



## Press Release

**The second annual symposium of AREF (Association to renew the research and teaching in finance, economics and management) has taken place on 25 and 26 June, at the University of Fribourg (where AREF is domiciled).**

The symposium has been organised under the responsibility of prof. Paul H. Dembinski (AREF Vice president), Dr. Virgile Perret (AREF General Secretary) and Mr. Andrew Mungall (University of Fribourg). There were around thirty attendees : professors, doctoral students and experts in the economic and finance areas.

The conference has focused on the following three themes :

(a) Diagnosis on the state of the financial system 12 years after the crisis and the long list of tasks to be achieved practically as well as within finance regulation and teaching. Such a theme has been deeply treated, especially by professors Marc Chesney (University of Zürich, AREF President) and Paul H. Dembinski (University of Fribourg), as well as by Mr. Andrew Cornford (Geneva Finance Observatory), in a joint event with the Ambros Lüthi Foundation.

(b) Diagnosis on the (slight) changes made on the teaching programmes in four countries : Germany (prof. Helge Peukert, University of Siegen) ; France (Wojtek Kalinowski, Institut Veblen, Paris) ; Switzerland (Leonardo Conte, Lionel von Meiss, Laia Soler, Lea Trogrlic, Rethinking Economics Switzerland) and United States (prof. Marc Chesney, Uni Zürich).

(c) Discussion of the propositions aimed at renewing such teaching and of the inspirations to be searched, especially the news of a contemporary rereading of two authors : Karl Menger (prof. Gilles Campagnolo, University of Aix-Marseille) and Henry George (prof. Michael Derrer, Lucerne University of Applied Science and Arts). New disciplinary approaches have also been presented, such as « Contextual Economics » (prof. Nils Goldschmidt, University of Siegen) and the challenges of the sustainable finance with the need to rethink deeply the educational curriculum in finance (Jean Laville, Geneva School of Business Administration, Swiss Sustainable Finance). The importance of promoting interdisciplinarity has been put forward by Dr. Virgile Perret who has shown the contribution of the international political economy to reintroduce power relationships in the analysis on economics and finance.

Soon, summaries of the different presentations will be downloadable on our Website: <http://www3.unifr.ch/aref/fr/>

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