

Jan Roderick first described the different state of implementation of organizations that work with the aim of disseminating and applying the ideas of Ernst Schumacher. In a second section, he outlined Schumacher's biography and the development of his ideas and principles, which were already written down in „Buddhist economics“. He then described the current work of the Schumacher Institute in Bristol, which highlights the goal of improving systems thinking required in the context of current socio-ecological problems. He also mentioned the criticism of Schumacher's position.

Discussion: The complexity of increasing and decreasing globalization of the economy was one topic; Local food production compared to internationally active food companies served as an example. It was also highlighted that there is currently not much political support for the program "Small is beautiful". However, according to Schumacher one should think further on this issue, because there could be a time when there is a good chance of moving forward. There was also a discussion about the integration of Schumacher's ideas in the university research and teaching area, which seems very low. The impression arose that Schumacher's ideas were more present in developing countries, which could be explained by the influence of "intermediate technologies" also propagated by Schumacher.

(Protokoll: Felix Tretter)