



**First Think Tank Meeting
Mannheim (MZES), Germany
16-21 May, 2010**

I. Accommodation

I have booked rooms for you at the Hotel Bismarck, which is located close to the train station, about two minutes walk.

Hotel am Bismarck
Bismarckplatz 9-11
D-68165 Mannheim

Phone: 0049-621-4004-196-0

This is the link to the hotel if you want some more information:

<http://www.hotel-am-bismarck.de/>

As you are already informed, you are requested to pay your accommodation based on the fix COST grant (79€ per night, including breakfast). Please understand that any other expenses incurred by yourselves cannot be covered.

-From Mannheim main train station to the hotel:

When you come out of the Mannheim main train station, turn to your right and walk towards the post office, turn left at the post office and walk straight - you're already heading towards the Hotel)

II. Further information how to come to Mannheim Hbf from Frankfurt International Airport

When you arrive at Frankfurt International Airport, please follow the directions to 'Rail stations' and 'Long Distance Trains/*Fernbahnhof*'. From *Fernbahnhof* leaves your train to Mannheim. Note that the station is called Frankfurt Airport/Flughafen -- Frankfurt-Main Station/*Hauptbahnhof* is a different station. If you do not have a train e- ticket, you can buy it at: *Deutsche Bahn Reise Büro*.

Please contact me if you will not arrive at Frankfurt International airport and/or Mannheim Central Station or you do not know how to reach your hotel.

III. Location of the meeting

Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)
University of Mannheim, A5, 6 (Gebäudeteil A)
Room 230, 2nd floor

As we are gathering in a meeting room rather than a computer lab, we would like to recommend you to bring your netbooks or notebooks/laptops (that's probably something you would do anyways)! In any case, the room will be equipped with a beamer and a notebook so that the presenters do not need to connect their computer but can use memory sticks for their ppt presentations.

How to get to the MZES from the hotel:

- By bus
There's a bus Nr. 60 (direction Grenadierstraße via Schloss) that leaves in front of the main station from platform 3 every 20 minutes (00 – 20 – 40)
You have to get off at the third stop (Universität West).
The bus stops directly in front of the social science building.
- By foot
Leaving the hotel, turn to your right and follow the main street (Bismarckstrasse).
Always straight on, passing the Castle on your left, after about 20 minutes walk, you arrive at the MZES.
- By taxi
There are taxis in front of the main station

And here are some more directions from and to the MZES:

http://www.mzes.uni-mannheim.de/frame.php?oben=titel_e.html&links=n_mzes_e.php&inhalt=mzes/lageplan_e.html

IV. Hosted dinners

Sunday, May 16

20:00 hrs Dinner at 'Rheinterrassen'
Rheinpromenade 15, Mannheim
Internet: <http://www.rheinterrassen.info/>

19.30 hrs: Meeting at the lobby of Hotel am Bismarck.

Those who will arrive later on and wish to join us for dinner are advised to take a cab.

Wednesday, May 19

19.00hrs Wine Tasting and Conference dinner at Bad Dürkheim Restaurant/Weingut Zumstein

The bus leaves from the Hotel am Bismarck at 18.30 hrs and returns to the hotel at about 23 hrs.

Please let me know if you have any dietary (vegetarian) restriction

Information at the website

You can be informed about the Think Tank meeting at the website of the Action. Please have a look at: <http://www.true-european-voter.eu/node/26>

In case of emergence

Please do not hesitate to contact me:

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We are looking forward to welcoming you in Mannheim!