

## Zur Kampagne Heimatland Erde

Dear Gudrun, Dear Wilfried, Werner and all the friends who organised this beautiful initiative. I would like to thank you for your invitation.

Of course, like you I am sad and disappointed not to be able to share with you moments of conviviality through our exchanges in a cordial and face-to-face manner. I apologise for expressing myself in writing, as my English is limited for such a presentation.

When I decided in April 2020 to dedicate a book to Edgar Morin's 100th birthday, we were living through the beginning of one of the greatest planetary crises of this century, and at that precise moment, we did not have the imagination to understand what was happening to us. And I would say that we still don't have this imagination! All the certainties on which man thought he could build something have collapsed. For me, the book "Terre-Patrie" is therefore premonitory... Indeed, the planetary era in this 2020 where everything has been put in communication with everything and everything has progressively become globalized until the greatest health crisis of the 21st century! More than half of the planet is confined, a consequence of this ill-considered acceleration of the pace of development which is taking on a tragic and inhuman face.

I wanted to explore the brilliant reflections of this book in a collective way, trying to situate our imagination in the near future, feeding our imagination towards the search for a new philosophy of action for the "planetary human", capable of reconciling the possible and the impossible, the contradictions, the antagonisms and the paradoxes, and ridding it of its naiveties and illusions. I asked more than 50 speakers from different continents, among them Wilfried and Werner representing Austria... Finally, this book project became a reality with the title: "The Future of the Homeland Earth. Walking with Edgar Morin", published by Editions Actes Sud "extra" officially on 1 July and officially from 1 September 2021.

In addition to the book, this idea of reflecting on the concept of Homeland Earth has given rise to three initiatives that are in some ways complementary to the one developed by ASPR and the Herbert C. Kelman Institute ("Homeland Earth" Campaign).

### **1. Open letter from youth to EarthCare**

This initiative stems from the "Homeland Earth as Campaign" launched by ASPR, Herbert C. Kelman was carried out from February 2021 within the framework of the Global Youth Climate Pact programme in about ten countries, mainly young students in Latin America: Mexico, Panama, Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Peru and North Africa, Morocco.) Starting with a creative approach, this initiative made it possible to collect a wealth of material: mini-videos, poems, questionnaires, etc. On 24 August, each country representative will meet to assess the experience and prepare the conditions for implementing the initiative in other countries, including Europe.

### **2. Planetary "Homeland-Earth" Education: Anticipating the Future with Creative Pedagogy**

Planetary Earth Homeland Education is a reflective and pedagogical approach with a creative aim, to help anticipate the future citizens of this homeland. It is a project developed by a working group composed of a dozen researchers, including our friend Wener. We now have a document with the general objectives, the principles of which are a proposal for a pedagogical path, intended to raise the awareness of young people while soliciting their projection and their creativity and collecting their points of view towards this ideal of an imaginary future.

This conception of a "planetary homeland" education, as well as the reflection that follows on politics, ethics and anthropology, can be translated into what seems to be an emergency today, i.e. a form of

creative pedagogy of emancipation that will be expressed by an education that pushes for surpassing oneself, via a generalised learning in different moments and fields of social life.

### **3. International Observatory of Homeland-Earth Governance: a New Earth Alliance.**

This initiative is a continuation of the work of the Edgar Morin Congress of the Future, Homeland-Earth, held in Santiago de Chile on 8-9 July 2021.) The realisation of this project proposes an original approach of accompaniment, reflection and action on the diagnosis of our Homeland. What is more, the conviction that it is possible to develop a common creative intelligence. Another world is being born before our eyes. Another spirit, in our ways of thinking, hoping and having hope. This project involves a twofold approach: that of a "diagnosis" of a production of knowledge in the process of being made on 5 themes and a "prospective" approach whose objective is the elaboration of a "Booklet Homeland-Earth" on the regressions and advances. The latter will identify regressions and advances in 5 areas of the state of our society: democracy, ecology/climate, education, inequality/poverty and environmental justice. The aim of this work is to systematise the different results over a yearly period and to structure the trends for a reflection on the future of Homeland-Earth.

#### **The three challenges:**

“L’Esprit du temps” has been captured by the disturbing statement in the 6th IPCC report "The worst is yet to come, with implications for the lives of our children and grandchildren" says the IPCC and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has declared the report a "code red for humanity". At our modest level we must :

1. Continue the initiative "open letter of young people to Homeland-Earth" in different continents (Africa, Asia, Europe) and design a digital platform, not as an instrument, but as a tool to produce knowledge of this experience.

2. to see how the experience of the open letter from young people to the Homeland can contribute as a civic experience to the "Planetary Education Homeland" project. We want to submit this project to the Gulbenkian Foundation's education division and propose to Unesco that a pilot experiment be carried out in a few countries.

3. We are living an adventure, an adventure into the unknown... This is why the international observatory of Homeland Earth Governance must help us to innovate politically. More than ever, we need to develop the knowledge and know-how (to be) necessary to "steer" transitions and accompany the transformations of organisations and territories. What are our capacities to read complex situations and with what tools to provide answers, co-produce meaning, share diagnoses and manage the unexpected and face the unpredictable.

Merci beaucoup !!!

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