

A scenic landscape photograph of a lake in Austria. In the foreground, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and a long pink skirt, is sitting on a rock by the water's edge, looking towards the right. The lake is calm, reflecting the sky and the surrounding landscape. In the background, there are green hills and a large, snow-capped mountain peak under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A small, isolated evergreen tree stands in the middle of the lake. On the left, there are more evergreen trees and rocks. The overall scene is peaceful and picturesque.

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The myth that the King of Rock 'n' Roll, who died in 1977, is still alive today is one that music fans doggedly refuse to give up. This bold theory is symbolic of the economic policy myths that we put under the microscope in our publication "Elvis lives", to see how close to the truth they really are.

The TTIP only benefits big business, a price cap is the only way to keep the lid on rising rents, and people who retire later are taking jobs away from young people, right? In "Elvis lives", the third volume in our series of handbooks of intellectual self-defence, Agenda Austria's economists and several high-profile guest contributors explain why these claims are wrong. After reading it you will understand why education is definitely not inherited in Austria. In an article based on the work of Nobel Prize winner Angus Deaton, Karl Heinz Paqué – a member of our Academic Advisory Board – describes how we can avert the supposed threat of increasing inequality. Wolf Lotter, co-founder of Hamburg-based magazine "brand eins", illustrates conclusively why lower growth hits the poor and only benefits those who already have enough. Our handbook gives you the arguments you need to expose truths for what they really are in the course of political and economic policy discussions.