

Der Wendepunkt



SozialistInnen und weitere Aktive an der Uni Köln

Our self-presentation for the student parliament elections from December 4 to 8, 2023:

Against structural violence: The path to peace is a path of learning

"The expansion of industrial capacities and the orientation of infrastructure, education and research towards war capability is a destructive waste of human labor, creativity and resources. This is not in accordance with the current times. What is appropriate for our time: Investments in health, education and civil science, in good work, mobility and housing, in social prosperity and culture, in a compatible relationship between man and nature and for justice between states and continents. (...) The negation of war is at the same time the opening of a perspective for humanity worth living for."

From the campaign „Social Democrats for Diplomacy and De-escalation“ (own translation):
www.mehr-diplomatie-wagen.de

"The wars of the past have taught Lior's father one thing above all: 'Especially as someone who has seen war and understood that there is no future like this: The only way there was for him is peace.' And for Lior, too, the only solution is peace between Israel and Gaza."

Lior Peri about his father, Chaim Peri, who was kidnapped by Hamas, in an interview with ZDF's "heute journal" on 29.10.2023

Humanity is always an alternative. The escalation of violence in Ukraine and the Middle East and the cynical assertion that there is only one answer to violence: more violence - is shocking and is being met with growing criticism worldwide: in Israel, too, relatives of those kidnapped and parts of the population are turning against a supposed military solution to the conflict.

Against the increasingly louder voices of reason here in Germany, the "defense" minister Pistorius of the "traffic light coalition" (SPD, the Greens and the FDP) now wants to make everyone "fit for war" and is overdrawing the bow, so that everyone has to decide: War fitness or peace empowerment?



At universities in particular, the commitment against arms research and for civilian, peace-promoting science has already set standards for students and lecturers to learn, educate and work for a positive change in society. It is not without reason that civilian clauses are a thorn in the side of the arms industry and its representatives in parliament - especially in the CDU and FDP: around 70 universities have now adopted such voluntary commitments to peaceful purposes, and the University of Cologne has also committed itself to working for peace, democracy and sustainability. Generalizing these demands anew in studies, teaching and research and in everyday life means reclaiming universities as places of encounter, (international) exchange and

contentious controversy for social change.

Substantial social improvements are needed for the comprehensive realization of this positive objective: Adequate student grants for all, overcoming precarious employment and public funding of universities and student services instead of the planned cuts are central to the social opening of universities and their orientation towards the common good.

Neither the brute armament course of the federal government nor the accompanying intensification of social inequality are suitable for people or the future, but rather interest-driven. A joint commitment to improvements for

all creates meaning and perspective and is the real alternative to individualized problem solving, inadequate public services and rampant AfD.

With this in mind, we are committed to the university and society, as part of the student movement, in student councils, in the committees of student and university self-administration, in the peace movement, in trade unions and in the SPD.

Winning peace, the future and life - learning is allowed to be fun.

"Ulrich had noticed that he was suddenly able to say what he was thinking. They listened, asked for details, interested and attentive. He had told them about his small attic in the Zollgreve family home. You have to get out of there, they said, you're getting frustrated. We'll see what's available for you. He ordered another beer. He felt right at home here, if he had known, he would have come straight away, he said.

They laughed and slapped him on the shoulder. It was a friendly laugh, as if he had been playing blind man's buff for a long time without catching anyone, and now, suddenly, his armband had been taken off and everyone was standing around him.

That has to change. Out of isolation.

Later, as he sat in his garret, he had thought about how often they had said that: change and liberate. (...) He had felt as if a torpor that he hadn't even noticed before was loosening."

Uwe Timm, from the 1974 novel "Hot Summer" about the '68 movement.

Our candidates for the student parliament

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| 1. Peter Förster (Arbeitskreis Zivilklausel, VVN-BdA, GEW, SPD) | 9. Arthur Bau (Fachschaft Physik) | 19. Mustafa „Steve“ Ramadan (Fachschaft Physik) |
| 2. Agnes Kamerichs (AK Zivilklausel, GEW, SPD) | 10. Niklas Berg | 20. Thilo Schmidt |
| 3. Stefan Brackertz (Fachschaft Physik, AK Zivilklausel, Studium am Limit, GEW) | 11. Luisa Boecking-Teichert (Fachschaft Physik) | 21. Leo Schmitz (GEW, SPD) |
| 4. Senta Pineau (AK Zivilklausel, Kölner Friedensforum, ver.di, SPD) | 12. Jonas Bühl (Fachschaft Geophysik und Meteorologie) | 22. Annemarie Sich (Fachschaft Physik, AK Zivilklausel, Studium am Limit) |
| 5. Felix von Massenbach (AK Zivilklausel, BdWi, ver.di, SPD) | 13. Lisa Cora Decker Alonso | 23. Patrick Sudowe |
| 6. Sümeyye „Bahar“ Uluer | 14. Timothy Dreher | 24. Hannah Weck (Naturfreunde, GEW) |
| 7. Ilias Alexandridis (Fachschaft Physik) | 15. Bernhard Greven (Fachschaft Physik) | 25. Levi Weigand |
| 8. Robert Barz (Fachschaft Physik) | 16. Luise Helmstreit | 26. Johannes Weiß (Fachschaft Physik) |
| | 17. Karoline Lange | 27. Svenja Wilden (Fachschaft Physik, GEW, ver.di, TV Stud) |
| | 18. Sophie Penger (Fachschaft Physik) | |



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"Senat" and "Engere Fakultät der Philosophischen Fakultät:

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