## **Liste Linker Aktiver**

## Alliance for a social, civil and democratic university

## **Learning means changing**

"Enough bread grows here on earth, For all mankind's nutrition, Roses too, myrtles, beauty and joy, And green peas, in addition.

Yes, green peas for everyone, As soon as they burst their pods. To the angels and the sparrows, We leave Heaven and its Gods." Heinrich Heine: Germany. A Winter's Tale, Caput I.

We are living in turbulent and crisis-ridden times. Donald Trump is once again the US president, right-wing movements and parties have also made huge gains in Germany in recent years, wars, violent conflicts and militarism are killing people and policies to combat climate change are anything but up to date. Things cannot remain as they are. This brutalization and indifference is opposed by relevant parts of civil society worldwide and also by the United Nations with its Sustainable Development Goals, which aim to end poverty and hunger in the world, reduce inequality, create peace, promote climate protection measures and achieve highquality education for all people.

The alternative to violence and ruthlessness is a commitment to the dignity and life of all and every individual. A lot can be learned from studying history, culture, literature, art, media and languages. In these times, a Faculty of Philosophy should contribute to the formation of responsible and critically thinking individuals, to a rational understanding of the world and its conflicts as well as their development, to the development of solutions for human issues, to uncover prejudices and untruths and to

contribute to a constructive and enlightened culture of debate. In order to create studying conditions that make it easier for everyone be active as students, we need a parentindependent student grants for all to ensure financial freedom. a reduction in the pressure to perform, the abolition of minimum grades for Master's acceptance (education for all!), a move away from all forms of elitism and broad and truly democratic participation by all university members.

