

# LESS Registration information

*1<sup>st</sup> Liberal Education Student Symposium*

*13-15 April 2018 — Kandelblickhütte, Vöhrenbach*

*Organized by the Outreach Committee of the University College Freiburg*

Registration form: <https://goo.gl/forms/t3WUO4j4xlpfRby02>

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Concept Paper: <http://studentscouncil.de/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/LESS-Concept-Paper.pdf>

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## Contribution

All applicants are required to propose at least one contribution to the symposium. There are two main kinds of contributions that will be asked for in the registration form, namely contributions to the symposium's program and contributions to the organizational part of the symposium (e.g. cooking, cleaning). We would love to see people get active in both ways but emphasize that participants should follow their interests.

We highly encourage applicants to propose academic contributions as they are a fantastic opportunity to develop their skills and to mutually share knowledge and experience with other people in a setting they devise. The symposium is open to various forms of program contributions such as workshops, social activities, projects, discussions, films, or even lectures. All contributions should pertain to the symposium's topic of "Education F(r)ees or Freeing Education? - The Interdependencies Between Liberal Education and Politics in Theory and Practice". As time frame of a single contribution we suggest 90 min. to two hours. The design of the contributions is entirely up to the applicants and we encourage creativity in choice of topic and manner of contribution to make the program as varied as possible. Furthermore, there is the opportunity to assign reasonable (!) preparatory activities (e.g. readings, assignments) to the participants. Note that applicants can propose up to three contributions in a group or alone but should keep in mind that they will have to bear the required commitment and effort for their own

contributions. The goal of program contributions should be to critically enrich people's perspectives on and experiences of Liberal Education in regards to its political implications and consequences.

In order to enable creative and successful contributions we aim to provide all material that is necessary, and there will be a basic supply of stationery equipment (paper, pens, etc.). If you should require any more supplies for your contribution that you are not able to provide yourself, please specify them on the registration form. We will attempt to acquire these and get in touch with you.

The LESS can be your opportunity to have the first experience giving a talk about tuition fees and how they affect students and their educational potential or leading a film screening and discussion on political implications of (liberal) education. Maybe you know a drama game that visualizes freedom conceptions and want to discuss parallels between education and politics along those lines of "freedom". Alternatively, you could explore the role of the state in different political theories and how Liberal Education might impact it or be impacted by it. How about the potential of Liberal Education to mobilize populations towards critical and responsible action? Anyway, get creative and try yourself out!

## Evaluation criteria of application

Our goal is to create a diverse, interesting, and academically challenging program for the symposium. We will assess the applications primarily based on their program contribution proposals and any additional organizational contributions. Those program proposals are mainly assessed on how well they contribute to the symposium's program. Henceforth, criteria include how interesting the topic and methods are, how much it relates to the overall theme, how well it fits with other proposals (diversity but also compatibility), the potential for academic learning and enriching participants' perspective on and experience of Liberal Education regarding its political implications and consequences, but also the apparent commitment of the applicant to his or her contributions (e.g. extent and number of proposals). However, the proposals only have to be finished insofar as to allow us the evaluation of your application and the design of the program. So you basically have time until the symposium to develop your preliminary proposal.

## Costs

There might be a participation fee of up to 25€. Additionally, each participant will be required to bring a cash deposit of 20€ that will be returned once the hut is over. The participation fee is used to pay for food, drinks, and other supplies and the amount depends on the sponsoring we will and the number of participants. We will try to make the event free of charge for participants. Nevertheless, be prepared to pay for your own travel.

## Venue (The Hut)

The "Kandelblickhütte" near Vöhrenbach, Black Forest, Germany will hold our symposium from 13 until 15 April. This includes all events, the accomodation and the meals. The self-catering hut is at 977m above sea level and has proper beds in mixed dorms for 34 people, a large common room and a kitchen as well as a fireplace and a games room. Outside you can find a large barbecue area and a fantastic view! The hut provides no Wifi internet but mobile internet (phone signal) is available. Of course, we will use the opportunity to go on (academic) excursions into the black forest. A closer description (in German) can be found on their website:

<http://www.kandelblickhuetten.de/>