

Convivialism – Strengths and Weaknesses

The talk will mainly focus on the reviews of the German translation of the Convivialist Manifesto. Many comments over the last months were very positive and productive; others have shown reluctance or even rejection of this text. Thus, the question is taken up if the Manifesto formulates a concrete utopia that might be able to mobilize various social actors for an alternative to finance capitalism, generalized utilitarianism and postdemocratic disillusion.

Therefore, the strengths and weaknesses of the Manifesto are discussed with regard to its stance on social spheres such as the economy, culture or religion or on questions of social structure, social identities and politics. My aim is to evaluate the various critiques of the Manifesto in order to identify missing or misleading perspectives and thus to further its general message. Accordingly, how could conviviality be possible is the underlying question of the talk.