

Vienna Coffeehouse Conversations – Frequently-asked Questions

Why should I come to this event?

A Vienna Coffeehouse Conversation takes you beyond the usual chat people have each day. It's a chance to explore your own ideas and those of another. But also to make a new friendship, and create new connections between Vienna and the wider world.

What will happen at the event?

You arrive at the event and meet a group of Vienna residents and other visitors. After we familiarise you with details of the event, you will be introduced to your conversation partner and take a seat at one of the coffeehouse tables. A 'menu' consisting of conversation questions to choose from will break the ice. The questions encourage you to share your views on travel, friendship, inspiration and family. You are free to stay as long as you like. Many conversations take on such a momentum that they last well beyond the scheduled two hours. Once you finish your conversation, you are free to join us for an after-show get-together with drinks.

Which conversation questions are on the menu?

Some examples of questions on the conversation menu:

Which ideas have you encountered while travelling, and brought back to your life at home?

How important is money to you?

What are the limits of your compassion?

What different kinds of love have you known?

You and your conversation partner are free to choose whatever topics you like, and go beyond them.

Who will my conversation partner be?

The organisers match conversation partners randomly at the beginning of the event. You and your partner will have 25 questions to explore, across the three courses and then coffee.

I would like a conversation with my partner/friend and others. Is this possible?

The Vienna Coffeehouse Conversations are personal talks about big topics like money, friendship and respect. Discussing these in private with a 'no-strings attached' person brings a new level of insight - like opening up to a stranger on a long train journey. We found at previous events that couples took away more from a 1:1 conversation with a stranger.

What if I don't like my conversation partner?

The Vienna Coffeehouse Conversations attract people who are interested in ideas and stimulating conversation. Experience suggests that topics where your views differ can lead to particularly fruitful exchanges.

Is this psychotherapy?

Although Vienna is the home of psychoanalysis, the Vienna Coffeehouse Conversations are meant to be fun. We find that participants learn a lot about their own thinking and views, but they are free to choose which questions to answer.

How do I register?

To register for a Vienna Coffeehouse Conversation, simply click on a date on the event page, for Cafe Museum or for Cafe am Heumarkt:

<http://spaceandplace.at/vienna-coffeehouse-conversations/>

A registration form for that event will be presented. Then select your menu and follow the easy payment procedure, which has a step-by-step guide.

I don't have a PayPal account and am having problems paying with my credit card. What shall I do?

You do not need to have a PayPal account in order to book tickets. Just use your credit card on PayPal, a secure online payment system. In the PayPal window, choose the link 'Don't have a PayPal account?' at the bottom, if you want to pay with your credit card.

If you prefer not to use PayPal, you can make a secure payment via bank transfer. Please contact us at eugene.quinn@spaceandplace.at.

How will I know that my registration has been successful?

First, you will receive an email from the organisers with your booking details and directions to the venue. This is your ticket, so please bring it to the event. A second email, from PayPal, will confirm your payment and participation at the event.

Do these events take place anywhere else?

The Vienna Coffeehouse Conversations build on Oxford University professor Theodore Zeldin's tried-and-tested Conversation Meals, which have taken place as part of street festivals, in art galleries from London to Singapore, and at the World Economic Forum in Davos. Our partners, *space and place*, successfully introduced the 'Tischgespräche' to Vienna, with two events for locals, in April 2012.

Who runs the Vienna Coffeehouse Conversations?

Vienna Unwrapped and Viennese cultural group, *space and place*, organise and run the Vienna Coffeehouse Conversations.

Any more questions? Please contact us at eugene.quinn@spaceandplace.at