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- TOPIC: The European Social Model Facing Economic Crisis and Climate Change
- SPEAKER: Claude Didry and Annette Jobert
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ABSTRACT OF THE TALK

What could be the role of unions, of workers representatives and of workers in Europe today? Unions and workers representatives in works councils were part of the social matrix that explains occidental development after World War 2. They were crucial in national processes of negotiation that created new guarantees, with the fixation of minimum wages and the stabilization of employment relations. The European construction gave an impetus to a renewed participation of the workers representatives through European Unions, based on the deliberation on the European institutions. But since the 2000s, European institutions, under a growing influence of neo-liberalism, are focused on market economy seeing labor rights as obstacle to the success of European firms. In this conference, we will examine in what way a renewed action of European unions and workers representatives in cooperation with initiatives taken by the civil society on sustainable development and other societal issues, can address the challenges of the economic and climatic crisis that threaten the European economic and social model.

BIOGRAPHY

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