

# Liste Linker Aktiver

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## Bring on the Good Life!

### Learning Means Changing

#### Waiver?

„Closing the entire university for several days or weeks if power shortages persist is conceivable.“ (Presidium of Goethe-Universität Frankfurt in summer 2022)

#### Enlightenment:

Closing the universities passes on the additional costs from increased energy prices to the students. And: overall, society will save more energy if students spend more time at universities instead of at home. And: The exit from Russian gas and oil and the German government's short-term decision to completely fill Germany's gas storage facilities on its own, regardless of price, have led to increased world market prices. One of the beneficiaries has been Russia, whose export revenues have risen as a result of the higher prices despite lower volumes. And: the operators of German coal and nuclear power plants, who, in view of the current regulation of the electricity market, have been able to demand higher electricity prices despite constant production costs and to push through increases in production volumes and extensions of operating lives – even though gas and oil account for only a negligible share of the German electricity mix. And: the dictatorship of Saudi Arabia, which since 2015 has been waging a war of aggression against Yemen with German weapons, which according to the UN has caused one of the greatest humanitarian disasters of our time. As well as: The suppliers of fracking gas, which is profitable for the first time in view of the increased prices.

#### Cynic is:

The planned way out consists mainly in the construction of fracked gas terminals, which are to go into operation only after the winter. Apart from the devastating environmental consequences of this technology, it is anticipated that either the Ukraine war would continue for a very long time or there would be no coopera-

tion with Russia even after the war ended. According to the IPCC report, however, there is no chance of getting climate change under control without global cooperation. Planning for a permanent war instead of working for a peace perspective is just as cynical as accepting a worsening climate crisis. Climate change does not stop at national borders.

#### Criticism has an effect:

Criticism from the universities has led to the fact that almost all federal states have now ruled out an energy lockdown of the universities. Nevertheless, meeting and common areas in particular are often no longer heated and opening hours are restricted at many universities.

The List of Left Active Students is an alliance of students who are mostly active in student councils, in the left social democratic university group "Wendepunkt", in trade unions, environmental and peace movements. We are united by our commitment to socially responsible teaching and research, and to the development of the university's contribution to a sustainable, peaceful and democratic world (civil clause in university constitution). We believe that humanism, not cynicism, is the way forward, and we are convinced that, especially in crisis situations, it is important for civil societies and their institutions to take the future into their own hands together, across all divides, especially in academia.

The student movement won the civil clause in the university constitution and prevented the introduction of tuition fees for foreign students in North Rhine-Westphalia, unlike in Baden-Württemberg and recently in Bavaria. The support for persecuted scientists has set a precedent at the university. A broad alliance fought for the expansion of basic funding when cuts were threatened in view of the

follow-up costs of the focus on excellence. Since the beginning of the pandemic, responsible ways of reopening the university have been developed with varying degrees of success, depending on the department – not only as a place to study, but above all as a place of activity, a place of politics, culture and encounters.

In solidarity for improvement: In alliance with critical faculty and staff, the climate and peace movements, we participate in educational protests such as "Lernfabriken meutern" and campaign

- for common good orientation in study reform and research orientation,
- for a positioning of the university for the UN Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty,
- for a resumption of cooperation with Russian students and scientists,
- against exam restrictions, compulsory attendance, module dependencies, etc., for social opening, the abolition of grade restrictions and an inclusive university,
- against precarious employment, for needs-covering university financing and BAföG that is independent of parents and sufficiently high,
- for democratization and more student participation in the university.

