

Invitation to the antiracist meeting in Hamburg in June 2006

09. bis 11. Juni 2006
Antiracist meeting

Zwischen Anspruch und Wirklichkeit **Gemeinsame Bestandsaufnahme antirassistischer Praxis**

Dear fellow fighters,

We kindly invite you to our antiracist meeting with the title „Between claim and reality - joint inventory of antiracist practices“, which is taking place from 9th – 11th June 2006 in Hamburg.

We - meaning antiracist groups and autonomous organized groups of refugees of various fields of action - assemble since years under demands like:

Freedom of movement
No Lager - nowhere
Equal rights for all
No one is illegal
No borders - The right to stay for all

However, our practice often consists in demanding the acceleration of the welfare payment, in taking toys to the Jungelheims or in being happy about new pairs of lovers finding themselves during an action tour. We are acting in a field reaching from support on a local level to joint political fights against the social warfare of the rulers. How can we prevent deportations and at the same time develop our utopias?

One often gets the impression that the constantly worsen circumstances of suppression force us into continual fights of defence in which we seldom define the subjects ourselves. We want to discuss these controversies and conflicts in various contexts and to exchange our probably very different kinds to deal with them.

We think that a reflection like that can lead to alternative starting-points of actions and enable us to define the subjects and main points of our practice ourselves.

Structure of the meeting

1. Friday evening 9th of June 2006

a) Central place of arrival = Die Motte“ Eulenstrasse 43 in Hamburg -Ottensen

At the central place of arrival you can eat and get sleeping-places.

b) Place to watch the opening match of the Soccer-World Championship = Klausstraße 10

c) Public meeting with activists from Greek & Sweden at 20:30 h

The public meeting at Friday evening will take place at “**Die Motte, Eulenstraße 43**” and should start with a look at other European countries. In this respect, we have invited members of the self-organization of Philippine domestic workers “Kasapi” in Athens and members of the local group of “ingen människa är illegal” in Sweden to report about the pros and cons of the current campaigns of legalization in their countries. One important question of the discussion shall be how and if those ways of legalization are transferable to and enforceable into the German context.

2. Following program is planned for Saturday & Sunday 10th - 11th of June 06

a) Saturday morning

During a public round of introductions on Saturday morning three networks should reflect upon their practical experiences in the past. The networks are asked to refer about their agenda, Themes, way of acting, alliance politics, structure and how their networks function.

b) Following **workshops** are planned for Saturday afternoon & Sunday morning

· ***Practical experiences /evaluation***

The discussions from the round of introductions in the morning can be continued by having the future in view.

· ***Disclosing the discrepancies of the European politics***

We will like to discuss the discrepancies in respect of the European border and migration regime and how we can use these discrepancies in our political resistance.

For example:

- Is there really a “fortress Europe”?
- Relevance of the need for cheap labor in Europe?
- Interests of the countries of origin, e.g. in the money transfer of migrants?
- How far and for which price can the concepts of the ruling class become reality?
- In which way are the actual measures (also) reactions to migration as a social movement?
- What does all this mean for political struggles inside and outside the EU?

· ***Camps and Deportations***

There is no doubt about the fact that the German and European camp systems fulfills important functions in the deportation system. Reflecting experiences of actions in, against and concerning camps and deportations (like those to Togo), some questions came up, like:

- Which importance do the new forms of camps (like "Ausreisezentren") have concerning deportations?

- Which experiences did we make during our No-Lager-Actions the passed years, inside and outside the camps?

- How can we (better) connect struggles against the camp system and deportations and what are our demands?

· **Local initiatives**

Improvement of the joint fights concerning health care....

In some cities, e.g. Colon, Munich or Freiburg, local initiatives consisting of antiracist activists and local representatives of politics and administration are discussing about different topics concerning the so called „social question“ (e.g. health care, education, school, access to Kindergarten etc.) and about concrete possibilities of change. What

kinds of experiences do we make dealing with official agencies and their representatives? What are the (dis-)advantages concerning our own activities?

· **The right to residence**

A flyer of the group "Papers for All!" states: "the right to residence is not something to be taken away at will! We want papers for all – wherever someone comes from, however full their wallet, whether they have lived here for five days or fifty years. Legal possibilities of challenge are reduced ever further. The "Zuwanderungsgesetz" (law on immigration) introduced a new range of hurdles, deadlines and conditions which make claims for asylum even formally almost impossible. Regardless of the fight for right to residence the Interior Ministers Conference still blocks a political decision in this subject matter.

· **anti-Islam / Integration**

3. Final public meeting on Sunday 11th June 2006 at 13 O' Clock

Agenda of the meeting and Location plan

Provisional Agenda

Friday	17.30 o'clock	Arrival (Motte Eulenstrasse 43)
		Footballmatch (Klausstrasse 10)
	20.30 o'clock	legalisation meeting (Motte)

Saturday discussion	10 – 13 o'clock	Antiracist networks, introduction and Werkstatt 3)
	15 – 16 o'clock	Information about microcredits
	16 – 19 o'clock	Working groups
	19.30 o'clock	Supper
Sunday	10 – 13 o'clock	Working groups
	13 – 14 o'clock	final plenum

Location plan:

From Bahnhof Altona:

to

- **Motte Eulenstrasse 43** (Friday evening, Arrival, Sleeping places, Legalisation discussion)
 - (Rear)Exit into Ottenser Hauptstr, Pedestrian zone, left into Bahrenfelder Strasse, right into Eulenstrasse
- **Klausstrasse 10** (Footballmatch Friday)
 - (Rear)Exit into Ottenser Hauptstr, Pedestrian Zone, left into Bahrenfelder Strasse, left into Klausstrasse
- **Werkstatt3, Nernstweg 32-34** (Saturday and Sunday)
 - (Rear)Exit, immediately to the right, at the first crotch into the left street, Hahnenkamp, NOT along the railway line, then right into Gr. Rainstrasse, at the end left into Gaußstr, again left into Nernstweg, direct on the corner is Werkstatt 3
- **INCI, Zeißstrasse 22-28** (Working Groups Saturday and Sunday)
 - (Rear)Exit, immediately to the right, at the first crotch into the left street, Hahnenkamp, NOT along the railway lines, right into Gr. Rainstrasse, then left into Zeißstrasse

An extract of the Hamburg City map with the locations you also find under