

*This is a "Save the Date" announcement. Details will be forthcoming over the next few months, but we wish to let people know about this event early enough to start thinking about how they'd like to spend Independence Day weekend of 2011.*

**Redeeming The Realm Of Rights**  
**A Conference on Rights and Democracy**  
*Hosted by the Social Sciences Section of North America*

**Thursday, June 30 to Sunday, July 3, 2011**  
**at the Hawthorne Valley School in Harlemville, NY**

Along with a financial and environmental crisis we are facing a crisis in democracy and human relations. Within our national and state governments, financial and corporate interests take priority over the rights of the people, resulting in human and environmental exploitation and international strife. This is not simply the result of institutional failure, but a failure of developing the necessary human capacities needed for a living democracy. Our institutions and social forms are a reflection of thoughts and feelings that people carry within them. Therefore, meaningful change will not only require the transformation of our outer structures but also require an inner transformation of the people who are active within them.

In this conference we will use the social threefolding ideas of Rudolf Steiner as framework to explore our American political heritage, some of the most pressing political issues of our times, and the outer forms and inner capacities that we will need in the future to redeem the realm of rights. Along with presentations we will employ artistic exercises and focused and free-form conversations to gain insights and develop new capacities.

Initial sponsors of this conference are the Center for Social Research at Hawthorne Valley, Think OutWord, and the Berkshire Taconic Branch of the Anthroposophical Society. Conference fees will be on a sliding scale: consideration is being given to a range of \$125 - \$300.

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