

Liste Linker Aktiver

Bündnis für eine soziale, zivile und demokratische Hochschule

Self-presentation for the "Enegre Fakultät" of the "Philosophische Fakultät"

Learning means changing

*"There is enough bread growing here
For all the children of men,
Also roses and myrtles, beauty and pleasure,
And sweet peas no less.*

*Yes, sweet peas for everyone,
As soon as the pods do burst!
We leave the sky to angels then
To angels and to sparrows."*

Heinrich Heine: Germany. A Winter's Tale, Caput I.

In a rich country like Germany, an additional 100 billion is being spent on the military and armaments, while at the same time the federal government wants to make cuts in all social areas with the new federal budget - in children, education, health, pensions, the integration of refugees and

humanitarian aid. In doing so, the federal government is cutting back on the very things that make social coexistence more humane and socially just. State support for students, the Bafög, which was actually intended to create the social conditions for "education for all", is also falling victim to the

current cutbacks. As the percentage of subsidized students has been falling for decades and the current Bafög is not nearly enough to cover rents in large cities, around 650 million euros less is to be made available for the Bafög in 2024. Cuts are also being made to student services, which are committed to providing affordable canteen food, housing and social and psychological support for students. The Faculty of Arts and Humanities also announced in October that the faculty has a structural financial deficit that is to be addressed with cuts.

What are we learning for?

Especially in the current time of crisis, everyone needs the best conditions for learning without social pressure. Instead of an arms



race and a policy of cuts, what is needed is a social opening of the university, for example through parent-independent student grants, better working conditions and a dismantling of pressure to perform and compete. This is the best way to ensure that learning and research are enjoyable, that the university brings everyone into discussion and that together we contribute to more critical questioning, reflection and a solidarity, civil and humane development. All cuts in social areas, education, culture and health are detrimental to the vast majority of society.

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Der Wendepunkt

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