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Congress: 6.-9.4.07#Leipzig

A CONGRESS FOR RESISTING

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...is also a congress against consumer attitudes. Therefore, a lot of our debates during the preparation were concerned with questions of knowledge transfer and participation in the events on the BUKO 30. Quickly we agreed: The ex cathedra teaching of knowledge practiced in most of the education facilities – in front the teachers, vis-à-vis the learners – is not enough for us.

REFRACTORY PRACTICE BETWEEN SHALLOW WATER AND DEEP SEA

The Baltic Sea has an average depth of 45 meters, in the Mecklenburg seaside resort Heiligendamm at the end of the pier you reach the ground already after 6 meters. For some splashing this might be enough. Diving is also possible. But the literally "sinking of the Group of Eight" seems to be difficult. But which sea would be deep enough for it?

In June 2007 the representatives of the G8 will have their obligatory summer performance. Without actual legitimation this meeting is first of all a symbol for a complex coherence of political, economic, and social power relations: a knot in a net of power relations in which people are entangled. This entanglement is not only understood as a passive one – on the contrary, it encloses the active participation.

Staying with this image, political resistance can be identified as self-critical conscious theory and practice which tries to find alternative ways to tie knots. The subversive and at the same time progressive potential lies in the stretching of the meshes, the untying of tight knots and the manufacturing of new connections and self-determined networks. The motto of BUKO30 concentrates its close reference to the G8 summit and the protests against it: [em]power#networks!

THE CONDITIONS, IN WHICH WE LIVE

Between the countries of the "global North and South" as well as within the societies there are huge inequalities – they are produced and maintained by the same capitalist mode of action. Colonial relations of exploitation existing since centuries are threatening substantially big parts of the world's population. Apart from continuities you can observe new developments, too; the capitalist penetration of all areas of life has

reached a new quality. Our challenge is to identify common grounds without blurring or playing down the differences. How could theories of imperialism help for an analysis of these conditions. What is new after the end of the bloc confrontation? And in which relation are the new wars as well as the struggles for survival "in the South" to the daily struggles for social security and a good life "in the North"? How can we continue present debates on the so called "precarious" in an internationalist perspective?

Emancipatory politics can only work as critical practice, if it is targeted clearly against the dominating constructed lines of origin, gender, colour of skin, and class, and if it is trying to subvert these. It must be open for the practical problems of those people who should be moved – namely not only, if the "fair" trade coffee bought in the superstore known for its bad working conditions leaves a mouldy aftertaste. This openness requires at the same time a self-critical reflection of refractory practices. In this regard there is still a lack of common targets and trend-setting ideas.

THE RESISTANCE, THAT WE WANT

Under these conditions the political agitation against the G8 shouldn't be only symbolic. Because especially for the "summit attackers" it is crucial to ask about the difference and the transition from simple protest to consistent political and social practice of resistance. The answers are to be found in the area of conflict between spontaneity and continuity, individual motivation and collective action.

How can you, for example, prevent the protest during the PR-event of the "G8 summit" from only boosting the staging of power? How can you even put the demand for emancipatory politics with analytical profundity into effect in this context? At which

points do you face the danger of abridging the contents or of frustrating instead of satisfying activity? The campaigning politics against the G8 corresponds to a general insecurity of life, the always shorter termed wage labour relations and misty perspectives. Precarious life situations and the resulting pressure to self-economisation are accelerating the frustrated retreat into the alternative niche or even the emergency exit. Thus defences, like the struggle for the preservation of the alternative housing project, quickly become the only political maxim. Consequentially continuous political work is ever less to observe.

"Sink G8" is no magic bullet against the collective powerlessness. But a striking protest could unfold dynamics which inspire processes of collective self-empowerment in everyday life. The potential to radicalise political approaches and to exchange positions on different refractory practices is certainly given in the face of an unprecedented breadth of spectra. Precondition: The "festival" will be translated into long-term political work developing, promoting and intensifying an emancipatory and internationalist perspective. A beginning for a new "globalised" solidarity acknowledging the different life realities and still assailing the same mechanisms in the power#networks.

THE CONGRESS, THAT WE CREATE

Two months before the summit row the BUKO30 intends to tie together perspectives and practices. The congress wants to open a space to combine topics, everyday life's and structural questions of the different movements, to mediate between local and global resistance, between local social processes and international(ist) politics – and between the different realities. And also with regard to 30 years of internatio-

alist history which has been shaped also by the network of BUKO. Among other things we want to explore possibilities of refusal and creative potentials of individual and collective appropriations. Affiliated are questions of direct communication and concrete organisation. Additionally, topics which have mostly been left out during this year's big mobilisations (e.g. feminism and Anti-Semitism) should be included. Anti-capitalist, anti-racist, feminist, radical-ecological, anti-national, anti-fascist, and anti-speciesist positions are welcome to interact in critical solidarity without playing themselves off against each other. So far, the BUKO has the philosophy of an open platform.

But this also means to realise participatory forms of discussion and of exchanging experiences, to break with the poles of "academic" and "practical" knowledge and to commonly rethink political fields which have been possibly conceptualised too tight ranging. Knots of contents are being prepared under the working titles "energy", "migration", "militarism", "economisation and privatisation" as well as "gender-power-politics", "resistance and organisation", and "undesired compatibilities". Using the striking motto [em]power#networks we are opening the floor for discussion and are looking forward to lively participation at the BUKO 30 from 6th to 9th April in Leipzig.

Preparation Group of BUKO30

A short note concerning the text: The preparation group of the BUKO30 is a heterogeneous bunch of people coming from different political fields, scenes, groups and cities. This text is a mid-term result of long debates and as work in progress it will be continuously discussed like many other things. At the BUKO in extended circle...

Therefore, the events organised by the preparation group will have a participatory character. This relates initially to reducing discussion obstructions and exclusion mechanisms. It goes without saying that all statements are translated if needed. The participants have to take care of this. Also the choice of words can be excluding. We are of the opinion that most of the complex topics can be put, described, and above all discussed in an easy language. In this spirit we hope for an open and friendly atmosphere which promotes discussions showing solidarity, liveliness and insubordination. However, the possibilities of the single workshops remain limited, because of time and space. Therefore, we will offer opportunities to meet each other for further appointments, discussions, and activities during the whole congress.

The rooms are open and unused, it's up to you to fill them. We also would like to recommend these considerations warmly to the speakers. Please include thoughts on form and presentation into your planning. Certainly we don't set rules, but we offer tips and tricks if needed. But first and foremost, this appeal is addressed to the participants: Claim participatory methods! If you don't like something, say it! Turn the events into your events!

BUKO (MEMBERS') ASSEMBLY ...

... offers all interested people the possibility to familiarise themselves with structures of the BuKo and to join in discussions regarding the present situation of BuKo. As customary in members' assemblies, the reports of different bodies and groups are presented, the new speakers' council is elected and last but not least the further future of the BuKo is discussed. Non-members of BuKo are explicitly and sincerely welcome, too!

Sunday # 8th April 2007 # 20 h

BUKO³⁰

BUT HOW - ANOTHER WORLD?

ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE QUESTION OF ORGANISATION

The criticism on the neo-liberal and imperial world order is growing since some years and is concentrating during the mobilisations against the G8 summit here in Germany.

It is becoming apparent that the mass protest is supported by multiple social movements, NGOs, parts of German trade unions, and the Left Party. However, it shouldn't be overlooked that the movements for a different globalisation haven't had much success in influencing societal power and dominion relations. On this background we would like to open the BUKO 30 with a question that has been central to the foundation of BUKO 30 years ago and that has been carried alongside in the last years – the question on an engaged and continuous organisation of resistance.

This includes three issues: First of all, the concrete and collective organisation of people who criticise dominion and have emancipatory ideas. This can involve numerous separations which are based on different forms and speeds of political action, on the degree of professional work (NGOs, foundations, etc.) and on the relation/loyalty to political parties or other sponsors, but also on different experiences and political positions.

Secondly (hier: Second), it is a question of organising of leftist, social, cultural and political spaces and, therefore, it is also a question of alternative culture or of the role of left parties. Finally, it is about the organisation on a completely different, free, just, and sustainable society, which

is already existing in many places today, which is created concretely, but confronted with many obstacles - on the horizon. It is a matter of, for example, the role of the state, of alternative economy, but also of a non-imperial world order. At the overture of the BUKO these issues should be named with regard to the congress but also beyond. Furthermore, it is about the controversies in assessing the question of organisation, which show up concerning the present G8 mobilisations. They should be discussed on the background of further experiences and from different perspectives.

RESISTANCE AGAINST WAR, MILITARISM AND VIOLENCE

War is the most barbaric form to exert power; it is legitimated in politics and media by the propaganda terms of "War on Terror" and "Humanitarian Intervention". Thus, it is camouflaged, that in a colonial manner warlike operations are used with ever less scruples to open up markets, to secure the access to resources and to establish desired types of government.

We have to resolutely oppose and resist the global war politics. Radical criticism is directed against any war, against disfranchisement, torture, and violence that is used and normalised in order to extend imperialist, neo-colonial, and patriarchal power relations. We reject models of thinking and explaining that are only based on simple comparisons. Because they imply the lack of alternatives and they are destructive. Such models are: competitive economy or poverty, democracy or terror, state or chaos, perpetrator or victim, active or passive. One of the bases and one consequence of wars is the hierarchical understanding of sexes. There is the hero who defends the nation and his counterpart the subordinated woman, be it as a vulnerable object of defence or as a rape victim in the war or as a prostitute for soldiers. Militarisation is strengthening patriarchal structures. Thus, it is suggested that it is possible to defend vulnerable people by the use of direct military force and dominion. An anti-capitalist and anti-patriarchal position against war overcomes such

models and shows other ways of thinking, explaining, and living together.

Germany is at the forefront of wars and war preparations. German military is presently deployed in ten areas world wide. Furthermore, Germany implements amongst other things military reconnaissance and transports. Crucial war logistics are operated through German airports (e.g. troops and material for Iraq and Afghanistan). Germany is masterminding the set-up of military intervention capacities in the EU and the German contribution to the NATO is exemplary. The airport in Ramstein has had an essential importance for the success of the operation "Enduring Freedom" in Afghanistan and for the war in Iraq according to the US military. The German minister of defence officially declares for what EU-troops should be deployed: It is also about the interests of the German economy and the prevention of "streams of refugees" (<http://www.imi-online.de/2006.php3?id=1380>).

Troops of the USA and the EU again are openly deployed for imperial interests. A local example: the military using of the airport Halle-Leipzig. Every day up to 400 US-soldiers are having here a stop-over on their way from or to the war zones. The Antonov planes, which are transporting heavy war arms to any destination in the world (Congo, Iraq, Afghanistan), are stationed here. This airport is one little stone

in the mosaic of military bases.

At the BUKO 30 we want to show, strengthen and offer resistance against militarisation. We are planning workshops on local, national and global war politics and its criticism, together with international activists of the resistance against militarisation. Furthermore, we are planning a protest march on Easter Sunday around the airport in Halle-Leipzig, and further surrounding actions and happenings. We will discuss the ongoing mobilisation, reflect on previous experiences, and discuss further aims. Additionally, we will find practical forms of expression during the congress. The BUKO 30 is timed between the anti-war demonstration against the NATO Conference on Security in February in Munich and the anti-G8 Days of Action in June at the Baltic Sea. In June during the Days of Action one of the central issues for action will be "Militarisation and War".

From Genoa to Munich, from Munich – via Leipzig – to the Bombodrom and further to Rostock-Laage & Heiligendamm!

– as plain as they may be. It depends upon collecting these experiences, interpreting and digesting them collectively to be able to resist, to think and to act in perspective.

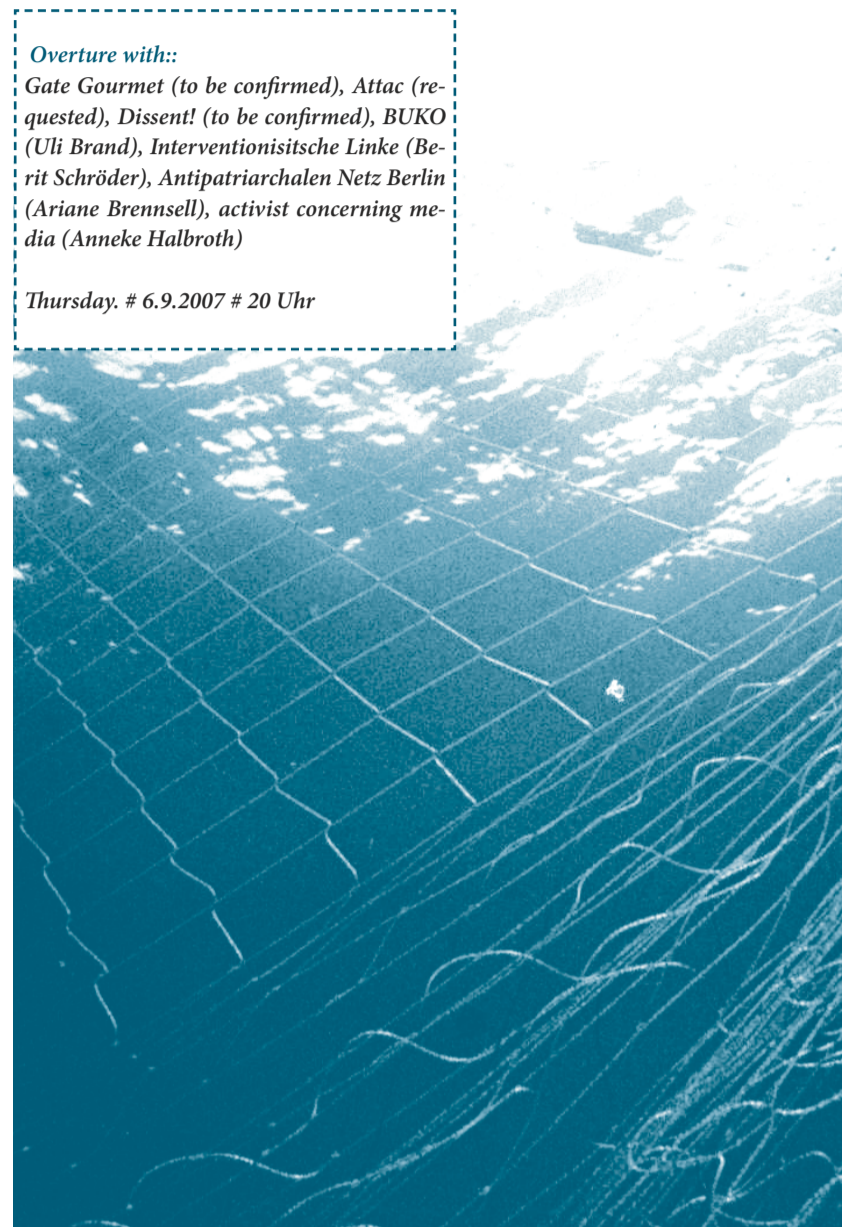
We will start with an introduction on economisation/commodification and privatisation. Different workshops and lectures will show the present spectrum of economisation and the steering models of Bertelsmann. They act as basis for the discussion on perspectives of resistance and for networking with other activists. Finally, we will offer a forum for networking with all interested people.

AG du bist Bertelsmann, Berlin/Hamburg www.anti-bertelsmann.de

Overture with:

Gate Gourmet (to be confirmed), Attac (requested), Dissent! (to be confirmed), BUKO (Uli Brand), Interventionistische Linke (Berit Schröder), Antipatriarchalen Netz Berlin (Ariane Brennsell), activist concerning media (Anneke Halbroth)

Thursday, # 6.9.2007 # 20 Uhr



Picture: Greenpeace/Grace, 12. Jan. 1990

MOVEMENTS' EXPERIENCE IN TEST

Between Monday's demonstrations and the set-up of local and regional social forums there have been and there are different ways to organise protest and resistance. One prominent example – also for a critical review – is the 7th World Social Forum in January 2007 in Nairobi. In actual debates the political challenge of the year "on the doorstep" is more present: the G8 summit. Very different actors in the political fields, from autonomous groups via trade unions, churches, NGOs, to parties and other groups, are concentrating on the organisation of the protests in June. Again, parts of the spectrum are rejecting the mobilisation for the summit at all. Therefore, one main issue of the BUKO 30 is the discussion on competing analyses, forms and approaches of organisation and resistance.

For this focus some questions were raised: on our own involvement in the existing conditions on the dealing with the progressive self-economisation and internalised hierarchies, on long-term alternatives of practical organisation and (free) spaces for it. At which point is protest meaningful, how can we realise appropriation of different levels, where is the transition from protest to resistance? What are the results of a critical reflection on past summits and comparable events regarding the practices of resistance?

In the congress' philosophy that means to offer not only specific workshops, but to work on these questions throughout and in a theoretical as well as practical way. We want to start this debate with the overture and continue it in different working groups and seminars with diverse methods.

The BUKO in the last years has always been a place for the exchange of experiences, for

networking and for the discussion of new political practices. This year's congress shall promote these qualities carefully. Therefore, the retrospective view on 30 years of congress and movement history can serve as an overall umbrella or a space for projection.

A historical balance of concrete experiences like e.g. the house squatter struggles can clarify circumstances and show differences and regularities. Moreover, we consider it as meaningful and necessary, to look carefully for the structurally neglected areas of political resistance and resisting practice. Which discussions are regularly marginalised within the left or have to be requested over and over again, and what does this mean? This includes the common reflection on successes of concepts of resistance as well as on political projects being stamped in and inactive movements.

One more issue will be the practical knowledge transfer of present resistance practices. The different concepts should be explained, but also critically reviewed for aims, intentions and possibilities of realising them. After all local actions and the platform function of the congress could offer possibilities for existing initiatives of appropriation and empowerment.

working group »Resistance and Organisation«

ECONOMISATION AND PRIVATISATION

BERTELSMANN'S NEO-LIBERAL MISSION

If you look into the privatisation of public institutions and public services, you will find in the centre of the present debates, the capitalisation, that is the valorisation of public spaces and institutions: markets are being extended into the interior. This is done by economic determinism, i.e. rationalising working processes, and by introducing new undemocratic structures of organisation and decision making. Behind it there is the intention to force the employees to do extra work, that is by work densification) and precarisation, reducing personnel, decreasing wages, and the self-activation of an excessive motivation for work. Privatisation started with public transport systems, energy and water supply and is continued by the commodification of education, hospitals, social systems and communal administration.

Our focus on the Bertelsmann Foundation

is based on different reasons. The foundation, which owns the majority of the property of the international media and service group Bertelsmann, is very active and successful in the privatisation and transformation of public spheres into economical enterprises and institutions. Disguised as social, modern and progressive, the foundation has an incomparable position of power within the sector of privatisation, using its networks, strategies, financial possibilities and media presence. This foundation shows up as an extraordinary model of actors in neo-liberal restructuring. Global and regional political decision processes e.g. the Hartz IV legislative process, tuition fees or the international militarisation were elegantly controlled by the foundation. Therefore, present perspectives of resistance do not only result in political campaigns, but develop >from working and living experiences in these conflicts

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FEMINISM(S) REVISITED

DECONSTRUCTING DISCOURSES OF PRESSURE, FEMINISMS AND IDENTITIES

WORKSHOP:
POWER DIFFERENCES
BETWEEN WOMEN:
SUCCESS AND FAILURE
OF COALITIONS

We want to reflect on political experience from a biographical perspective and to utilize it for future political cooperation and coalitions. The interplay of power, identities and differences/inequalities has marked the women's movement.

But which lessons are to be learnt for the future? Conflicts rooted in power differences between women have often been referred to identity politics. Nevertheless, successful coalitions, campaigns and women's groups/projects also have existed.

Which are the possibilities and opportunities of political cooperation between women to foster political visions of gender liberalisation without putting aside the inequalities of power between women? Firstly, we will use small discussion groups to reflect our own political biographies and coalition experiences in order to be able to work off inequalities between women and to analyse them politically. The workshop set-up needs women with experiences in working in coalitions – nevertheless, everyone who is interested is welcome: old stagers, newbies, people of all (un-)known genders...

Terms like "the worldwide patriarchy" or the common "female victim status" only focused on differences and power inequalities in relation to men, the state and the system. Thanks to harsh criticism of this "mainstream feminism" stemming from various backgrounds it is now widely acknowledged that "the woman" neither exists as a political subject nor as an object of research or attribution. Furthermore, gender is not reduced anymore to being man or woman, but rather refers to many different gender ways of life. The experience of being a woman differs greatly according to descent, class, health, education, age, political attitude, sexual preference, etc. and furthermore, it is experienced differently in various places and times. These multifaceted differences correspond to power relations and unequal access to resources or sponsoring also between women (and underprivileged men).

SOCIAL INEQUALITIES AND UNEQUAL RIGHTS

The fundamental criticism of the prevailing gender structures should not stop at analysing these internal power differences, but should fight the hierarchy of genders as a structural feature and "grease" of the neo-liberal restructuring of the world we live in. The "integration of women's issues" in the neo-liberal national state and its everyday life is often discounting domination

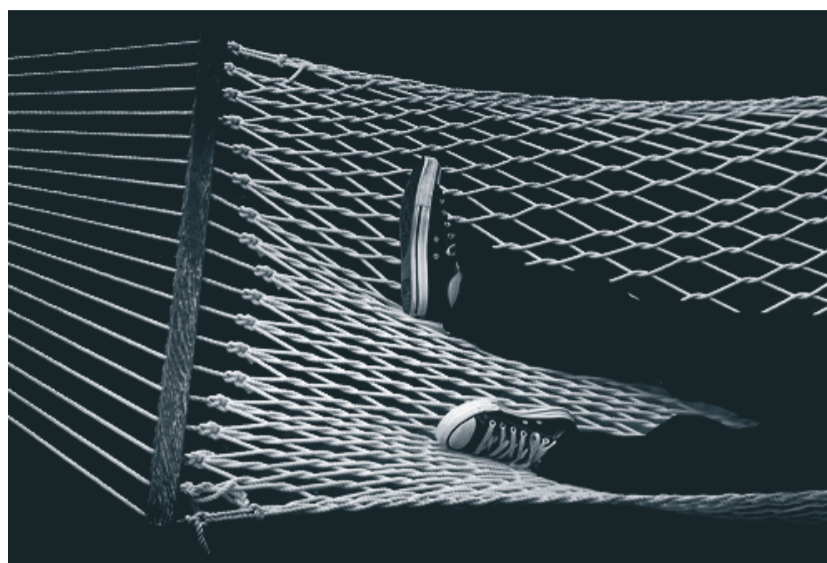


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and only works by ignoring many exclusion mechanisms. The privatisation of social reproduction as a core element of the so called "efficient welfare state" only works, if women do identify with "traditionally" established gender models and tasks, thereby assuming a position as trustees administering the growing poverty – a global phenomenon... While "the nation" becomes ever more exclusive the pretended "preservation" of women's rights" serves as legitimization for war-mongering and discriminative treatment of migrants, so that Germans may continue to feel modern, emancipated and democratic in comparison to "the others".

POLICIES AND STRATEGIES OF THE MOVEMENT

These - and many other - challenges ask for a radical reformulation of emancipatory demands from a gender perspective. It is about deconstructing forced identities and

differences within and between genders that are attributed to individuals by cultural domination. It is even more about approaches and strategies for new common political practices that go beyond gender policies.

CONCRETE TOPICS UP TO NOW:

History of feminisms/women's movements as competitive politics, Perspectives of Black women and women's organisations in Germany (Western/(former) Eastern), Relations between (women's) movements and the state in different contexts, Consequences of the Hartz IV welfare reform on genders and gender arrangements, Gender perspective on G8 and G8 mobilization, Queer politics, Postcolonial critique, Gender relations in migration. New proposals and interested people are always welcome!!!

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NO OR YES OR BETTER OR WORSE?

The 30th BUKO in provincial Eastern Germany. G8 in Heiligendamm. Why not? Against it? So what. NATO airport Halle/Leipzig is next door: Beating swords into ploughshares. Easter parade and peace. Mullahs keep ruling in Iran. Anti-Americanism, conspiracy theory, left-wing compatibilities to right-wing ideology, and antimilitarism. Splitting issues. Thinking cross-section without sections.

Leipzig isn't Berlin, Bremen or Hamburg. But still the next connection. Maybe a bit like Berlin and the IMF congress? Certainly vitalising and compatible. To the apolitical individual. Open for all discussions.

The Leipzig preparation group is organising glades in the forest. Childcare. Accommodation. Open spaces. It is local involvement. Local patriots? Never. More like: Pragmatics; attac, the student union, Zapatistas, researchers, libertarians. Always in solidarity. Generally speaking, we're only here to roll out the carpet. But we're already getting into strategic debates about the interior. Asking for consequences in our actions? More applicatory than ever. But not only that. Surveillance. Racism. Education. Resistance. Buzz words to which the answer isn't always riot. From the logic and rationale of the tactical steps: Action, resulting from a process of discussion including the experience and knowledge of everybody. Utopia? The congress can deliver the platform.

The group itself is already the common denominator. The carpet will be prepared at Easter. Discourses and networks. Simple comparisons are not the alternatives. Destructivity is not a stop-over on the road to the next conflict area. Practice is movement. BUKO in Leipzig.

The Leipzig preparation group

IMMEDIATE SHUTDOWN OF ALL NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS AND OF THE CONTROLLING CLASS WORLD-WIDE!

EMPOWER NETWORKS AGAINST POWER NETWORKS

Three years ago, a first impulse within the anti-nuclear-movement appeared, not to continue focussing only on atomic power plants but to deal with the topic of energy in general. Soon, BUKO was appointed to be an important dialogue partner, the result of this was a panel on energy with numerous workshops treating the situation e.g. in Brazil, China, Venezuela, Nigeria and El Salvador. In this year, it is our aim to have a closer look at the other side of the pipeline – the largest users of produced raw materials, the G8 countries.

We also want to discuss the possibilities to interlink our resistance, where the branches of the network are separated from each other, why they are separated and where we are talking about the same. British groups, for instance, massively claim to decentralize energy. In Germany, this claim was up to now not postulated in this measure. Perhaps this claim pursues the existing relations of power more than the main claim of the German anti - nuclear movement to shut down all nuclear power plants immediately.

At least since autumn 2006, when half of Europe was hit by an energy blackout caused by a high-tension transmission line failure in Germany, the topic of power grids attracted high awareness in the media. People who attended the energy panel of the latest BUKO will see one of the main propositions confirmed: who owns the power system, has the power. And this is based on the fact that it would be nearly impossible to make use of most of the energy sources and electricity itself in a sense of capitalism without owning infrastructures (power grids, pipelines etc.) connected to grids.

Only these power grids form electricity into a market value and thus into an object of capitalistic profitability. The international power grids enable utilities as E.on, EDF and RWE to make high profits. That is why securing these infrastructures is one of the main points of the agenda about global energy security which was negotiated on the G8 summit in St. Petersburg. But vulnerable points of these power infrastructures allow it to resist to the prevailing (energy) politics.

At the BUKO 30 we would like to give an overview about the situation in the field of energy politics in the G8 countries. Who are the players, who represents whose interests, where does resistance emerge? Is energy saved, is electricity stolen or is it collectively produced, without affecting others? We are looking forward and would like to invite you to open the discussion with us, thinking about how to break the existing power networks in the field of energy.

The energy panel – team of BUKO 30

ENERGY: SCHEDULE

On Friday afternoon we start with a short introduction into the plan of action of the G8 concerning global energy security and into the energy paper of Merkel's Presidency of the European Council. The energy panel will take place a whole day long: at first a short introduction into the topic and the various workshops, followed by studies of the respective G8 countries (if possible, with nationals from these countries) and finally, we want to resume all similarities and differences and discuss about resistance and networking.

MIGRATION: RELATED ACTIVITIES IN LEIPZIG

The congress serves as a platform also for local projects and individuals. The local initiative which changes coupons into money in cash invites similar projects and all interested persons to take part in a meeting, in order to exchange about experiences, to develop them and to establish a network. Thus, the claim of abolishing all racist special laws (and not only concerning asylum laws) could increase its pressure. But the background of current living conditions is also characterized by global power relations existing for a long time. Even if Germany's colonial history is widely unknown for most of the people here, it still has its impacts up to the present day. Colonialism reinforced a racial image of humanity, established an exploitative system of economy and repressive forms of rule. On a round tour on the traces of historical colonialism in Leipzig, we want to locate this part of global history by way of examples.

Team Migration Leipzig

HERE BECAUSE YOU DESTROY OUR COUNTRIES

The FIB, Refugee Initiative Brandenburg, is a group of self-organized refugees and asylum seekers. We take part in BUKO to criticise the admission - and living conditions for asylum seekers in Germany and to make them public. On the other hand, we want to discuss the scandalous and destructive exploitation of our countries through western powers and their capitalist ideology, forcing us to leave our countries.

Our aim is to take personal charge of our struggles and resistance. We have to prevent that more and more charlatans declare "truths about us", though they know nothing about our daily life and our experiences. We want to make the self-organized movements of refugees and asylum seekers in this country, who are able to fight for their concerns, visible. We want to fight our battle without being enforced upon any kind of dominance. We want to encourage cooperation under the sign of developing good relations.

At a meeting dealing with "Asylum seekers in Germany", we want to talk about the following issues: the admission and hearing of asylum seekers, their living conditions, the duty of residency, the coupon-system, xenophobia and discrimination, accommodation in former barracks and deportation. A second meeting will cover the campai-

gn around the slogan "We are here because you are destroying our countries". The impacts of the current colonialism on our countries will be critically examined, also we want to describe population's life in the respective countries. (The meetings are organized by Chamberlain, FIB.)

In view of the importance of these topics we strongly call for participation in BUKO! We will try to encourage people to support us in future actions. For instance, a demonstration in Dessau is planned from 27th until 30th of March on the occasion of the court procedure against the defendants in the case Oury Jalloh. Oury Jalloh, a refugee from Sierra Leone, came to death when he burned under uncleared conditions in a cell of a police office. On 1st July, we will meet at a conference in Berlin, on 4th July we will take part in the Action day for migration, taking place during the protests against G8. Our policy is directed against racism and colonialism, as we refer to the crime committed in Africa since decades. We claim to make the persons responsible accountable!

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TIME	FRIDAY, 06.04.2007	SATURDAY, 07.04.2007	OPEN SPACE FOR EXCHANGE AND NETWORKING	SUNDAY, 08.04.2007	OPEN SPACE FOR EXCHANGE AND NETWORKING	MONDAY, 09 .04.2007	TIME	WANTED! INTERPRETERS!
09:00		BREAKFAST		BREAKFAST		BREAKFAST	09:00	Urgently, we need people who are able to translate simultaneously in the workshops during the congress. If you are able to interpret please tell it to the BuKo bureau or to the BuKo Geschäftsstelle. You find the adresses page down.
10:00							10:00	
11:00		WORKSHOP PHASE I		WORKSHOP PHASE III – THINKING#TOGETHER		CONCLUSION	11:00	
12:00	ARRIVAL			LUNCH			12:00	
13:00		LUNCH		ACTIONS ETC.		DEPARTURE	13:00	
14:00				empower networks!			14:00	
15:00		WORKSHOP PHASE II					15:00	
16:00	INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP			DINNER			16:00	
17:00		DINNER		BUKO GENERAL MEETING			17:00	
18:00		PUBLIC EVENING EVENT		PARTY			18:00	
19:00	DINNER						19:00	
20:00	PRELUDE: HOW NOW ANOTHER WORLD						20:00	
21:00							21:00	
22:00							22:00	

EVENTS:

AMONGST OTHERS:

Pink Power – against allday militarisation, war, gender relations & Bombodrom # locked up? locked out! Contruction of “forced prostitution” in media discourse and the consequences for woman and migration politics # Movement, alliances, interventions? Perspectives of feminists politic(s) – Experiences from successful and collapsed alliances # Feminism and postcolonialism # Relationship of woman movement and the state in turkey/kurdistan and the FRG # Organi-

zation of black woman in the FRG/and ex-GDR # Gender and disability # Functionalization of “woman liberation” # Violence in migration contexts/families from gender perspective # Critical Whiteness from black/white perspective. # Feminist critique on “development-“politics and delusional modernization # Asylum seekers in germany # we are here, because you destroyed our countries # Network meeting from initiatives for cash # Walk around: colonialism in Leipzig # nothing is impossible: premises and possibilities of social resistance against “Bertelsman-

nization” # Modell Bertelsmann: The company Germany # University reform and the role of the CHE – Centre for University Development of the Foundation of Bertelsmann # The foreign policy of CAP - Center for Applied Policy Research of the Foundation of Bertelsmann # Militarization in politics and language # Controlled democracy – Dual Use and euphemization in political discourse # Bertelsmann: Booster for economisation of the health service # PPP – Public Private Partnership exemplified by schools: Bertelsmann brings it forward # Offensive of knowledge society and militarization

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BUKO TURNS 30

At the Leipzig congress the “Bundeskoordination Internationalismus” (federal coordination of internationalists – BUKO) celebrates its 30th anniversary. Time to look back on the long and multifaceted history of the movement. 30 years ago, BUKO was founded in Munich under the name of “Bundeskongress entwicklungspolitischer Aktionsgruppen” (federal congress of action groups in development politics) and

ject work, protesting and scandalizing the issues publicly, and many more. The BMZ ministry wanted to profit from the competency and also the contacts that these groups had built. In exchange it offered financial support and a coordination of the initiatives that worked more or less isolated from each other before. Nevertheless the relationship between the BMZ ministry resp. the government in general and BUKO never was undisputed.

Several factors led to a development in BUKO that hasn't been without break(-up)s and resulted in a shift of focus away from development politics towards a modern understanding of internationalism.



In 2002 BUKO changed its name to account for the new focus. Amongst the reasons for these developments is the breakdown of the so-called soviet block. The national liberation movements, which were the focus of the BUKO groups, lacked a critical precondition for their success ever after. Another aspect is the process of globalisation

increasingly reaching the countries of the North and thereby changing the basic framework in which solidarity and internationalist work takes place. While many of the old-school solidarity groups dissolved in the 90s and others continued their work in more professional structures, the firsthand experience of the negative effects of globalisation “in the North” becomes more similar to the one “in the South”, thereby creating new starting points for common struggles.

These changes in everyday life conditions correspond to new forms of political organisation. Spontaneous mobilisation,

campaigning and networking gain importance over fixed group and organisation structures – at least around here. Since the middle of the 90s a broad and multifaceted resistance against capitalist globalisation arose – at first almost unnoticed by BUKO. These protests showed: With a shift in meaning and paradigm, resistance continues worldwide. These changes are reflected very clearly in BUKO. Because of its pluralistic character and its open form of organisation BUKO is a common forum of social movements and international solidarity movements today. It is less of an umbrella organisation of member groups, more of a network of initiatives, groups and persons within the domination critical branch of the international protest movement. They use BUKO and its annual congress to discuss the ambivalences of the movement.

The issues are mostly critique and reflection of international relations, debates and political concepts that ignore critique of domination. A world of humiliating living conditions, racism, sexism, poverty, destruction of livelihoods and many more consequences of structural violence shall be contrasted by the search for emancipatory alternatives.

The success of BUKO as an internationalist project depends on the continuous work of many groups and persons. Working in and as a network is a complicated undertaking which needs many people who get involved. It also needs constantly to ask questions concerning transparency, possibilities and limits of co-determination and cooperation. While the former BUKO could rely on a system of member groups and delegates, today's BUKO should replace these forms by new ways of participation and legitimation – to continuously open up and take new ways of political intervention. Everyone from the broad spectrum of BUKO is invited to participate in this process!

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THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE BUKO CONTINUES TO BE PRECARIOUS

100% financed by ourselves and as a matter of course independent – what sounds good is in reality a problem. Besides of all efforts the financial situation of the BUKO continues to be precarious. Because of this the BUKO had to abandon the long lasting practice to pay benefits for travel expenses. We try to keep the attendance fee as low as possible – but we can not do without it. But: If your attendance should be doomed because of the money please get in touch with the BUKO office! Essential is the long and well proven BUKO-Motto: At the money the atten-

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