, analysis and proposals of intellectuals with the political, trade union and association world.

In Paris, these monthly conferences are held in partnership with Médiapart, Alternatives Economiques and the Centre de Recherche en Economie of Paris XIII University. They are broadcast live and are available on our website. (http://www.mouvementutopia.org).

ART AND CULTURE

Theatre, slam poetry, graffiti, photography, music and cinema are all forms of artistic expression of transgression and imagination that are powerful instruments of communication with citizens.

Thanks notably to the Utopia Film Festival, created in 2011, the Movement has invested in this new involvement field, which accompanies our ideas and contributes to inventing tomorrow’s world (for example the event «the Other’s Flavours» in partnership with the Calais Scène Nationale of the Channel, in May 2015).

UTOPIA FILM FESTIVAL

The Utopia Movement has organised a film festival every year since 2011, which offers three days of screenings of short films and feature films (fiction and documentary) and lively debates with many speakers.

This is an opportunity for researchers, politicians and artists to discuss and share their views on topics such as labour, power, citizenship and patriarchy.

A PUBLISHING HOUSE WITH A DIFFERENCE

Les Éditions Utopia, created in 2010, publish analysis and proposals from the Movement, but also from associations, intellectuals, researchers or politicians close to Utopia.

The editorial policy of Les Éditions Utopia is rooted in political ecology and in the alter-globalisation movement.

As our main goal is to ensure that our publications are accessible to all, we favour a pedagogical approach and the prices are deliberately low.

Join us to build the Movement together!
To support our independence, please join or donate.

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It’s important to have dreams big enough not to lose sight when we pursue them.
**THE MOVEMENT’S OBJECTIVE: SHAPING OUR MODEL OF SOCIETY**

Utopia is a civic and political cooperative, and a link between the social movement, civil society, and the political and intellectual world. Utopia is at once a think tank, NGO, publishing house, and a movement that promotes resistance, popular education and practical experiments.

The Utopia Manifesto, the fruit of our collective thinking, provides the foundation for building a new society, close to the philosophy of the Buen Vivir.

Utopia defends its anti-globalisation and environmental convictions with a view to overcoming capitalism and productivist logic. Political ecology is the central theme of our approach.

**UTOPIA ON THE GROUND**

Utopia develops its ideas and projects in partnership with other civil society associations.

Utopia is present in local cooperatives (such as water management and eradication of poverty) and in major events and meetings. The Movement also conveys its messages during demonstrations against the Great Unnecessary and Imposed Projects (Notre Dame des Landes Airport, Sivens Dam, Gold Mine of Rosia Montana, Romania, etc.) and for the defence of common goods. What is more, Utopia defends its ideas at the European and World Social Forums.

Utopia was present at the Alternatiba event and at the Climate March.

« By sacrificing the essential for the urgent, we end up forgetting the urgency of the essential » Edgar Marin

The Buen Vivir is an actual philosophy of life that can be translated as « good living » and is the central principle of the world view of the indigenous peoples of the Andean region. This concept, an alternative to development, is gradually spreading in Latin America as well as in Western thought.

**UTOPIA AND INSTITUTIONAL POLITICS: BALANCING INDEPENDENCE AND INVOLVEMENT**

The objective is to promote our ideas with political and institutional stakeholders at local, national or international levels. Utopia is actively involved in the gathering of political parties and movements that are part of a political ecology and alter-globalisation approach. However, the Utopia Movement remains independent from political parties, from which it receives no financial support.

In conjunction with Utopia, Taslima Nasreen, Stéphane Hessel, Danielle Mitterrand, Antonio Perez Esquivel, and Aminata Traore launched an appeal in 2011 for the creation of a new worldwide political platform, designed to bring together countries from different continents. By imagining new constituent rights, we can draw the outline of a new political platform that will bring together peoples and states that share common aspirations and values: the environment as a shared resource of humankind, universal access to basic rights and goods, food sovereignty, freedom of movement and settlement, and the development of new democratic platforms.

Moreover, Utopia brings an international dimension to its reflection and its actions, thanks to its presence in countries such as Romania, Uruguay, Ecuador, and Mauritania.

A major worldwide project: The Universal Citizenship Passport

In 2011, Utopia, along with the Fondation France Libertés and Emmaüs International created the Universal Citizenship Organisation (UCO) which promotes freedom of movement and freedom of settlement. To this end, it issues the Universal Citizenship Passport (UCP) and calls for the organisation of an international conference on freedom of movement, under the auspices of the United Nations. www.o-c-u.org/fr/