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# Invitation

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## Wilhelm Röpke Congress

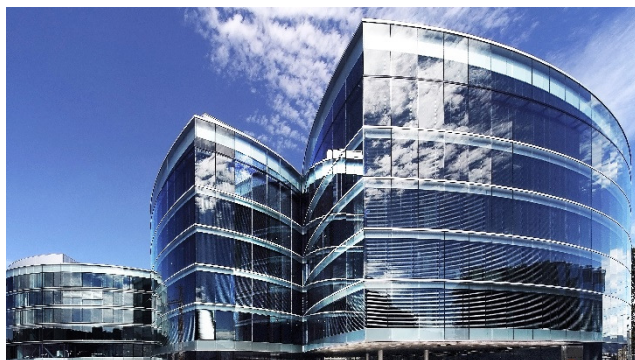
### A liberal political economist in times of cultural and economic crises in Europe

International colloquium and public conference

14–16 April 2016  
Maison de la Paix, Geneva



Hernando de Soto



Maison de la Paix

## The Wilhelm Röpke Congress

Wilhelm Röpke (1899-1966) is widely known as an economist of the founding generation of ordoliberalism who had a seminal impact on German liberal economic policy after World War II. However, he never returned to Germany after having left in 1933 and started an international career, first in Istanbul, then from 1937 onwards in Geneva, where he became Professor for International Relationships at the Graduate Institute and stayed until his death in 1966.

Röpke was a relentless critic of excessive interventionism, political centralism, and welfare statism. To what extent did Röpke see an ethical crisis as the basis of possible financial crises? What is his understanding of a “humane market economy” and to what extent can it be a basis for stable International Relationships? Why is Free Trade not a sufficient condition for a stable international order? What are necessary complements to establish a stable international order? This unique event, which marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Röpke’s passing, will address these and other questions.



After a two-day scientific colloquium, a keynote lecture by the economist, author and former Röpke student Hernando de Soto will open a third conference day. We look forward to your participation!

### Thursday, 14 April 2016 – Colloquium

- From 13:30    Arrival of participants, welcome coffee
- 14:00        Introductory remarks  
Philippe Burrin, Patricia Commun, Pierre Bessard, Nils Goldschmidt, Stefan Kolev
- 14:30        Richard Ebeling, The Citadel (USA) – **The Relevance of Wilhelm Röpke in the Post-Totalitarian World**
- 15:00        Marcelo Resico and Stefano Solari, Università di Padova (Italy) – **The Moral Foundations of Society and Technological Progress of the Economy in the Work of Wilhelm Röpke**
- 15:30        Jean Solchany, Université de Lyon (France) – **Wilhelm Röpke: Why He Was a Conservative**
- 16:00        Coffee break
- 16:30        Frans Willem Lantink, Universiteit Utrecht (Netherlands) – **Cultural Pessimism and Liberalist Regeneration? Wilhelm Röpke as Ideological In-Between in German Social Philosophy**
- 17:00        Alan S. Kahan, Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines (France) – **Neoliberalism, Neoconservatism, Neodemocracy?**
- 17:30        Tim Petersen, Wilhelm Röpke-Institut, Erfurt (Germany) – **Liberal Economics and Conservative Journalism – Wilhelm Röpke and William S. Schlamm**
- 18:00        End of first day

### Friday, 15 April 2016 – Colloquium (cont.)

- From 9:00    Arrival of participants
- 9:30        Patricia Commun, Université de Cergy-Pontoise (France) and Raphaël Fèvre (Université de Lausanne) – **Was Röpke Really a Protokeynesian? Wilhelm Röpke’s Ultimate Attempt to Combine Economic and Sociological Analysis: Crises and Cycles (1936)**
- 10:00        Lachezar Grudev, economist (Germany) – **Wilhelm Röpke – an Innovative Austrian? Röpke and Austrian Business Cycle Theory**
- 10:30        Stefan Kolev, Westsächsische Hochschule Zwickau (Germany) – **The “Ordo-Interventionists” and Ludwig von Mises – Really No Common Ground?**
- 11:00        Coffee break

- 11:30 Henrique Schneider, Schweizerischer Gewerbeverband (Switzerland) – **Röpke: Skepticism About Markets and Optimism About Culture**
- 12:00 Matias Petersen, King’s College London (UK) – **Hayek and Röpke on Markets and Morality**
- 12:30 Gabriele Ciampini, Université de Paris-Sorbonne (France) – **Was Röpke a Neoliberal? An Ordoliberal in the Mont Pèlerin Society and his Relationship with James M. Buchanan**
- 13:00 Lunch break
- 14:30 Ozge Kama, Yıldız Technical University (Turkey) and Antonio Masala, IMT Lucca (Italy) – **Between Two Continents: Röpke’s Years in Istanbul**
- 15:00 Alberto Giordno, Università degli Studi di Genova (Italy) – **A (Neo)Liberal Friendship in a Time of Crisis: Röpke, Luigi Einaudi and the Future of European Civilization**
- 15:30 Coffee break
- 16:00 Andrea Franc, Universität Basel (Switzerland) – **Wilhelm Röpke’s Impact on Swiss Domestic Politics**
- 16:30 Christoph Frei, Universität St. Gallen (Switzerland) – **International Politics at Röpke’s Times**
- 17:00 Erich Weede, Universität Bonn (Germany) – **What Has Social Science to Say to Globalization?**
- 17:30 End of the colloquium

## Friday, 15 April 2016 – Public lecture

- 18:30 Welcoming remarks and introduction  
Philippe Burrin, Graduate Institute, and Pierre Bessard, Liberal Institute

Lecture by **Hernando de Soto**

President of the Institute for Liberty and Democracy, Lima (Peru)  
**Property Rights and Markets: the Best Promise for the Poor**

## Saturday, 16 April 2016 – Public conference (mostly in French and German)

- from 9:00 Arrival of participants
- 9:15 Introductory remarks  
Pierre Bessard, Liberal Institute
- 9:30 Richard Ebeling, The Citadel (USA) – **Introductory Lecture: The Dangers from a Loss of a Moral Compass**
- 10:00 Patricia Commun, Université de Cergy Pontoise – **Les fondations culturelles d’une société de marché**
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 Christoph Frei, Universität St. Gallen and Liberal Institute – **Freihandel als Grundlage der internationalen Ordnung**
- 11:30 Alan Kahan, Université de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines – **Les valeurs bourgeoises et les intellectuels**
- 12:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 Bernhard Ruetz, historian and publisher, Zurich – **Röpke in der Schweiz: Werte und Marktordnung**
- 13:30 Pierre Bessard, Liberal Institute, Geneva and Zurich – **Le rôle décisif de Röpke en Suisse**
- 14:00 Erich Weede, Universität Bonn – **Die Krise des zeitgenössischen Wohlfahrtsstaats**
- 14:30 Alain Laurent, éditions «Les Belles Lettres» – **Concluding Lecture: Röpke, Mises et Hayek: une appréciation**
- 15:00 Concluding remarks
- 15:15 End of the congress

## Registration

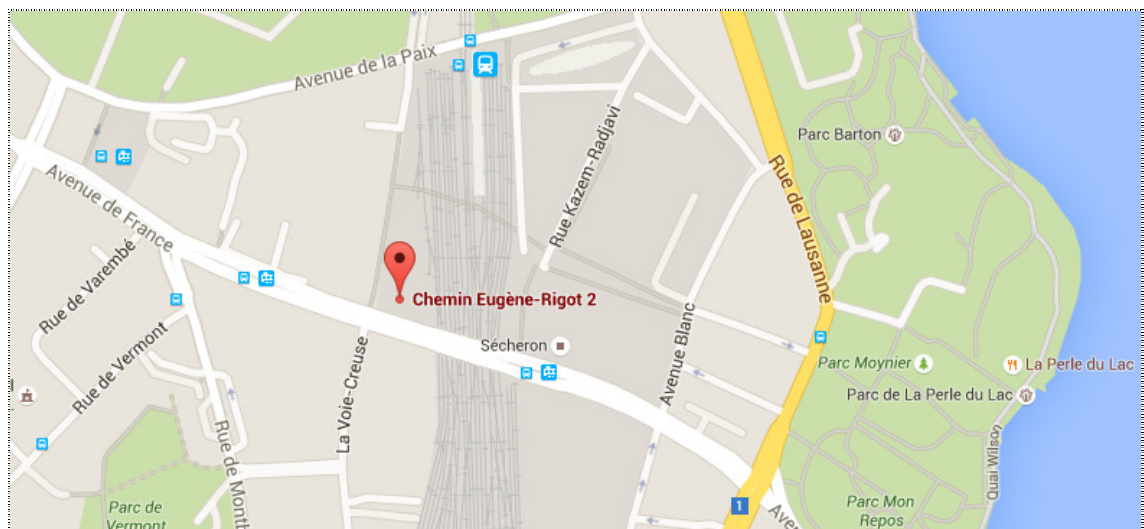
Registration to the Wilhelm Röpke Congress is possible for the entire program over three days, or for either the colloquium or the public conference.

Attendance fees apply (free of charge for students and academics).

**Registration deadline: Wednesday, 6 April 2016**

## Location

The Wilhelm Röpke Congress will take place at the Graduate Institute, Maison de la Paix, chemin Eugène-Rigot 2, Geneva



### Public transportation

From Geneva Cornavin station (5 minutes), tram no 15 direction “Nations”, stop “Maison de la Paix” or “Sismondi, then 2 minutes on foot

### Parking

Parking de la Place des Nations, entry rue de Varenb , Geneva