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Feminist Socialization Conference

*Bread and
Roses!*

Conference programme

25 — 27 Sep 26

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Dear feminists and those interested in feminism,

A warm welcome to *feminist futures III*! Seven years after the first conference, which drew over 1,600 people, we're coming together again. It's about time! We're looking forward to three days filled with debates and encounters, shared practices, learning, networking, culture, and, of course, celebrating together. And we want to revisit the question embedded in the very name of the event: What kind of feminist futures do we want? And how can we begin to create them together?

When we met for *feminist futures I* in 2019, the mood was different: all over the world, feminist strikes brought hundreds of thousands of people onto the streets; struggles against violence, for reproductive rights, for queer liberation, and for better working conditions were converging across national borders. Feminism was present as a social force, a visible counterpoint to neoliberal capitalism and authoritarian movements. In our opening statement at the time, we wrote: "The future will be feminist if we choose to shape it that way." We want to build on that —albeit under significantly changed conditions.

Today, feminist, anti-racist, queer, social, and environmental movements are on the defensive almost everywhere. Authoritarian and far-right forces are gaining influence at a breathtaking pace; anti-feminist and racist policies are being normalized; reproductive and queer rights are under attack, as are the rights of people with disabilities; and the vulnerable are being trampled upon. At the same time, social safety nets and public infrastructure are being cut back, while rearmament and militarization are being pushed forward. Wars and ecological crises are exacerbating existing inequalities. All of this hits hardest those who are already affected by poverty, racism, or patriarchal and queer-phobic violence—and those who compensate for the dismantling of public services by taking on additional care work.

Resistance is necessary. But if we merely defend what little remains, we leave it to others to envision what the future should look like. That is why we must talk about how we want to live, what conditions are necessary for that, and what steps we can take today. The future emerges where people begin to collectively determine their own living conditions. That is why "feminist futures II" is held under the theme: **Feminist Socialization — Bread and Roses!**

Because life does not sustain itself. We sustain it. We raise children, care for family members, keep hospitals, daycare centers, and counseling centers running, and look after one another. And yet these activities are devalued, rendered invisible, or pushed into the private sphere. Who provides care, under what conditions, and for whom is not a private matter. It is a question of social power. So is the question of who controls housing, hospitals, land, energy, or other essentials of our lives. Who keeps life running? Who receives support, and who does not? Who controls whose labor, body, and time?

With “feminist socialization” we propose a common frame of reference for all these questions. For us, socialization means more than simply converting private property into public property. What matters is who decides on socially necessary resources and whether they are allocated democratically and in accordance with the needs of the many, rather than for the profit of a small minority. Taken a step further from a feminist perspective, this also means that we make social reproduction the subject of collective shaping. For domination is organized not only through property, but also through who takes on which work, which activities are considered valuable, and which responsibilities are assumed to be private, feminine, or the domain of migrants. Feminist socialization therefore means that we must democratically reorganize not only property but also the division of labor, time, care, and the conditions of life.

This is precisely why we do not want to merely place different struggles side by side. The care crisis cannot be separated from migration regimes and the global division of labor when the lack of public care services is mitigated by migrant and racialized labor. The gendered division of labor and the central role of the family as a site of unpaid care work cannot be understood without also considering cis- and heteronormative orders. Violence is interwoven with material dependencies. And the ecological crisis is linked to a logic that treats care, nature, and certain forms of labor as seemingly limitless resources. Feminist socialization can therefore only function if feminist, anti-racist, queer, ecological, labor union, and many other social struggles intertwine their experiences—without losing their distinct characteristics! How this connection between struggles can be achieved forms the starting point of the conference.

Of course, we are also concerned with analysis—but explicitly not only with that. We want to discuss strategies and what practical changes can already be made right now. Many approaches emerge where people address their immediate living conditions: in neighborhoods, municipalities, workplaces, and public institutions. Under the heading “Caring Cities” we’ll examine care centers in Latin America and initiatives here in Germany, as well as neighborhood canteens, healthcare, community life, and democratic planning. We’ll discuss transformative justice and abolitionist practices, rebellious communities, labor struggles, and alliances between unions and social movements. And we’ll explore how individual experiments can evolve into lasting public structures and a counterforce in society.

Feminist politics for the future also means taking the authoritarian present seriously. We want to understand how right-wing projects learn from one another internationally, how antifeminism, racism, pronatalism, nationalism, fossilism, and militarization interact — and how we can oppose them with more than just the defense of the status quo. That is why we discuss organizing against deportations, solidarity-based approaches to safety, anti-fascist economic policy, peace and justice, the militarization of the healthcare system, and how neighborhood-based care policies can themselves become anti-fascist practice: not only as a defense against the far right, but as a means of building solidarity and agency in everyday life.

Internationalism is not an afterthought here. The conference brings together activists, union members, scholars, and artists from many parts of the world. We are not looking for a model that can be replicated everywhere. We want to translate experiences, take differences seriously, and ask which strategies work under which conditions. What can we

learn from care centers in Latin America, from organizing against deportations in the U.S., from municipalist projects, or from feminist strikes? And how can such encounters give rise to relationships that endure beyond these three days? Sharing experiences, forging international alliances, and developing concrete steps from them is a central aim of this conference.

A shared perspective does not mean smoothing over differences. Feminist movements have been and continue to be spaces of intense debate over strategies, concepts, and liberation. The program deliberately addresses some of these conflicts: for example, debates about sex work and prostitution, criminal law and protection against violence, or different generations of feminists. Some sessions are therefore designed as “Braver Spaces”: spaces where difficult questions and contradictions can be voiced without denying each other’s capacity for political learning. We hope to foster an atmosphere of solidarity, respect, and tolerance for mistakes. Discrimination or hurtful behavior will not be tolerated. At the same time, we want to be able to debate with one another without giving up the possibility of collective change.

feminist futures II is not meant to be merely a series of panels and workshops. The conference thrives on your active participation—asking questions, sharing knowledge and experiences, and forging new connections. Take advantage of the breaks, the communal meals, the Exhibition Area, and the cultural program. Get to know people, exchange contact information, take part in hands-on workshops, join the spoken-word chorus, keep the discussion going, and dance if you still have energy left. Political organizing doesn’t happen only in panel discussions, but also wherever a shared idea becomes the next step. The times and spaces beyond the official program are also an essential part of a long-term process of organizing and networking.

Feminist socialization is not a finished programme. It is an invitation to explore together what connects our struggles and what possibilities for action this opens up. Perhaps this is precisely what matters most in a time of being on the defensive: not leaving the future to the far right, the market, or military logic, but making it once again the subject of political debate. The future begins where we collectively take ownership of shaping our living conditions.

We want collective care instead of isolation, public and democratic infrastructures instead of cuts and privatization, freedom of movement instead of racist border restrictions, diverse ways of life instead of patriarchal and cis-heteronormative conditioning, and solidarity instead of right-wing division. That is why we come together. Not because the conditions are easy, but because we want to change them.

A sharing of life's glories: Bread and roses!

We look forward to three intense, solidarity-filled, and hopefully encouraging days with you.

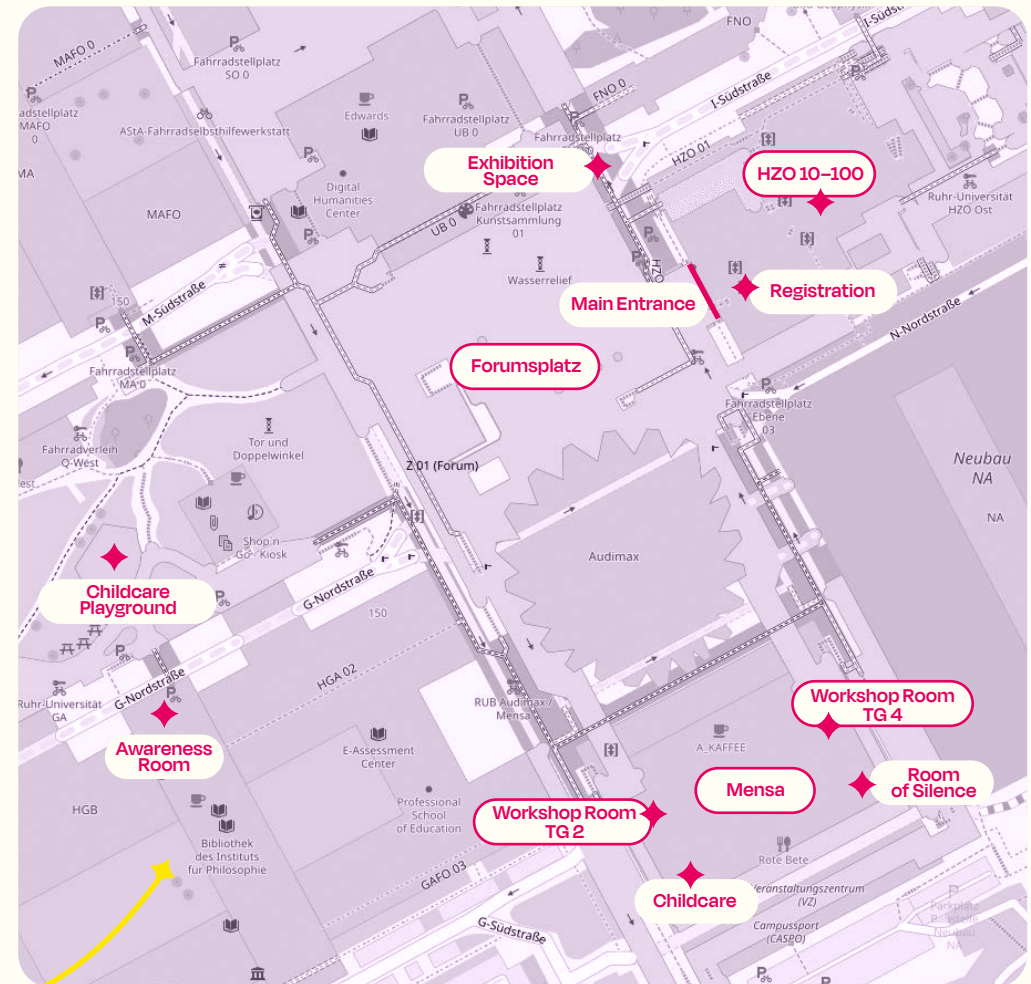
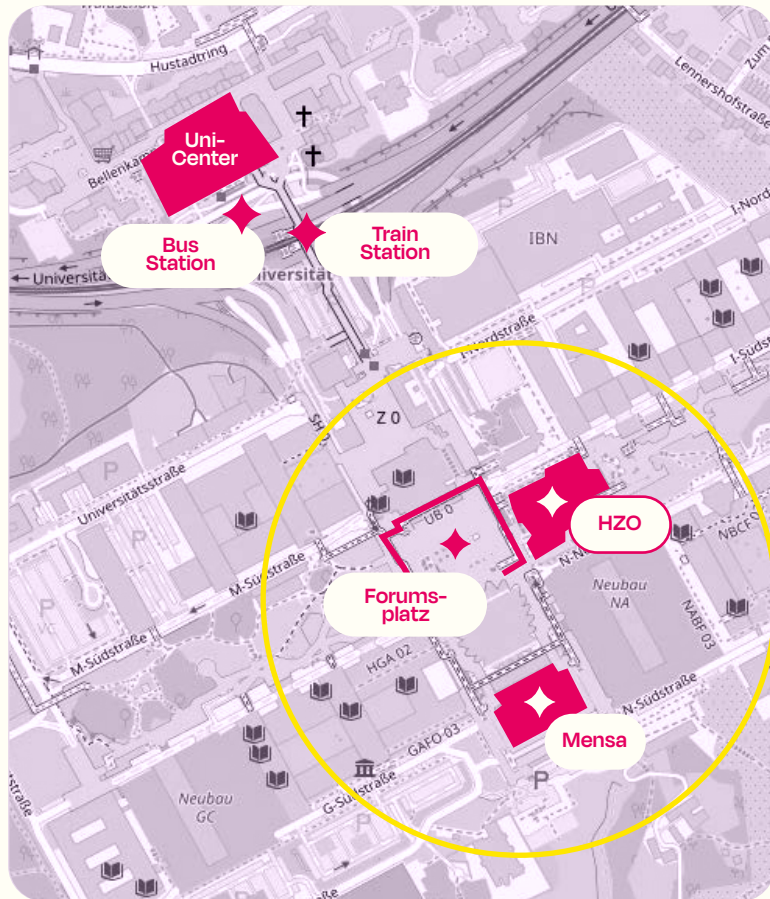
Your conference team

Campus map

◆ Campus Ruhr Universität Bochum

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Train + Bus Station: ◆ Bochum Ruhr-Universität



Parking lots on campus can be accessed via the following exits:
Uni-Mitte, Uni-West, Bochum-Hustadt

Due to the current construction work on campus and in the central parking garage, please check this link to see which parking lots are accessible:



Abendprogramm / Evening Programme

From 20:30 on Friday, a decentralized programme of cultural events will take place at venues across Bochum. Most of these are being organized by local cultural spaces and are open to everyone. The programme ranges from a film screening and a feminist walking tour to performances and relaxed bar evenings with plenty of time to meet, talk, and connect over drinks. On Saturday, the Rotunde opens its doors at 20:30 for the conference party, featuring a live act and a DJ line-up. You will need your conference wristband to get in to the party on Saturday.

Anmeldung / Registration

Please check in when you arrive. Registration opens at 11:30 on Friday and will remain open during conference hours. It is also home to the **Information Point** and **Lost Property**.

Awareness

We want the conference to be a space where everyone treats everyone else with care and respect. We ask all participants to help make that possible. You can read more in our awareness policy, available from the **Information Point** and in the Telegram channel **Info: FemFutures** (→ Telegram channel). If someone behaves towards you in an exclusionary, discriminatory, boundary-crossing or violent way, or if you are not feeling well, you can approach a member of the awareness team. You can recognize the team by their pink high-visibility vests marked Awareness. You can reach them by phone on **0173 666 81 31** at the following times: Fri 13:00 – 20:00, Sat 09:30 – 19:00, Sun 10:30 – 14:30. There is an **Awareness Room** in the **GA building** (♦ see *campus map*). It can only be accessed with a member of the team. If you do not need to talk but simply need some quiet, you can use the **Room of Silence** (♦ see *campus map*).

Barrierefreiheit / Barriers and Accessibility

Accessibility information for wheelchair users and people with limited mobility is available in the → Telegram channel **Info: FemFutures**, as a printout from the **Information Point**, and here →

Braver Space

Some sessions in the conference programme are designated as "Braver Spaces". They are intended to make difficult questions and contentious discussions possible while allowing us to learn and grow together. Painful topics may also come up. We ask everyone to respond to mistakes with as much generosity and goodwill as possible. Of course, the code of con-

Awareness Concept



Accessibility



duct also applies to braver spaces, discrimination and openly hurtful behaviour will not be tolerated here either.

Büchertisch / Bookstall

buchkontext will be running a bookstall in the **HZO**, selling literature on a range of conference topics as well as books by many of the speakers.

Code of Conduct

By registering for the conference, you agree to the **Code of Conduct**. It can be read here →

Erste Hilfe / First Aid

A trained first aider will be on site. If you need medical attention, please contact the **Information Point** at **Registration**. The team can arrange initial care and direct you to nearby doctors, hospitals, and pharmacies. There is also a pharmacy in the **Uni-Center** (see *campus map*). In an emergency, call 112.

Essen & Trinken / Food & Drink

A free lunch (13:00 – 14:30) and dinner (18:15 – 19:15) will be served in the **Mensa** on Saturday. If you can afford to do so, we ask for a contribution of EUR 5–10 towards the cost, which can be made at registration. Water dispensers can be found in the **Mensa** building. **SDS Bochum** will also be running a **Conference Kiosk** selling snacks and drinks. The **Uni-Center** is on the north side of the **Ruhr-Universität** underground station (♦ see *campus map*). It has supermarkets, a drugstore, bakeries, and takeaways. We are still working on a food option for Sunday, when most shops will be closed.

FLINTA

A German abbreviation for women, lesbians, intersex, nonbinary, trans, and agender people.

Fotos / Photos

There are many reasons that someone may not want to be filmed or photographed. Please be considerate when taking photos and videos. Professional photographers and a social media team will be on site to document events on our behalf. Stickers are available at registration for anyone who does not want to be filmed or photographed.

Fundsachen / Lost Property

Lost and found items can be given to, and (hopefully!) collected from, registration.

Kinder / Children and Young People

Children and young people of all ages are warmly welcome. During the conference, we can offer self-organized childcare for children aged two and over. In the case of bad weather, childcare will take place in the small conference room in the **Mensa** building; in good weather, it will be in the fenced playground in front of **GA** (♦ see *campus map*). Childcare is

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available on Friday from 12:30 – 20:00, Saturday from 09:00 – 19:30, and Sunday from 10:00 – 15:00. On Saturday, we ask all parents and other caregivers to **collect their children during lunch and dinner**. Please feel free to bring **snacks** for your children. Water will be provided. Built-in changing tables are available in the HZO 02 South toilets.

Konferenzzeiten / Conference Times

Friday 13:00 – 19:30 + evening programme 20:30 – 23:30

Saturday 09:30 – 18:00 + evening programme 20:30 – 02:00

Sunday 10:30 – 14:30

Markt der Möglichkeiten / exhibition space

If you have brought flyers, brochures, or information from your group or organization, you are welcome to leave them on the tables in the colonnade (see campus map). In the interest of conserving resources, please take away anything that is left over at the end of the conference.

Programme

The programme booklet contains an at-a-glance timetable in the middle listing all sessions and room numbers. More information about the speakers is available on our website → We want the conference discussions to be as intersectional as possible. To help you navigate the programme, symbols show which themes are particularly important to each session. This system is inevitably incomplete: not every theme has its own symbol, and the symbols cannot capture every theme relevant to a session. We hope that you will bear with us. If you feel that a session has overlooked an important issue, a relation of domination, or discrimination, please raise it during the discussion. Since the conference as a whole will explore the relationship between gender relations and class society, feminism and class do not have separate symbols.

Website



-  Anti-racism
-  Anti-fascism
-  Anti-militarization
-  Ecology
-  Queer/Trans
-  Labour struggles/Strikes
-  International
-  Introduction
-  Starter project
-  Caring City
-  Anti-violence

Rückzugsort / Quiet Space

The Room of Silence in the Mensa building is available at any time (see campus map). It is open to everyone on campus and is also used for prayer, so please be considerate. This is not the awareness room, and conversations cannot be held there.

Sicherheit/Security

Security staff will be present on campus during conference hours. The team includes both FLINTA people and cis men.

Spenden / Donations

We have tried to keep the financial barriers to attendance as low as possible. If you can afford to contribute, we ask you to choose an amount that feels right to you. As a guide, we sug-

gest EUR 5 – 15 per day, with no upper limit. Donations can be made at registration.

Sprechchor/ Spoken-word Chorus

Would you like to explore the conference themes creatively? Then join our spoken-word chorus workshop. Over the three days, two theatre practitioners will work with participants to create a chorus of many voices. The result can be heard at the closing of the conference. Interested? Come to the first meeting at 13:00 on Friday in room TG 2.

Telegram Channel

Join Info: FemFutures on Telegram to stay up to date with room changes and other news. If you do not use Telegram, you can get important updates at registration.

The channel will remain active after the conference in order that we can share reports and keep you informed about the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation's feminist work.

Tiere / Animals

With exception of service dogs, animals are not allowed on campus.

Übersetzung / Interpretation

The conference languages are German (DE), English (EN), and Spanish (ES). Unfortunately, we cannot provide interpretation for all events. At almost all times, however, there will be at least one session in Spanish and at least two events in English. Each session description indicates which language(s) will be used in the workshop or panel. In Room ♦ HZO 10, translation devices will be issued in exchange for an ID as a deposit. In order to listen to the interpretation in Rooms ♦ HZO 50 and ♦ HZO 60, you must download the MobileConnect app from Sennheiser and bring your own headphones. Guests without a smartphone can also borrow translation devices for these rooms. Please collect devices plenty of time before the session begins. More information is available at registration. The programme booklet is available in print in English and German; all workshop descriptions are also available here in Spanish →

Telegram Channel



Spanish Programme



HZO 60

13:00 –

14:30



DE

What Does Feminist Socialization Actually Mean?

Socialization has returned to the agenda of left movements in response to obvious market failures and through the large mobilising power of the Deutsche Wohnen & Co enteignen expropriation campaign. But why does this debate need to be expanded through feminism? Together, we will explore how property relations are connected to the gendered division of labour, why care work is central to that relationship, and what becomes possible when we think about gender, racialization, and class together. **With Inga Lamprecht (RLS Caring Cities Project) & Alex Wischniewski (RLS Caring Cities Project)**

HZO 70

13:00 –

14:30



EN

Organizing against ICE:

Learning from Feminist Strategies against Deportation

Across the United States, people directly affected by ICE violence are organizing alongside activists and neighbours. They are building mutual-aid networks and developing strategies for collective intervention. In the face of state violence, caring neighbourhood networks can become lifelines. What can movements elsewhere learn from these struggles against deportation, border regimes, and anti-feminist agitation? Which tactics can be adapted to protect those at risk? What structures can we build now to prepare for escalating brutality? **With Sarah Leonard (editor-in-chief, Lux magazine, US) & Maria Savel (RLS NYC, US)**

HZO 80

13:00 –

14:30



EN

Film Screening: Revisioning the Commons — a filmed conversation between Silvia Federici and Mithu M. Sanyal

As part of the exhibition Das öffentliche Grün (The Public Green), the Kunstmuseum Bochum hosted a conversation between Silvia Federici and Mithu M. Sanyal. The site of today's municipal park was once common grazing land — a history that invites us to imagine a collectively organized future. Historian Silvia Federici stresses: "The 'commons' presents itself as a foreshadowing of a world in which goods are shared and social relations are sustained by solidarity, not by the desire for selfish expansion". In their conversation, Federici and Sanyal place the history of the Bochum commons in a broader context. Why does remembering the commons matter when we are trying to build the future? Where do commons exist today, and why are they worth fighting for? **With Eva Busch (Art museum Bochum)**

HZO 90

13:00 –

14:30



DE

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How Can Revolutionary Realpolitik Work?

Rosa Luxemburg as a Feminist

A socialist-feminist revolution is not exactly just around the corner. What does it mean to pursue a politics that transforms existing relations even if it cannot yet abolish them? Starting with Rosa Luxemburg,

we will discuss how socialist strategies of transformation can be connected to feminist questions and what "revolutionary Realpolitik" might mean today. We will consider crises, class politics, and democracy — and ask what Luxemburg's thought can offer feminist and left strategies under conditions that are not yet revolutionary. **With Miriam Pieschke (Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences Berlin) & Julia Killet (RLS)**

What Exactly Is Sexism?

What Does It Have to Do with Capitalism's Multiple Crises?

Tradwives, the manosphere and other anti-feminist phenomena can look like straightforward culture-war issues, but how are they connected to deepening crises and to the social division of labour? In this workshop, we will examine how patriarchal gender norms are embedded in everyday life, the media and institutions, and why they help to stabilize capitalist relations. Together, we will ask how sexism generates consent for relations of domination and continually reproduces gendered responsibilities. **With Anna Schiff (educator and writer)**

HZO 100

13:00 –

14:30



DE

Feminist-Socialist Spoken-Word Chorus Workshop (Part 1)

What moves you? What makes you angry? Using creative writing and theatre, we will draw on participants' experiences to create a spoken-word chorus of many voices. Inspired by Brecht's "learning plays" and texts by socialist writers and theatre practitioners, we will weave personal perspectives together with impressions from the conference. The resulting choral performance will be presented at the closing session of the conference. No previous experience is required. **With Leonie Adam (dramaturge and theatre educator) & Jette Micheel (director and actor)**

TG 2

13:00 –

14:30

DE

How Do We Talk about Sex Work / Prostitution?

An Introduction to a Contentious Debate

Sex work and prostitution are among the most contested issues in feminist politics. Different feminist positions, queer perspectives, and experiences of migration intersect here with questions of patriarchy, labour, exploitation, and self-determination, often producing entrenched conflict. The workshop will introduce the main perspectives and fault lines, address uncertainty, and draw out contradictions without forcing premature resolution. The aim is to clarify the arguments and the different premises behind them. Where are shared positions to be found and why can this still lead to different political strategies? The workshop will be a "Braver Space" where uncomfortable questions are welcome. **With Jenny Künkel (Federal Office of Die Linke) & Ivi Kussmaul (RLS)**

TG 4

13:00 –

14:30



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HZO 10
15:00 –
15:45

DE/EN/ES

Opening

Seven years after feminist futures I, we are gathering once again. Back then, the conference was taking place in the context of a global wave of feminist strikes. Today, in light of the threat from the right, it is more urgent than ever to ask how feminist, anti-racist, queer, social, and ecological struggles can come together. Feminist Socialization – Bread and Roses! invites us to see the future once again as something we make collectively. **Welcome by Katja Sabisch (MaJaC, Ruhr University Bochum) & the conference organising team**

„Brot&Rosen“ (Bread and Roses) - **Singing Together & Remembering Socialist-Feminist Struggles**

Feminist Socialization:

A Shared Way Out of Interlocking Crises?

Cuts to public services, increasing militarization, and the shift to the right are deepening the crisis of social reproduction. Care work continues to be privatized, made more precarious, and devalued along gendered and racialized lines, while authoritarian responses are gaining ground. Feminist socialization brings together questions of ownership, the division of labour, and social crisis. The Caring City seeks to reorganize local care infrastructure collectively and around people's needs. Can a shared horizon arise out of this for migrant and queer struggles, for anti-violence work, and for ecological and social movements?

Keynote: **Barbara Fried (RLS)**

Followed by discussion with **Mine Bouvar (educator & Netzwerk Gewaltschutz Jetzt!)**, **Simin Jawabreh (activist and political scientist)**, **Javiera Manzi (Feminist Strike Coordination, CL)**, **Sabine Nuss (writer and podcast host)** & **Alex Wischnewski (RLS Caring Cities Project)**

HZO 10
15:45 –
17:30



DE/EN/ES

HZO 10
18:00 –
19:30



DE/EN

Why Socialization Must Be Anti-Racist: What Do Struggles for Freedom of Movement Have to Do with the Care Crisis?

The care crisis is being shored up by migrantized labour as care work is transferred across borders, structured by racist hierarchies, and regulated through migration regimes. Racial capitalism determines for whom social reproduction is possible, and on what terms. The result is an imperial division of labour in which certain bodies are systematically put to work reproducing the lives of others. How might feminist socialization offer an alternative to these supposed solutions to the care crisis? For anti-racist and feminist movements, what shared struggles and strategies might emerge? **With Betiel Berhe (economist and writer)**, **Bafta Sarbo (Editor at Jacobin)**, **Oksana Dutchak (Sociologist, UA)**, **Mersedeh Ghazaei (Executive Committee of Die Linke)**, & **Christa Wichterich (RLS Academic Advisory Board & WIDE+)**

Strike for the Common Good! How Can Workers and Civil Society Build an Alliance as Part of Collective Bargaining?

“Bargaining for the Common Good” is a US strategy that uses strikes and collective bargaining to win improvements not only for workers but also for the wider public. Alliances between trade unions, civil society, and social movements can achieve political change while strengthening workers' struggles. We will discuss strikes by teachers in Los Angeles and public-transport workers in Germany that linked workplace struggle with demands for smaller classes, more staff, and better public transport. How can trade unions, social movements, and urban initiatives build power together? **With Jollene Levid (organizer with the teachers' union UTLA, US)**, **Rika Müller-Vahl (organizer and activist with the #wirfahrenzusammen public transport campaign)** & **Yanira Wolf (union secretary)**

First the Care Centre, Then the Caring City I

Feminist movements in Latin America have shown what becomes possible when public spaces are organized around people's needs. Under the banner “Caring for Those Who Care for Us”, they are developing feminist extensions of public services: massages for family caregivers, neighbourhood kitchens, and swimming pools for Mexico City's most precarious districts, as well as training for care workers, and mobile care services in the less accessible areas of Bogotá. The UTOPIAS model developed in Mexico is now also being adopted in the Province of Buenos Aires. Three activists from Argentina, Colombia, and Mexico will present their projects and discuss how these can be developed further and extended elsewhere. **With Fernanda García Monticelli (urban planner, AR)**, **Lía Membrillo (coordinator of UTOPIAS in Mexico City, MX)**, **Paola Suárez (care centre director in Bogotá, CO)** & **Frida Broscheit (RLS)**

Food Sovereignty: Alternatives from Below

Transnational corporations wield enormous power over agriculture through pesticides and hybrid seeds, and through their control of fertilizers. In response, local activists are building ecological alternatives rooted in solidarity, including seed libraries and campaigns against pesticides and their associated impact on health, soil, working conditions, and workers' rights. What might collective alternatives to monopoly power look like? How can people working in different places learn from one another? **With Michelle Eid (RLS LB)**, **Carmen Louw (co-director, Women on Farms Project, ZA)**, **Shrouq Qawariq (Hakurat Al-Bireh Community Farm, PAL)** & **Refiloe Joala (RLS ZA)**

HZO 50
18:00 –
19:30



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18:00 –
19:30



EN

HZO 80
18:00 –
19:30



DE

Enough Is Enough!

Together against the Assault on Social Services!

Cuts to health, education, and social services hit institutions, workers, and service users alike, sharply deepening the crisis of social reproduction. Civil-society alliances are already fighting back through protests, campaigns, and local coalitions. How can these approaches be brought together and strategically strengthened? What can we learn from broad alliances against austerity? How can welfare organizations, trade unions, campaigns, service providers, and directly affected people all be brought to the same table? What shared political goals might take us beyond resisting cuts and towards building solidarity-based care infrastructure? With Cansin Köktürk (social worker and Member of the Bundestag for Die Linke), TBA (Campaign "WirStehenZusammen"), TBA (SoVD) & Lara Lösch (Die Linke)

HZO 90
18:00 –
19:30



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Transformative Justice: What Really Makes Us Safe? What Does It Have to Do with the Socialization of Care?

Security is often associated with policing, control, and punishment. Transformative justice asks instead what the conditions are that make protection from violence possible in the home, in the street, and within public institutions. Between state agencies, self-organized initiatives, and civil-society structures, new forms of practical support and protection are emerging. Of this in-between-infrastructure, what will hold? Where are the gaps and how can they be filled? How can we understand safety as a shared responsibility without creating new forms of control? With Ann Wiesental (RESPONS Kollektiv)

HZO 100
18:00 –
19:30



DE

"No: Against the Militarization of the Present" – Conversation with Mithu M. Sanyal

In the face of military and rhetorical escalation and the demand for "war readiness," Mithu Sanyal offers a clear "no" to the claim that there is no alternative. In this conversation, we examine the increasing militarization of politics, society, and the media. Pacifism is not passivity, but the conviction that all human lives are of equal value. How can we achieve de-escalation, and how can we shape a just, nonviolent future? With Mithu M. Sanyal (writer and cultural studies scholar)

TG 2
18:00 –
19:30

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Somatics and Radical Care — Experiencing Care through the Body — A Practical Workshop

How can we move beyond talking about a care-oriented society and begin to experience it through our bodies? This workshop will use movement, perception, and breathing exercises to explore how care and encounters with others can be felt in the body, and what that means for the ways we relate to one another. Through simple exercises and collective reflection, we will create space to arrive, experience, and feel our way forward. What do our bodies already know about connection and about caring ways of being together? With Kuem (transmasculine person of colour and somatic coach) & Filu Sem-pé (non-binary dance artist and activist)

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Rights as Protection from Violence: Protecting Sex Workers through Legislation

This workshop will introduce the proposed Sex Work Act (SexArbeits-Gesetz, SAG). Drafted by sex workers through a series of workshops, the proposed regulatory framework is grounded in the experiences and needs of those directly affected. It centres labour rights, social security, protection from violence, and participation in society. This workshop is a braver space. With Anne Bonny (SAG — The Sex Work Act) & Lilia Rubin (Madonna e.V.)

City Walk: Realpolitik with Utopian Surplus. How Do We Make Feminist Urban Politics?

Making cities more ecological and grounded in solidarity requires us to dismantle patriarchal structures and actively claim urban space. How should cities organize care, housing, mobility, and the spaces where everyday needs are met? How are urban development, feminism, and ecology connected? We will explore these questions through a visit to a site that was due to be privatized eight years ago. After years of political struggle, we have moved a little closer to our vision of a city built on solidarity. With Amelie Kurz & Anna-Lena Müller (Initiative „Stadt für Alle“) ♦ meeting point: Willy-Brandt-Platz, Bochum (by the bell)

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Friday Evening — Cultural Programme ♦ across the City

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Performance "Natural Beauty"

Lili Alexander is an actor, singer, performance artist, and drag queen. On Friday evening, she will present a performance exploring her relationship with her body as a trans woman, and the myth of the "natural" body in a patriarchal, cis-sexist society.

Lili rejects the derogatory labels imposed on the best parts of her personality and writes, quite rightly: "I refuse to dim my light just to make other people comfortable. I am loud, I shine, I wear glitter on my eyelids when I walk around in my tattered fur coat, I am fabulous and bitchy, and I sing Barbra Streisand songs through made-up lips with a bass voice that perfectly suits my hormone-grown tits". **Content Note:** This performance contains nudity. ♦ venue: Rotunde, Am Kulturgleis 3–5, 44787 Bochum

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City Walk through a Feminist Headquarters

This walk takes us through a feminist headquarters. It explores the area around atelier automatique on Rottstrasse, home to many sites that were important in the Bochum feminist movement of the 1980s and 1990s. By revisiting these places and their histories, the organizers aim to create an oral memorial to feminist struggles in Bochum. The walk reflects on an intangible, resistant culture of remembrance and shows how many of these places and struggles still speak to the challenges we face today. It was developed as part of the artistic research for the exhibition Emanzenexpress – gemeinsam sind wir gemeiner (Feminist express — together we're meaner) at atelier automatique. Afterwards, there will be a casual hangout, with everyone welcome to spend time together at the atelier. **With Eva Busch & Julia Nitschke (atelier automatique)** ♦ venue: atelier automatique, Rottstr. 14, 44793 Bochum

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Film Screening: (IN)VISIBLE LINES, Followed by a Q&A with One of the Protagonists & an Evening at the Bar in ZANKE

(IN)VISIBLE LINES follows seven women who have sought refuge in Germany, capturing the rhythms of their everyday lives as they navigate the complexities of European bureaucracy and German society. Interwoven with the perspectives of four women working in the field of migration, the documentary reveals the visible and invisible barriers its protagonists face while highlighting their agency, resilience, and expertise. Offering a powerful counterpoint to dehumanising narratives around migration, (IN)VISIBLE LINES foregrounds the voices and lived experiences of women too often overlooked. A documentary by Lena Boden and Paula Boden, 69 minutes, 2026. After that, the ZANKE stays open for a while as an open bar for everyone, including some who might have squatted in a building at some point. ♦ venue: ZANKE, Westring 41, 44787 Bochum

Feminist Activity — the Big Game Show!

To round off the day, we are combining fun and a little feminist knowledge in our own version of the classic board game Activity! Calling all charades champions and guessing-game enthusiasts: get ready for an Activity extravaganza. We will play in teams, but you are welcome to come on your own and join a group when you arrive, or show up as a team. We look forward to seeing you.

P.S. There will be prizes, and the Oval Office Bar is very likely to see some late-night dancefloor action. **With KosmoPolis e.V. – Association for Queer Night Culture** ♦ venue: Oval Office Bar, Saladin-Schmitt-Strasse 2, 44789 Bochum. Entrance on the left of Schauspielhaus Bochum.

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A Relaxed Evening at the SZ

After a packed first day, would you like to wind down, get to know new people better, or continue an interesting conversation in a relaxed setting? If so, come to the Soziales Zentrum Bochum!

We will be hosting a relaxed evening at the bar with board and card games, alcoholic and non-alcoholic cocktails, and other drinks. For more than 20 years, the SZ has offered Bochum's left-wing scene a grassroots-democratic space in which to flourish. From plenary meetings to action training, from Antifa to the climate movement, all progressive forces are welcome to get involved. **With Fridays for Future and Bochumer Antifa Treff** ♦ venue: Soziales Zentrum, Josephstrasse 2, 44791 Bochum

Entry
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Sing-Along by the Campfire with the SDS Bochum

Want to wind down the day in a relaxed way, sing a few songs, and meet new people? Then come join us by the campfire! We want to sing old and new songs together: from feminist and international songs to workers' songs. Feel free to bring your favourite songs and instruments! SDS Bochum is a socialist student organization active at the RUB. We fight for a university and a society free from exploitation and oppression, and we're organizing for a future based on solidarity, freedom, and a classless society. ♦ Location: Picnic area in front of the GA and Q-West buildings, RUB campus

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Friday, 25.9.2026

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13:00 – 14:30			feminist socialization (DE)	organizing against ICE (EN)	Movie: Conversation S. Federici & M. Sanyal (EN)	Revolutionary Realpolitik (DE)	What is sexism? (DE)	Choral-Workshop I (DE)	Sexwork / Prostitution (DE)	
15:00 – 17:30	Opening: Feminist Socialization: A Shared Way Out of Interlocking Crises? ◆ HZO 10 (DE/EN/ES)									
18:00 – 19:30	Socialization & Anti-racism (DE/EN)	Bargaining for a common good (DE/EN)	First the Care Centre, Then the Caring City 1 (DE/ES)	Food Sovereignty (EN)	Together against the Assault on Social Services (DE)	Transformative Justice (DE)	Against the Militarization of the Present (DE)	Somatics & Radical Care (DE)	Sex Work Act (DE)	City Tour Feminist Utopias (DE)
from 20:00	Cultural Programme across the City ◆ Bochum									

Saturday, 26.9.2026

09:30 – 11:00	Rebellious Municipalities 1 (DE/EN/ES)	Socialization & Ecofeminism (DE/EN)	First the Care Centre, Then the Caring City 2 (DE)	Feminizing Our Trade Unions (EN)	Neighbourhood Canteens (DE)	Gendered Division of Labour (DE)	Changes Care Movement (DE)	Queerness & Radical Care (DE)	How does democratic planning work? (DE)	◆ 11:00
11:30 – 13:00	Socialization & Anti-Violence Work (DE/ES)	the international far-right (DE/EN)	Thinking from the Margins about Safety (DE/EN)	Antifascist Economic Policy (DE)	Making Politics More Feminist (DE)	Climate Grief to Ecofeminist Socialization (DE)	Thinking about Society with Children (DE)	Collective Models in the Care Sector (DE)	Care-Infrastructure & Rural Areas (DE)	Field Trip to DGB Demonstration Essen
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break in the Mensa ◆ AKAFÖ									◆ 14:00
14:30 – 16:00	War on the in- and outside (DE)	Who Feeds Us? (DE/EN)	Protection from Violence & Carceral Feminism (DE/ES)	War, Militarization & Solidarity (EN)	Socialization & Queer-Feminism (DE)	Organizing local Care Initiative (DE)	CFM-Film Screening (DE)	Imagine Utopia (DE)	Beauty Norms as a Mechanism of Domination (DE)	Action Workshop (DE)
16:30 – 18:00	Good Life in Difference (DE/ES)	Moral Panics (DE/EN)	Life-Affirming Institutions (DE)	Gender & War (EN)	Shopping Malls into Care Centre (DE)	Home as a Social Space (DE)	Infrastructure Socialism (DE)	Feminists from Different Generations (DE)	Militarization & Healthcare (DE)	Exhibition Opening & Discussion women@work (DE)
18:15 – 19:15	Dinner in the Mensa ◆ AKAFÖ				20:30 – 02:00	Conference Party				◆ 17:00

Sunday, 27.9.2026

10:30 – 12:00	Fascism Reloaded? (DE/EN/ES)	What is Intersectionality? (PT/DE)	Rebellious Municipalities 2 (DE)	Reproductive Justice & Family (DE)	Socialization & Healthcare (DE)	Putting Feminisms into Practice (DE)	Feminist Strike (DE)	Spoken-Word Chorus II (DE)	Networking on Caring City (DE)	
12:30 – 14:30	Closing Panel: Why Socialization Must Be Antifascist: Neighbourhood Care Policy as Antifascist Practice ♦ HZO10, (DE/EN/ES)									

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Local, Democratic, Resistant:

Rebellious Municipalities as Bearers of Hope? I

Around the world, movements for “municipal socialism” are attempting to use the limited possibilities of local politics to bring about change from the left. By starting with people’s everyday needs, they seek to make hope tangible. Victories are repeatedly followed by setbacks. Nevertheless, new projects in places such as New York City, together with the long-standing work of the Autonomous Administration in Rojava, show that the promise of rebellious municipalities lives on. What can we learn from these historical and contemporary experiences? What role can municipalities play as sites of social transformation? How do feminist-municipalist strategies need to change today? **With Rebecca Bailin (New Yorkers United for Childcare, US), Bahar Çati (Cênî — Kurdish Women’s Office for Peace e.V.), Florencia Maggi (Ciudad Futura, AR), Isabelle Vandré (Member of the Bundestag for Die Linke) & Johanna Bussemer (RLS)**

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Why Socialization Must Be Ecofeminist:

What Do Property and the Division of Labour Have to Do with the Crisis of Societal Relations to Nature?

The climate crisis and other ecological crises are inseparable from the capitalist exploitation of labour, of care, and of nature. The divisions between production and reproduction, urban and rural space, together with the imperial division of labour, determine who is to profit from environmental destruction and who is to bear the consequences. We will explore how gender relations, colonial continuities, and ecological crisis are connected and which perspectives on socialization emerge when we understand the climate crisis as a question of the social division of labour and the reproduction of life. **With Fatim Selina Diaby (poet and activist), Mitzi Jonelle Tan (Fossil Fuel Treaty Initiative, PH), Nina Schlosser (RLS) & Lina Hansen (ecofeminist)**

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First the Care Centre, Then the Caring City II

Across Germany, more and more groups are radically rethinking how urban needs can be met and are building new forms of communal infrastructure. Advice, care, everyday provisions, meeting spaces, and self-organization together under one roof, in one place. Activists from three projects will discuss what these places need to genuinely bring care work out of the isolation of the private household. What gets in the way of neighbourhood outreach work? What political and organizational steps towards a Caring City can we take right now? **With Kirsten Schubert (Health Collective Berlin), Fran Hollweg (Initiative „Sorge ins Parkcenter“), Rebecca Sirsch (Network „Stadt für alle Bochum“) & Inga Lamprecht (RLS Caring Cities Project)**

Feminizing Our Trade Unions: Paths to Power and Justice

Recent strike movements have strengthened rank-and-file organizing. Yet many trade unions still have patriarchal top-down structures and the same entrenched leaders. How can a feminist perspective help develop a strategy that mobilizes towards something better? This session will present findings from a participatory research project involving eight trade unions, exploring how care, collaboration, democracy, leadership, and political education can be embedded in organizations. **With Jess Adams & Rosalba Ellis (Feminise Politics Now! UK)**

Socializing Food Provision through Neighbourhood Canteens

Preparing fresh, healthy food for everyone should be a public responsibility rather than unpaid domestic labour, just as with housing, childcare, or public transport. Die Linke in Berlin is calling for publicly-run neighbourhood canteens in every district. In this workshop, we will develop strategies for turning that proposal into a workable model. Which actors are needed for this in big cities, small towns, and rural areas? How can neighbourhood canteens become publicly-owned services rather than volunteer-run people’s kitchens? Through an interactive process, we will develop strategies suited to the workshop participants’ own local contexts. **With Jacob Behrendt, Nicole Paganini, Livia von Samson (Die Linke Berlin) & Fabiana Pinto (PSOL/Socialism and Liberty Party & Initiative „Black Women Decide“, BR)**

What Is Wrong with the Gendered Division of Labour?

Why is care work devalued and assigned primarily to women? How does this assignment itself first produce the gender binary, and how is that connected to queer ways of living? The workshop will introduce Marxist-feminist debates and movements, from the socialist women’s movement and the domestic labour debate to contemporary queer-feminist struggles around care. We will also discuss how reproductive labour helps reproduce social relations. **With Nina Eumann (Die Linke NRW) & Elisa Otzelberger (University of Vienna)**

Seven Years after feminist futures I: What Has Changed for the Care Movement?

In 2019, the first feminist futures festival in Essen explored the challenges facing the care movement. A great deal has changed since then. Increasingly authoritarian politics and the threat of fascistization, the experience of the coronavirus pandemic, increased militarization, and cuts to public services have reshaped the conditions for emancipatory politics of care. It is time to take stock of what our struggles and experiments have taught us. We will do so in conversation with care activists. **With Liska Beulshausen (Economy is Care) & Matthias Neumann (Network Care Revolution)**

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Radical Care: Between Marx, Queerness, and Sunflower Seed Butter

How can shared, collective care become a form of resistance? Attacks on the material conditions of queer lives, and especially on those of trans lives, are now a central feature of fascistization. We will discuss queer forms of relating, critically, between emancipation and liberal integration. Where can subversive forms of care and love be found? Where does rainbow branding simply leave the family aligned with existing relations of domination? What strategies are there to support queer survival and ways of living, and what are the strategies for the “deprivatizing” of relationships and care work? This workshop will approach misogynist, heterosexist, and cis-supremacist gender relations from a historical-materialist perspective. With Mine Bouvar (educator & Netzwerk Gewaltschutz Jetzt!), Justus Henze (communia) & lila_bunt association

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What Does It Mean to Plan from the Standpoint of Needs? The Example of Chronic Illness

Today, local economic policy, special business models and stubbornly persistent gender roles determine the conditions under which care work is performed. Democratic planning would have to change these conditions through collective decision-making and centre the needs of people who are in relationships of care. This raises questions about assessing needs, designing participation, and distributing power: who decides which needs matter? What infrastructure would be required to democratize the planning of care? What might become possible with democratic planning? We will explore the challenges of social planning through the example of chronic illness. Personal experience of the topic is not required. With Heide Lutosch (Netzwerk Demokratische Wirtschaftsplanung) & Hannah Schurian (FLINTA-Redaktion LuXemburg)

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Self-Organized Excursion to the DGB-Demonstration in Essen: Hard Earned! Your Work. Your Health. Your Pension.

The federal government has unveiled a reform package that includes cuts to pensions, long-term care, health insurance, parental allowance, and much more. We will not accept this! We need reforms that strengthen the social state instead of dismantling it. That is why the DGB (German Trade Union Confederation) and its trade unions are holding a rally and day of action in Essen on Saturday, 26 September. The message is clear: hands off our social state! We wholeheartedly support the demonstration, although we cannot suspend the entire conference for it. Travel to and from the demo as a group. Suggested Connections: ...to the Demo: 11:24 → U35 to Bochum HBF, 11:43 → RB40 to Essen HBF ...back to the Conference: 13:56 → S1 to Bochum HBF, 14:22 → U35 to Bochum Ruhr-Universität

Why Socialization is also Anti-Violence Work: How Are Crisis, Gender and Violence Connected?

Gender-based violence – from everyday degradation to femicide – arises within social relations shaped by the division of labour, by property, and by dependency. In international debates, the concept of “economic violence” seeks to capture the link between material inequality and violence. What difference does this concept make in practice? If these specific connections are to be confronted, what do the steps towards feminist socialization need to look like? How might anti-violence movements build on these steps in order to develop shared strategies? With Luci Cavallero (Movida Ciudad & NiUnaMenos, AR), Cari Maier (BIWI KEFEMPOM, AT), Çiğdem Akbulut (Zenda e.V.) & Sabine Daams (RLS)

The international far-right:

What Connects Authoritarian Projects around the World?

Authoritarian movements are gaining ground around the world. Despite the different contexts in which they operate, there are certain shared patterns: anti-feminism and pronatalism, religious fundamentalism, nationalism, and militarization combine with attacks on social, sexual, and reproductive self-determination. What makes these authoritarian projects successful? How do they differ between the Global North and the Global South? How do their strategies, narratives, and political projects circulate across borders? With Andreea Dip (Research Against Global Authoritarianism, BR), Firoozeh Favaradin (sociologist & feminists4Jina, IR), Christa Wichterich (RLS Academic Advisory Board & WIDE+) & Frida Broscheit (RLS)

Thinking from the Margins about Safety

What does it mean to think about safety from the standpoint of those most severely excluded, whether at Europe's borders or in the heart of our cities? How can social reproduction, political participation, and the ability to shape their own lives be secured for refugees, queer people, or other groups that are severely disenfranchised and living under the most precarious conditions? What role do safer spaces play as places of protection, care work, empowerment, and connection? What can feminist struggles learn from existing practices of solidarity-based organizing? With Sophie Müller-Bahlke (Rolling Safespace/ ROSA e.V.), Shubha Chacko (Solidarity Foundation, IN), Aiki Kosyfologou (Political Scientist & Activist, GR) & Ann Wiesental (RESPONS Kollektiv)

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Antifascist Economic Policy and a Culture War from the Left – Why? What Is to Be Done?

The question of who is exposed to violence is closely connected to the question of who controls essential resources and therefore holds power over others. In the process of fascistization this inequality intensifies and is channelled into everyday and institutional violence against “internal and external enemies”. On their own, better social programmes will not stop this. At this point, we also need a culture war of the left: to fight for how we want to live together, about whose concerns are taken seriously, and how solidarity should be organized. Can the approach of affective democracy and feminist socialization expand what we mean by an “antifascist economic policy”? **With Lia Becker (social scientist), Sabine Nuss (writer and podcast host) & Lola Fischer-Irmeler (Free University Berlin)**

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Making Politics More Feminist

Who gets to speak, and how much speaking do they get to do? Who brings the snacks? Who appears on panels and talks to the press? Left-wing organizations are not free from patriarchal structures. Even when the problem is widely recognized, it can be difficult to make changes in our political practice. How do we break entrenched patterns of behaviour? The workshop will combine conceptual proposals with practical methods for making political work more feminist, drawing on the experience of municipalist movements in Europe and Latin America. It is open to anyone who encounters these questions in their own political practice. No previous knowledge is required. **With Kathi Gebel (Member of the Bundestag for Die Linke) & Florenzia Maggi (Ciudad Futura, AR)**

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From Climate Grief to Ecofeminist Socialization: Can Struggles over Public Services Offer a Strategic Way Forward?

Movements around the world are fighting for different ways of producing, meeting needs, and co-existing. At the same time, authoritarianism, rearmament, and austerity are pushing climate struggles ever further into the background. Which counter-practices and decolonial interventions can take root in the cracks of existing power relations? How can a strategy develop from these interventions that is capable of materially anchoring societal alternatives? **With Sara Bahadori (political scientist and artist), Maie Klingenberg (Economic University Vienna, AT), Lina Hansen (eco-feminist and author) & Nina Schlosser (RLS)**

More Than Just a Problem of Balancing Work and Family: Thinking about Society with Children

In everyday life – and, above all, in political debate – children often come up in (adult) conversation alongside questions of childcare: who looks after them, when, and under what conditions? From a feminist perspective, this is not enough. Children have needs of their own and

their own demands for infrastructure. They are able to shape social relationships and to change how everyday life is organized. How can we build infrastructure that enables children to participate, while also fitting with the realities of working-class life, without creating new forms of overload or exclusion? **With Sookee (musician and writer) & Yarik Löffler (Linksjugend [‘solid’] NRW)**

“We Want the Whole Kindergarten!” Self-Organization and Collective Models in the Care Sector

In theory, the goal is clear: we want care services that serve the common good and are organized democratically. In practice, however, transformation processes often fail because the structures necessary to sustain them do not yet exist. The development of these structures must happen in a concrete way, in parallel with the debate around socialization. What experience already exists in terms of building self-managed care services? How can existing projects strengthen one another? How can left-wing movements and parties support them? How can individual projects be scaled up? How to build something at the level of an entire syndicate? **With Vignaraj Shanmugarajah and TBA (PlanB Ruhr), Esra Kalkan and Louis Fehling (Assistenz Kollektiv Köln e.V.) & Melanie Stitz (RLS NRW)**

“It Takes a Village...”

Fighting for Care Infrastructure in Rural Areas

The Caring City promises accessible care infrastructure and short everyday journeys — an idea that makes just as much sense in rural areas. It could even be said that the village is its model. Yet inadequate provision, long distances, shortages of both staff and space, and tight municipal budgets create hard limits. International examples show how care infrastructure can be strengthened in peripheral areas and supplemented by mobile services. After some short inputs, we will work to develop shared visions: how can care infrastructure be built and secured beyond an urban framework? **With Kleo Becker & Chris Neuffer (Konzeptwerk Neue Ökonomie)**

Lunch Break ♦ Mensa 13:00 – 14:30

Action Workshop: You Will Not Get Our Children!

Militarization, defence, and military service have long become a feature of daily news coverage. Young people are being recruited, and billions of euros are flowing into armament – billions that are missing from social spending. Women are hit particularly hard. Women are not birthing machines for war, and young people are not cannon fodder. Through a collective, creative, and peaceful action in Bochum, we want to take a stand against warmongering and militarization: Fascism? Never again! War? Never again! You will not get our children! **With Michael Gincel-Reinhardt & Lea Klein (LISA NRW) ♦ meeting point: Forumsplatz → Travel as a group U35 to Stadtpark in Bochum-Langendreier**

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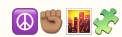


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War on the in- and outside and the Securitization of Our Cities

Rearmament, global conflicts, and geopolitical tensions are also reverberating at the level of domestic politics, at “home”. Increased policing, repression, and securitization are shaping both public space and protest movements, particularly in internationalist and Palestine-solidarity contexts. At the same time, there are new municipal approaches that aim to create safety through care and shared responsibility, rather than through exclusion and control. What local strategies could connect safety to social infrastructure and participation instead of militarization in the name of security? **With Cuso Ehrich (Sicherheit für alle Köln), Simin Jawabreh (activist and political scientist) & Inga Lamprecht (RLS Caring Cities Project)**

Who Feeds Us?

Struggles over Food and Gender from a Global Perspective

Agriculture and food provision underpin social reproduction, but they are also shaped by global inequality, migrantized labour relations, and the gendered division of labour. We will discuss struggles for food sovereignty, peasant labour, and access to land from feminist and internationalist perspectives. How are gender, labour, property, and food connected? What part can socialization play in a social-ecological transformation? **With Refiloe Joala (RLS ZA), Anne Klingenmeier (food-policy adviser to Die Linke in the Bundestag), Sophie von Redecker (University of Kassel & SoLaWi Hühberg Collective) & Katja Voigt (RLS)**

Putting a Stop to Violence, but How?

Between Protection from Violence and Carceral Feminism

Responses to gender-based violence are fiercely contested. Spain has already tightened its criminal law, and reforms are also on the political agenda in Germany. The debate is caught between the demand for condemnation and protection on one side, and critiques of authoritarian dynamics and the reproduction of existing inequalities on the other. What wider social developments are reflected in this conflict? How can these positions be brought into conversation? What other strategies can protect us in the here and now? **With Ángela Rodríguez Pam (Podemos & former Secretary of State for Equality, ES), Ulla Scharfenberg (writer and women’s shelter worker) & Ivi Kussmaul (RLS)**

War, Militarization and Solidarity: New Paths to Peace and Justice?

War reshapes everyday life, social relations, and political participation, while institutions, public services and legal protections come under pressure, even to the point of collapse. Women and grassroots actors often organize support while coping with displacement and loss. How do care, solidarity, and collective action challenge militarized ideas of

security? How can peace and justice be won on this basis? What is needed to rebuild social and political life? **With Alexandra Mehdi (Die Linke NRW), Luna Orikat (lawyer & Palestinian People’s Party, PAL), Mah-tab Maboub (University of Duisburg-Essen, IR), Bhavani Fonseka (Centre for Policy Alternatives, LK) & Duha Almusaddar (RLS)**

Why Socialization Must Be Queer-Feminist: Bite Back and Fight the Cis-tem — What Do Cis- and Heteronormativity Have to Do with the Division of Labour?

Cis-normativity is the social assumption that everyone identifies with the gender assigned to them at birth and that gender is unambiguously “male” or “female”. It is more than a norm of identity: it also shapes the division of labour, care relations, and social recognition. How do queer and trans perspectives challenge this order? What can feminist socialization learn from queer approaches to care, chosen families, and ways of living together in solidarity? **With Lia Becker (social scientist), Mike Laufenberg (Fulda University of Applied Sciences), Mascha Linke (Humboldt University) & Pilar Caballero (Die Linke Berlin)**

We Need a Local Care Initiative: How Do We Organize around Care in Our Neighbourhoods?

What can we do when the last pharmacy in the neighbourhood is about to close down? Gaps in provision and frustrations with everyday life can become starting points for feminist intervention. How can we organize locally around care? How do we connect with people who are already active, and how can new care initiatives take shape? What forms of mutual support can last, and how can local experience(s) be turned into collective responses to shared problems? This workshop is for anyone who wants to start a group where they live, or who has already begun organizing. Together, we will discuss the first steps, share experiences, and learn from best practices. **With Fran, Hannah, Leonie & Lisa (Sorge ins Parkcenter)**

48 Days — The Indefinite Strike by Non-Medical Workers at Charité: Film Screening and Discussion

CFM, a subsidiary of Berlin’s Charité hospital, exemplifies the outsourcing of a hospital’s least profitable services, the resulting deterioration in working conditions, and the devaluation of indispensable care and service work. The film documents the successful strike by CFM workers at Charité from the perspective of migrant women. After the screening, we will speak with colleagues who took part about migrant and feminist perspectives on labour struggles, as well as discussing their situation before and after the dispute. **With Betül Havva Yılmaz (Die Linke Berlin), Agnieszka Jastrzębska (CFM-worker) & Sabine Daams (RLS)**

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Daring to Imagine Utopia: What Could Our Caring City Look Like? A Workshop for Imagining Socialized Relations of Reproduction in Concrete Terms

Using "Futures Literacy" and future workshop methods, we will open a space in which to imagine a future built on socialized property relations. Starting from an analysis of present conditions, we will collectively develop ideas about how care work could be organized under socialized conditions. This workshop is intended for people with some prior knowledge of socialization and invites participants to think together, experiment with possibilities, and develop concrete visions. With Andrea Dieck (Deutsche Wohnen & co enteignen & Futurya) & Bana Mahmood (Futurya)

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People on Diets Don't Revolt! Beauty Norms as a Mechanism of Domination in Fascistization

Beauty ideals govern, on the basis of appearance, who is visible, recognized, and able to participate. Social media platforms use algorithms to amplify certain body images while making others disappear. It is no coincidence that trends such as "skinny tok", "clean girls", Botox and "looksmaxxing" gain popularity during periods of fascistization. Against this backdrop, we ask: what are body politics? Why does the tightening of particular body norms form part of fascistization? What are the practices rooted in solidarity that can dismantle hierarchies and strengthen collective belonging? With Cari Maier (BIWI KEFEMPOM, AT), Elisabeth Lechner (cultural studies scholar and writer, AT), Franziska Setare Koohestani (journalist and writer) & Alina Adrian (MaJaC, Ruhr University Bochum)

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For a Good Life in Difference: Care and Health Policy Based on Solidarity

Care services are often designed around the assumed needs of a "majority society". For marginalized groups, access is frequently blocked by linguistic, physical or structural barriers. Queer, disabled, and racialized communities have therefore long had to self-organize their own support, often under precarious conditions. Which of these approaches need to be expanded and secured? How can solidarity-based care and health policy start from a place where support needs are diverse and then go on to create shared spaces for action? With Solveig Hochmann (Disability und Mad Pride Bonn), Kirsten Schubert (Health Collective Berlin), Paola Suárez (care centre director in Bogotá, CO), Kleo Becker & Chris Neuffer (Konzeptwerk Neue Ökonomie)

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Gender and Migration as Scaremongering: How Are Moral Panics Manufactured? What Can We Do about Them?

From debates about sex education to Merz's "daughters" debacle, gender diversity, self-determination, and migration are repeatedly presented as threats to society. Anti-feminism, anti-gender politics,

hostility towards queer and trans people, and racism provide common ground for the right worldwide. In periods of social upheaval and changing relations of re/production, right-wing forces deliberately manufacture moral panics. Why does this strategy work time and again? How can such panics be disrupted internationally while solidarity-based counter-narratives are built? With Andrea Dip (Research Against Global Authoritarianism, BR), Birgit Sauer (University of Vienna & RLS Academic Advisory Board, AT) & Atlanta Beyer (cultural studies scholar & activist)

Care Instead of Control: Towards Life-Affirming Institutions

Welfare state services are supposed to support people through difficult periods. However, not everyone has good experiences with these services. For many people, psychiatric services, job centres, and social services also mean surveillance and sanctions. "Life-affirming institutions" (Ruth Wilson Gilmore) point to another possibility: social infrastructure that does not discipline people, but which places collective care at its centre. When do welfare-state policies become punitive? What does this mean for feminist socialization? How can support systems avoid (re)producing powerlessness, dependency, and shame? With Deike Janssen (Die Linke Berlin), Susanne Schultz (Network Reproductive Justice Berlin & University of Bern), Echo Wiche- ra (anti-psychiatry activist) & Inga Lamprecht (RLS Caring Cities Project)

Gender and War: Repatriarchalization in Russia, and in Ukraine during Russia's war of aggression

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is transforming gender relations in both societies. Displacement and forced mobilization are producing new care arrangements in Ukraine, while Russia is reasserting "traditional values" and restricting reproductive and queer rights. War trauma and learned violence will shape both societies for years to come. How are feminist and left-wing activists preparing? What can be learned from other (post-)conflict settings, and how can international solidarity support these groups? With Olha Lushankina (Ukrainian Left Initiative, UA), Sasha Talaver (Radical Democracy & International Research Group on Authoritarianism and Counter-Strategies, RU) & Kathi Gebel (Member of the Bundestag for Die Linke)

How Can a Shopping Mall Become a Care Centre?

Empty shopping malls create space for something new. Temples of consumption could become places for care, advice, community kitchens, and neighbourhood organising. This could mark the beginning of an urban transformation centred on care rather than purchasing power. Which uses belong together, and what infrastructure does everyday care require? How can conversion be financed in the public interest? How can ownership, operation, and democratic governance be organized so that these places remain accessible in the long term? →

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With Elias Eichhorn (University of Kassel), Katalin Gennburg (Member of the Bundestag for Die Linke), Cléo Mieulet (Kreisler.Berlin), Amelie Cassa-da & Hannah Berner (Sorge ins Parkcenter)

The Home as a Social Space: New Infrastructure between Housing, Neighbourhood and Community

Many people with demanding care responsibilities or substantial care needs remain isolated within their own four walls. Outreach services can challenge the divide between private and public life that lies at the heart of capitalist gender relations by treating the home itself as part of an expanded neighbourhood care infrastructure. What new forms of infrastructure could connect different sites of care? How far to go with the opening up of the home? What roles should be played by neighbourhoods, public providers, and collective local structures? With Mischa Regenbrecht (Gesundheitskollektiv Köln-Kalk), Hannah Müller (Bauhaus-Universität Weimar) & Alex Wischnewski (RLS Caring Cities Project)

Infrastructure Socialism as Inclusive Social Policy: Towards the Socialization of Care

The social state can guarantee care in different ways. Cash benefits and public infrastructure represent different models, with different consequences for participation, dependency, and social cohesion. Infrastructure socialism, the economy for the common good, social ownership, and public-common partnerships all propose collective ways of organizing care. How do these differ from existing services provided by the social state? What promise does public luxury hold, even under the threat of far-right governments? How can quality, accessibility, and democratic control be strengthened? With Luise Butzer (communia), Luzie Gerstenhöfer (University of Jena), Jana Hemming-Lange (WELCOME-Treff & Freiwilligen-Agentur Halle (Saale) e.V.), Hannah Schurian (FLINTA-Redaktion LuXemburg) & Elise Jost (communia)

Women and FLINTA:

Feminists from Different Generations in Conversation

Feminist struggles emerge from historically specific experiences of violence, labour, care, inequality, and from particular social contexts. For many feminists of earlier generations, "woman" as a political subject was a central point of reference for emancipation. Today, feminist critique often focuses more strongly on the hetero- and cis-normative gender order. This workshop will bring these perspectives into conversation in a spirit of solidarity. What can we learn from one another, and what common ground can we find? This workshop is a braver space. With Monika Goetzke & Samira Hosni (Die Linke), Jasmin Yildirim (BAG LISA), Kuku Schrapnell (writer and speaker) & Julia Killet (RLS)

We Will Not Be Able to Help You – Militarization in Healthcare

Hospitals are already struggling with staff shortages, marketization, and years of underinvestment. Yet healthcare and care services are increasingly being discussed in terms of "war readiness" and being prepared for wartime scenarios. What does this militarization mean for an already overstretched health system? How is the Zeitenwende (the major recent shift in German defence policy) redirecting resources and priorities away from social provision? What counter-strategies could strengthen care work as a practice of peace? With Bernhard Winter (vdää*) & Melanie Stitz (RLS NRW)

Women@Work – Feminist Perspectives on Labour

Millions of women keep the global economy running, yet their work often remains invisible, underpaid, and undervalued. Women@Work portrays women across different sectors, highlighting global inequalities, care work, and anti-feminism as threats to equality. The women featured also speak about trade-union organising, feminist strikes, and solidarity-based strategies for change. The preview can be seen on Saturday and Sunday. Presentation & discussion with Sina Marx (FEMNET) ♦ Mensa foyer

Dinner ♦ Mensa 18:15 – 19:15

Conference Party with DJs and a Live Performance by ♦ Tigrrez Punch ♦

"Put some respect on my name! / Ich hab kein Cash, ich hab kein Fame" (I have no cash, I have no fame) blasts from the speakers. What Bochum's Tigrrez Punch may lack in cash and fame, she more than makes up for in queer-feminist power, a fuck-off attitude and extraordinary talent. Moving between Rrrriot Trap, pop, and punk, Tigrrez Punch joyfully tears down genre boundaries while taking aim at patriarchy. The sound moves from furious, punchy bars to laid-back flow, through to dancefloor-focused club tracks – aggressive one moment, tender the next. This politically charged collision of genres is a flashing beacon in a gloomy, cis-male-dominated rap landscape: music that feels like 8 March on the bumper cars. The tracks hit hard but with love, and Tigrrez Punch's live shows erupt with energetic stage presence, collective mayhem, and playful crowd control – candyfloss mosh pit included. Conference wristband needed to get in to the venue.

Line-up

Main Floor 20:30–21:30 ♦ DJ marta404 [laut&cuntig] Warmup Feminist Hiphop
21:30–22:30 ♦ Tigrrez Punch
22:30–00:30 ♦ DJ Aromateeq plays Afrobeats / Amapiano / R&B / Dancehall / Hip-Hop / Vogue
00:30–02:00 ♦ DJ Ella M plays Afrobeats / Dancehall / Hip-Hop / Edits

Small Floor 22:00–23:00 ♦ DJ marta404 [laut&cuntig] plays Juicy Electronica
23:00–00:30 ♦ DJ KID VELOUR plays Global Club
00:30–02:00 ♦ DJ Hypermobil [SASSY] plays Bounce & Trance

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Fascism Reloaded?

Insecure work, rising costs, a care emergency, and crumbling social security systems are placing more and more people under pressure. Authoritarian forces are responding by turning that pressure against those with the least power, driving fascistization. How do today's authoritarian developments differ from historical fascisms? What differences and commonalities can we see across countries? We will also examine the relationship between the state, social reproduction, and crisis. What changes as care work becomes increasingly precarious? What role does gender play? **With Sarah Leonard (editor-in-chief, Lux magazine, US), Fernanda García Monticelli (Frente Patria Grande, AR), Anika Taschke (RLS) & Birgit Sauer (University of Vienna & RLS Academic Advisory Board, AT)**

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Our Feminism Is Intersectional! But What Does That Actually Mean?

Intersectionality emerged from Black feminism in the United States and describes how gender, class, racialization, and other relations of domination interact. Developed as a strategic tool for linking emancipatory struggles, for a long time it was mainly discussed in academic settings. How can people build shared struggles and alliances when exploitation and oppression affect them differently? How do we take difference seriously without letting it divide us? **With Fabiana Pinto (PSOL/Socialism and Liberty Party & Mulheres Negras Decidem, BR), Mit-hu M. Sanyal (writer and cultural studies scholar), Kuku Schrapnell (writer and speaker) & Atlanta Beyer (cultural studies scholar and activist)**

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Local, Democratic, Resistant: Rebellious Municipalities as Bearers of Hope? 2

Rebellious municipalities can demonstrate that change is possible, but what happens when hope turns into projection, and distant success stories become substitutes for the difficult work of organizing where we live? How can we learn from limitations and defeats instead of constantly searching for the next political beacon of hope? Is it not precisely those local struggles for tangible improvements that offer the chance to organize with people for the long term, rebuild trust, and create counter-power? **With Silke van Dyk (University of Jena) & Katalin Gennburg (Member of the Bundestag for Die Linke)**

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Feminist Socialization for Reproductive Justice: The Family as a Feminist Battlefield

Much care work still takes place within families. At the same time, the family is a site of violence and dependency for many women, children, and queer people. However, the family is never simply private. Some families receive support and protection; others face barriers to living

together. Reproductive justice asks who is able to care for others, who can sustain relationships, who can raise children, and under what conditions. What role could the family play in a feminist socialization of reproduction and care? **With Mike Laufenberg (Fulda University of Applied Sciences), Sibel Schick (writer), Susanne Schultz (Netzwerk Reproduktive Gerechtigkeit Berlin & University of Bern) & Katja Sabisch (MaJaC, Ruhr University Bochum)**

What Does Socialization Mean in Healthcare? Primary Care — between Investment Asset and Common Good

Hospital takeovers, investor-owned medical care centres (MVZ) and private practices as far as the eye can see: ownership in healthcare is becoming ever more concentrated. A study asks what possibilities remain for socialization in primary care under these conditions. Alternatives to the existing organization of healthcare should be developed, drawing on models such as the polyclinics of the former GDR. What role should workers play? How can they protect their working conditions? How can care and resources be brought under democratic control? **With Kirsten Schubert (LAG Gesundheit Die Linke Berlin), Tino (Polyklinik Syndikat) & Justus Henze (communia)**

Putting Feminisms into Practice: How Exactly Does That Work?

Feminist organizing thrives on disagreement as well as cooperation in solidarity. How can plenaries and discussions make room for conflict while remaining grounded in solidarity? How do discussions produce organizations that are capable of acting? Activists from different movements have developed answers to these questions. This workshop will focus on practical facilitation skills, a culture of debate that treats mistakes as opportunities to learn ("Braver Spaces"), and ways of handling conflict. Participants should want to make feminist politics; no other experience is needed. **With Weiberrat Bochum, Mächtig Gezofft Bochum & Alina Adrian (MaJaC, Ruhr University Bochum)**

Taking the Feminist Strike Further:

Can Feminist Movements Strengthen Trade Union Struggles?

Feminist strikes around the world have forged new links between care work, trade unions, and social movements. Faced with broad attacks on the welfare state, they are more necessary than ever. Yet the scale and political impact of feminist strikes have remained limited, partly because different organizational cultures can be difficult to bring together. Looking ahead to the 2027 public-service bargaining round and the 2028 bargaining round in social and educational services, we ask what shared aims and strategic connections might support long-term alliances and campaigns. **With Marie (countrywide feminist strike network), Yanira Wolf (union secretary), Matthias Neumann (Netzwerk Care Revolution) & Chris Neuffer (Konzeptwerk Neue Ökonomie)**

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Feminist-Socialist Spoken-Word Chorus Workshop (Part 2)

What moves you? What makes you angry? Using creative writing and theatre, we will draw on participants' experiences to create a spoken-word chorus of many voices. Inspired by Brecht's "learning plays" and texts by socialist writers and theatre practitioners, we will weave personal perspectives together with impressions from the conference. The resulting choral performance will be presented at the closing session of the conference. No previous experience is required. Rehearsal for the performance at the conference closing session. With Leonie Adam (dramaturge and theatre educator) & Jette Micheel (director and actor)

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A Care Centre in Every City! Networking on "Feminist Socialization" and the "Caring City"

Debates on feminist socialization and the Caring City are taking root in many places at once — in local initiatives, party branches, political campaigns, and queer-feminist alliances. This networking session is a chance to share experiences, identify common strategic ground, and strengthen links between municipal projects and national debates. We want to build a collective practice that supports local experiments and connects them politically. With Amelie Cassada (Sorge ins Parkcenter), Pilar Caballero (Die Linke Berlin), Nina Eumann (Die Linke NRW), Kathi Gebel (Member of the Bundestag for Die Linke), Jasmin Yildirim (Sorgendes NRW) & Julia Killet (RLS)

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Why Socialization Must Be Antifascist: Neighbourhood Care Policy as Antifascist Practice

Fascistization also shows up in everyday life: right-wing views are once again being voiced confidently in public, while authoritarian responses to crisis and social insecurity are gaining support. In our immediate surroundings, what can we set against this? How can we think about antifascist practice as something more than defensive? How can it expand our collective capacity to act? We will discuss forms of neighbourhood solidarity that respond to everyday crises and operate as antifascist strategy. With Rebecca Bailin (New Yorkers United for Childcare, US), Luci Cavallero (Movida Ciudad & NiUnaMenos, AR), Tashy Endres (Deutsche Wohnen & co enteignen & ZENTRO) & Alex Wischniewski (RLS Caring Cities Project)

Immediately afterwards, to close the conference:
Reflecting on the Conference as a Spoken-Word Chorus

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