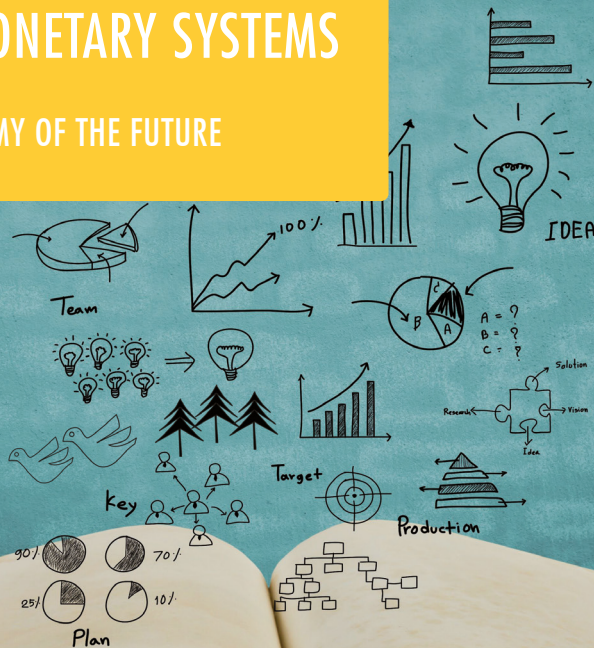




Be part of the solution!

Introduction



OeAD student housing, a non-profit student residence provider, accommodates around 10,000 persons annually across Austria. It is a pioneer in the construction of passive house student residences with over 25 years of experience. Sustainability and social responsibility are at the heart of all the company's activities, which is why it is also a member of the Economy for the Common Good and the Wellbeing Economy Alliance

"Going beyond the topic of construction, we also want to shift the view towards a necessary transformation of the economy itself. In 2014, we therefore initiated the summer university "Alternative Economic and Monetary Systems (AEMS)" together with national and international partners: At AEMS, students and professionals get the opportunity to collaborate in person with like-minded individuals from across the globe and discuss approaches for a more sustainable and fair future!" –

Günther Jedliczka, CEO – OeAD student housing



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Why AEMS?

Our current economic system leads to an exploitation of natural resources and social problems, such as inequality, and plays a significant role in climate change. The financial system contributes to ecological degradation and a systematic redistribution of wealth to the richest part of the population.

Time for change is now!

AEMS is your gateway to discovering innovative solutions already within reach! This non-profit academic program, held annually in Vienna over three exciting weeks, creates a dynamic space for bold ideas and global collaboration. Open to students and professionals worldwide, AEMS thrives on teamwork and is backed by an international network of partners—many offering scholarships to support your journey!



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Experience Vienna



Vienna lies at the heart of Europe and not only has a rich history to discover. The city has also been considered the most liveable city in the world repeatedly!

Whether you want to explore its **historic buildings**, such as Schönbrunn castle, enjoy music at the **State Opera**, experience **Wiener Prater** amusement park with its famous **Ferris Wheel** or take a walk along the **blue Danube** – Vienna offers a lot to unveil!

Did you know? While having about 2 million inhabitants, almost half of the city area is green.



Your study experience at AEMS



Multidisciplinary
group of students and
professionals

The latest developments
in alternative
economics

Alternatives such as
the Economy for the
Common Good and
Doughnut Economics

New approaches for
finance such as CBDC
and ethical banking

Academic experts
and activists

New ideas for a
regenerative economy

International alumni
network & friends
for life

Certificate of the BOKU
University, Vienna
for 5 ECTS

Don't just take our word for it...



"I didn't know a lot about economics before I came to AEMS – but the course has allowed me to expand my knowledge in this field. My favorite part of the course has been the teamwork aspect, due to many of my peers coming from an economics background, which allowed me to hear their ideas. If I had to describe AEMS in one word, it would be 'informative'."

Katelyn Hu, China



"AEMS has taught me how money works and how to involve the environment to make a positive impact on the future. I really enjoyed exploring the different aspects of the economy, learning from a lot of different professionals and also the sports evenings – which were very fun."

Milan Nad, Slovakia

**"...be inspired
to embrace
change"**



"I really enjoyed being part of the AEMS course. I have met a lot of amazing lecturers who taught me about different sides of economics that I had never thought about before. I am taking a lot of knowledge and insights with me. The whole experience has been inspiring"

Ninah-Miriam Kiraya, Tanzania



"The people, the course content and the location of Vienna made AEMS a great experience. I joined this course to enhance my understanding of the environment and climate change, and AEMS has given me the knowledge to explore that field further. Everyone shared their own experiences and knowledge - and this has inspired me to embrace change and step out of my comfort zone."

Achref Ininou, Tunisia

Activities

When joining AEMS, you will experience a variety of formats: lectures, discussions, workshops, embodied practices or educational games. Learning happens on different levels, and we offer a unique program to incorporate many of them!





Building strong connections with your peers is a crucial aspect of the program - just as collaboration is crucial to solving global challenges: Experience a range of social activities, such as a movie night, a dinner at a "Heurigen" - a typical Austrian restaurant - sports evenings, a walking tour or visiting best practices in Vienna!

Modules of AEMS

1 Basics & Nature

What are the obstacles we face today? – Get introduced to:

- Economics & Economic Theories
 - Monetary Systems & Financial Institutions
 - Climate Change & Biodiversity Loss
 - Systems Thinking
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2 Finance & Money

What's the role of the monetary and financial sector? –

Get to know:

- Money, Interest, Compound Interest
 - Digitalization of Money
 - Money and Power Structures
 - Money and Ethics
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3 Economics with social and ecological values

Which alternatives are there? Gain insights into:

- Economy for the Common Good
 - Doughnut Economics
 - Circular Economy
 - Degrowth
 - Universal Basic Income & Universal Basic Services
 - Sovereign Money
 - Complementary Currencies
 - And many more
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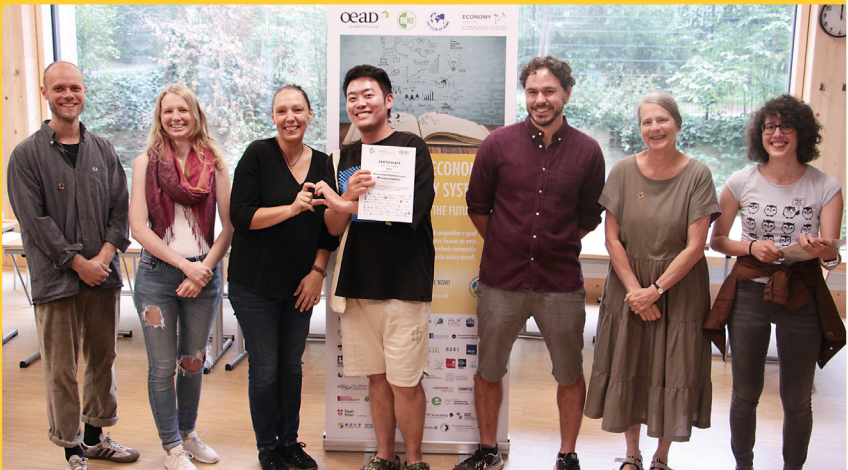
4 A social-ecological transformation

How to make an impact? – Learn about ways to get there:

- Climate Litigation
- Power, Politics, Activism
- Grass Roots Initiatives
- Strategies for Transition – Present Your Own Initiative
- Group Work Project on Systemic Change

Wrap-up and Synthesis

- Group Project Presentations
- Analysis, Reflection and Conclusions



Group Work Projects

Transforming long-established systems calls for collaboration and joint forces. With your project work you will start on a small scale. You will team up with other AEMS participants and identify a social, ecological or economic challenge that is close to your heart. Together with your team you will develop possible pathways to transform this issue.

You will work in a multicultural and interdisciplinary team of 4-6 people and present your project at the end of the summer university to your peers.





AEMS at a glance

Who can participate?

- Open to motivated students and professionals from **all fields**
> no background in economics necessary
- **A-level / pre-university** level required
- **50-60 participants** from more than 20 countries each year
> with no more than 7 people from the same nation
- **All-English** program, held **in-person** only

What will you experience?

- **Transformative learning** & embodied practices approach
> a unique and holistic learning experience
- **3 intense weeks** of lectures, (panel) discussions, workshops, educational games, simulations etc.
- Gain **5 ECTS** for your studies
- Enjoy life in the repeatedly declared most-liveable city in the world - **Vienna, Austria**
- Spend 4 weeks in a student residence in the heart of the city

Why join the program?

- Become part of a globally unique & holistic summer experience
- Discover a plethora of novel ideas for our economy
- Unravel ways of how to make an impact towards a more ecologically sustainable and socially just future
- Make the best of your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to exchange ideas and network with like-minded individuals from all over the world
- Connect with your peers and find international friends for life

Note: The program takes place in the Minority World and primarily offers perspectives from the Global North.





AEMS since 2014:

497 Alumni

81 Nationalities

Scholarships

In collaboration with our academic partners, we offer a limited number of scholarships for highly qualified students in need of financial support:

Scholarships are available to **students only** and awarded based on:

- Financial need
- Motivation letter
- Very good command of English
- Minimum academic level: pre-university (A-level)

Check our website for more details on eligibility, application process and deadlines.



Questions and queries

For more information or questions, have a look at the FAQs on our website www.summer-university.net or get in touch with us directly at aems@oead.at





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