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... for a new world

update

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"They just lived the way they wanted the world to live..."

Dear Friends! We invite you to explore this extraordinary record of what thousands of people found, did, and are doing, to make this world a little better than it would be without their impact.

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A personal reflection

The 'For a new world' web platform is federating, making visible in one place the vast amounts of information now available in different archives and places about Frank Buchman, the Oxford Group, Moral Re-Armament and now Initiatives of Change. Two Swiss historians are coming towards the completion of their doctoral theses, based on the Caux archives, and funded by the Swiss Federal Fund for Scientific Research.

I've shared with these two students, and with their supervising professors, my dream that there might be some public or semi-public event, a seminar or colloquium after their two theses have been approved, and I've given them a list of other possible names, historians who have worked on MRA or Buchman.

If this dream takes form, towards the end of this year, might it be linked in some way with the public launching of our platform? It is already a fantastic resource for historians – and both of these doctoral students have been using it and appreciating it: being able to listen to sound and watch film, and not just read papers...

I have a short memo with 15 suggestions for further theses around this strange beast that I've already shared with some other historians, and I hope that in the coming months and years, we will see an explosion of academic interest in and recognition of what we've been privileged to be part of!

Andrew Stallybrass, 6.2.2020

Design update

Here follows some of the latest major changes to the web platform's design:

- The top menu has been completely re-thought and many new categories have been added to improve the browsing experience of the website. It has also been entirely translated into Arabic, Swedish, Dutch, Danish, Spanish and Portuguese, with more languages to come.
 - The search functionality has been reconfigured and re-designed for you to be able to find exactly the material you wish to find (among the near 8000 pages featured on the platform), in an intuitive way. [Click here](#) to go to the new search engine.
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Content update

In this section, we would like to invite you to look at a select part of the vast amount of new content that has been added to the web platform over the last few months. Click the images below to view the content on the platform (remember, if prompted, use **foraneworld** both as username and password):



For A Change

Almost 1,000 articles from 104 issues of the [For A Change](#) magazine are available as individual articles, suitably categorised.



'Andrew's letters'

All 143 issues of the [Caux Letters](#), or 'Andrew's Letters' are now available as full-text .pdf files on the platform.



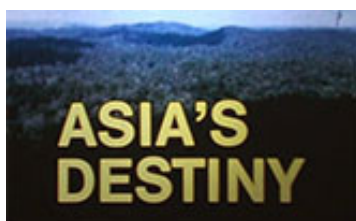
World Bulletin

All 85 issues of [World Bulletin](#) are now on the platform, as full-text .pdf files.



Buchman interview

[Recorded interview of Frank](#) in his room with Chiba and Senator Ohtami in 1961. Message for Japan. [Click here](#) to browse more audio files.



Asia's Destiny

[Asia's Destiny](#) (with Swedish subtitles and partly Swedish dubbing) has been added to the growing collection of moving images available on the platform.



Steelband Variety

[Video of Steelband](#) at Mackinac with **Conrad Hunte** (00.55), **Beth Petersen** (06.58) and **Colwells** (12.15) during the 1964 conference "Which way America?"

Some material that has also been added, but was **not** featured above:

- [Arthur Strong's](#) book [PREVIEW OF A NEW WORLD](#),
- 102 issues of the Nordic newsletter '[Dialog Direkt](#)',
- More than 50 new fulltext books and pamphlets in Nordic languages. [Click here](#) to search for publications by language, genre etc.

Financial update

8743 work hours have been clocked at the moment of writing, of which 90% is pro bono!

Thanks to several gifts last year and already this year, we have been able to pay all our direct costs so far, while still having €15,000 in the bank! This gives us the security to go ahead with 'Phase Two', the phase leading up to the public launch planned for the end of 2020.

Phase Two requires some technical expertise outside our own circle, which will cost market rates. While we estimate that we have enough for the next 3-4 months, we reckon we need to raise approximately a further €25,000 to get us through to the public launch.

Support us

One of the major challenges of this project is the great variety of languages in which we hold material, and how to make it all easily findable and available to the widest possible audience.

The platform's interface, including the menus, were planned to be in 12 languages, though we are looking to see if we can reduce this number! The United Nations web site is in 6 languages. The film about Irène Laure's story, 'For the love of tomorrow' is currently on our platform in 16 languages. After discussions with South African friends, for example, we've dropped Afrikaans as an interface/menu language, but there will be Afrikaans texts, documents, books on the site.

This is but **one** of many areas where we need more people, more volunteers. Translating the interface/menu into a new language is not a massive task: it's a matter of translating perhaps 200 words and phrases. And if we feel the need, if there is a demand, then we can later add more languages.

Want to help? Click the button below or send an e-mail to feedback@foraneworld.info. Thank you!

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And finally: thank you for showing an interest in our endeavour!

// Sylviane Borel (Switzerland), Vitalie Cracan (Romania), Anthony Duigan (South Africa), Meryl Horn (South Africa), Pieter Horn (South Africa), Rosmarie Lilliehöök (Sweden), Edward Peters (Sweden), Eliane Stallybrass (Switzerland), Andrew Stallybrass (Switzerland), Leif Söderlund

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