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URBAN MOVEMENT!

Connecting Resistance
and Alternatives

PREAMBLE

The Brussels Office of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung cordially invites activists and people from all over Europe to the Conference “Urban Movement! Connecting Resistance and Alternatives” taking place from 18 to 20 of October in Brussels. We seek to connect different actors from many European cities who work on alternatives of transport systems in urban areas or who are actively resisting the systematic dominance of cars in European cities.

Together, we want to develop progressive ideas on how to change our urban transport systems from below and how to successfully act against fossil fuel based individual traffic. The conference aims to emphasize ideas of a just and ecological transition and to develop strategies for grassroots activists working towards alternative mobility. By organizing the conference, the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung also intends to build a European network on progressive actors in order to exchange, to learn and to strengthen each other.

It doesn't matter if you fight for more bike lanes, against parking spaces or highways, for a free or more affordable public transport or for strict speed limits in your community. We welcome different forms of actions: people and groups who work with petitions, who influence political decision-makers, who work in form of education, campaigns, demonstrations, critical masses, actions of civil disobedience, and many more. Every action towards a more sustainable transport system is appreciated!

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Cargonomia & Cyclonomia

FRIDAY 18.10.2019

- 15:30–16:00** **Coffee & Registration & Welcome**
- 16:00–17:30** **Welcome and getting to know each other**
Who is here and what is to be expected?
Welcome & program overview
Poster exhibition & getting to know each other
- 17:30–19:00** **Dinner**
- 18:30–20:30** **Public panel debate**
Fewer cars, more city for everyone!
Which are the best practices?

Allan Alaküla, Free Public Transport (Tallinn)
Katja Diehl, Women in Mobility (Hamburg/Berlin)
Isabell Eberlein, Changing Cities (Berlin)
Salvador Rueda, BCNecologia (Barcelona)
Geert van Waeg, Int. Federation of Pedestrians (Brussels)
Facilitation: Janna Aljets, RLS Brussels
- Afterwards** **Closing Reception**

SATURDAY 19.10.2019

09:30–10:00 Coffee & Welcome

10:00–10:45 Keynote I

Critical perspective on traffic and mobility:
How is the way we move connected to social
justice and capitalism?

Anny Nygard, Planka Nu (Sweden) via Skype

11:00–12:30 Workshop Slot A: How do we move?

Public transport

Einfach einsteigen (Bremen)

Planka Nu, (Stockholm)

Initiative Nahverkehr für Alle (Kassel)

Establishing a bike culture

Hungarian Cycling Club (Budapest)

Tandem Crossover (AU/GER/POL)

Cycling in the city – stories of space and power

Newcycling (Newcastle)

**Mobility & transport as questions of
democracy & capitalism**

Masina (Belgrade)

Centar za životnu sredinu (Banja Luka)

12:30–13:30 Lunch Break

13:30–15:30 Critical Mobility Tours in Brussels

> Piétonnier & Saint-Géry

> Quartier Royal

> Les Marolles

by 1060/0, Petite Ceinture & Once in Brussels

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–17:30 Workshop Slot B: How do we take action?

Direct Action

TKKG (Kiel)

System Change not Climate Change (Vienna);

Ende Geländewagen (Munich)

Urban Installations

Na Tochak (Skopje)

Cyclo Kuchyna (Bratislava)

Move It Graz (Graz)

**Experimental approaches
for livable public spaces**

Parklets (Stuttgart)

Wanderbaumallee (Stuttgart)

Taking the streets

Ljubljana Cyclist Network (Ljubljana)

Ulice za bicikliste (Belgrade)

Bajkultura (Zenica)

Pedalcrowd (Berlin)

17:30–19:00 Dinner

18:30–20:30 Options for the evening

> Public screening movie: «Bikes vs Cars»

> Creative intervention in the city

Kollektiv Raumstation,

Petite Ceinture & 1060/0 Brussels

> Open space

> Going for drinks (self-payment basis)

SUNDAY 20.10.2019

09:00–09:30 Coffee & Welcome

09:30–10:15 Keynotes II

Pontevedra – Cities without cars are possible

Anabel Gulias Torreiro, Teniente de Alcalde de Pontevedra
Spanish with simultaneous translation to English

10:15–11:00 Keynotes III

Feminist perspective on traffic & mobility

Pilar Vega, Ecologistas en Acción
Spanish with simultaneous translation to English

11:00–12:30 Workshop Slot C: How do we organize?

Successful media work,
petitions & argumentation training

Changing Cities (Berlin)

Green City (Munich)

Neighborhood organizing

Superblock Superilla (Barcelona)

How to deal with demagogy & green-washing

Linnalabor (Estonia)

Organizing Bike Kitchens
& Commons Cargo Bike Sharing

Cargonomia (Budapest)

L'heureux cyclage (France)

wiewirleben e.V. (Cologne)

12:30–13:30 Lunch Break

13:30–15:30 Wrap-Up Slot

What did we learn?

What are we taking home?

What do we wish to continue on doing?

What are expectations and wishes for the future?



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BAJKULTURA

Bajkultura is an initiative formed in 2016 in Zenica by enthusiasts who are in love with two-wheelers. The very name describes its core mission – fostering a cycling culture as a “resistance”, while advocating for a different lifestyle. It strives to promote the bicycle as the best means of transportation in a struggling post-industrial city that usually functions on socio-political narrative that are very different than those introduced by the initiative. Bajkultura is made up of people – citizens, activists and other enthusiasts who share a common passion for cycling and the environment.

www.facebook.com/Bajkultura



BIELE BICYKLE

“White Bikes” is a free of charge community bike sharing scheme run by volunteers in Bratislava, Slovakia, since 2013. With 130 bicycles and more than 700 users, it’s unique in terms of a sustainable and community-based way of maintenance, as well as it’s own software called OpenSourceBikeShare – the first low cost open source system for sharing bikes, that is now used all around the world.

www.facebook.com/White-bikes-Biele-bicycle-183156078451725

BYE BYE PETITE CEINTURE



For boulevards that bring neighbourhoods closer together, move the city and ensure pleasant and healthy places to live and work. Goodbye urban highway, exit traffic jams, bye bye pollution! Let us return the boulevards of the Petite Ceinture to the people of Brussels – to all the people of Brussels.

www.petiteceinture.be

CARGONOMIA & CYCLONOMIA



Cargonomia is a self-organized cargobicycle collective, local organic food distribution point, and Degrowth Research Center in Budapest, Hungary. Since 2015 their team has been collaborating to implement advocacy, educational outreach and DIY workshops focusing on urban sustainability, organic gardening education, bicycle mobility, Degrowth in practice, community activism for more livable cities and self-sufficient living.

Cyclonomia is a participative and convivial bicycle repair workshop. It opened its doors in Budapest on June 15, 2013. Since then huge number of people participated in it's functioning by coming to repair their bicycles.

www.cargonomia.hu | cyclonomia.org



changing cities

CHANGING CITIES

Changing Cities is a grassroots organisation promoting cycling infrastructure and the urban mobility transition in Germany. Our initiated referendum on cycling infrastructure in Berlin (Volksentscheid Fahrrad) led to the first sustainable mobility law in Germany. The movement spread across the country in more than 20 cities and one federal state and we campaign for sustainable mobility and livable cities. We don't wait for policies to change instead we create the city we want to live in today.

changing-cities.org



Centar za
životnu sredinu

ČENTAR ZA ŽIVOTNU SREDINU

“Center for Environment” is recognized as an organization that tries to influence the relevant public policies in a reasoned and active way, raise public awareness of environmental issues, and achieve constructive cooperation with other associations, networks, institutions and international organizations.

The aim of the program is to promote sustainable modes of transport and to change the transportation habits of people in populated areas. The program has been active since 2002 when we first marked the “World Car Free Day”.

www.czzs.org/?lang=en

COLLECTIF 1030/0

1030 for Schaerbeek, 0 for Brussels

Our actions helped to push through a general zone 30 in Schaerbeek.

Our best single action was probably the protest at the Boulevard Lambermont, when we formed a human chain to protect pedestrians against the cars. We protested the insecurity of the road (a sort-of urban highway) after an accident in which a grandmother and two of her grandchildren were hurt. Thanks to previous actions, we have a large number of press contacts and that, combined with the fact that it's a very well-known road through Brussels, made sure that we were in all the media, local and national. Before the action, we had prepared a checklist of ten points that we sent to politicians to improve security on the road.

The most ambitious of these was the proposal to reduce the number of lanes from three to two. Most of our proposals were accepted and the boulevard will indeed be reduced to two lanes in summer.

www.facebook.com/1030zero

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COLLECTIF 1060/0

We're working for road safety, soft mobility and public space for people – not cars. We organise a series of workshops that invite citizens to think about what kind of city they'd like for the future.

Through these workshops, we want to develop a bottom-up approach to urbanism, based on citizen's daily experience of their neighbourhood, their needs and desires.

www.facebook.com/10600-557291631406244

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CYKLO KUCHYNA

“Bike Kitchen Bratislava” is “the place where food, culture and bicycles are cooked”. A community bicycle workshop run by volunteers since 2012, where people can fix their bikes or learn how to do so. Located in the middle of asphalt parking place on the Danube river bank, also transforming the area by building community garden and organizing various cultural events.

www.facebook.com/pg/Cyklokuchyna



CYKLOKOALÍCIA

“Cycling coalition” is the biggest cycle advocacy NGO in Slovakia. It was founded in 2011 and has significantly influenced the mobility in Slovakia since then. It’s activities are both on local and regional level, ranging from co-creating and commenting on policies and legislative, to consulting on infrastructure, to promoting active mobility among the public.

cyklokoalicia.sk/en/



Cyklo Kuchyna, Bratislava

ECOLOGISTAS EN ACCIÓN



Ecologistas en Acción is an association of more than 300 environmental groups from different towns and cities. It is part of the so-called social ecology, according to which environmental problems have their origin in an increasingly globalized model of production and consumption, from which other social problems also derive, and which must be transformed if the ecological crisis is to be avoided.

www.ecologistasenaccion.org

EINFACH EINSTEIGEN



Einfach Einsteigen (German for: Just get in) is an initiative committed to the expansion of public transport in Bremen and the surrounding area as part of a transition to sustainable transportation.

Two years after our founding in 2017, we have published our basic concept for a public transport tax. The concept allows everyone to just use the tram and bus network without tickets within the city of Bremen.

www.einsteigen.jetzt



ENDE GELÄNDEWAGEN

Ende Geländewagen is an action of civil disobedience in which we block a main street in the city center. We're taking back the streets and fight for climate justice. There's a lack of will and inability of politicians to act.

For mobility to be organised differently, we must let go of the ideal of profit maximisation and focus on the needs of the people and the planet.

www.ende-gelaende.org

GREEN CITY

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Green City is fighting since almost 30 years for sustainable urban development in Munich, Germany. A just and green urban mobility is one of the main topics we are working on since the beginning.

This year our NGO was one of the initiators of a citizen petition on better biking infrastructure which could collect 160.000 signatures for a just distribution of public space.

www.greencity.de/english

HUNGARIAN CYCLISTS' CLUB



Hungarian Cyclists' Club is working for a country where regardless of age, gender or status everybody can cycle to work, school or wherever they want.

We are fighting for safe and inviting infrastructure, supportive legal environment and most importantly we work on creating an attitude change in society. We build strategic partnerships with stakeholders while we might rally with tens of thousands of people for better conditions.

www.facebook.com/MagyarKerekparosklub

INITIATIVE NAHVERKEHR FÜR ALLE



We are the "Initiative Nahverkehr für Alle" from Germany. We fight for the expansion of buses and trains and for free admission. We need a comprehensive traffic turnaround to answer the big questions of our time: the social and ecological question.

Our work is based on the method of transformative organizing and we are already well established in Kassel and well known throughout Germany.

www.facebook.com/NahverkehrfuerAlle



KOLLEKTIV RAUMSTATION

Founded 2013 in Weimar, Kollektiv Raumstation has emerged as an interdisciplinary platform for motivated city makers in Berlin and Vienna as well. Raumstation is a catalyst to rethink and revive the urban space, to play with it and evolve it into a place for exchange and shared experiences.

The collective works with experimental explorations of space, artistic and activist interventions and activating processes. Within its work, the role of inhabitants is crucial: as daily life experts, as recipients and initiators of change, as makers – as those, who ultimately matter. It collects stories, initiates dialogue and change; it dreams of wastelands, gives back time and lays at beaches of rushing city traffic.

raumstation.org



KOLOBOCIJA

While our cycling activities are often connected with the actions of the Ljubljana Cyclists Network our primary focus is on the “KOLOBocija cycling festival”.

It is a self-organized grass-roots event that connects elements of urban cycling with cultural contents (performances, music, visual arts, book presentations, etc). Our work aims to strengthen the “cyclist culture” of Ljubljana and provide a platform for positive exchanges as well as encouraging citizens of Ljubljana to identify more strongly as daily bicycle commuters or “Brave Pedalers” as we call them. We also focus on developing fun, interactive, game-based learning activities for children and cycling novices.

www.facebook.com/pg/festivalkolobocija



Hungarian Cyclists' Club



L'HEUREUX CYCLAGE

L'Heureux Cyclage is the french network of DIY bike co-ops. We are a non-profit organisation promoting and giving visibility to bike coop activities.

Bike co-ops encourage an active use of bicycles based on the reemployment of unused bicycles and learning mechanics. We offer both mechanics and pedagogic training as well as digital tools (emails, cloud...) to the 220 bike co-ops that are now part of our network.

www.heureux-cyclage.org

LINNALABOR

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Linnalabor (Estonian Urban Lab) is a competence center for urban issues focusing on sustainable and human scale cities.

Since 2006 we are working creatively with the trends in urban development, spreading good practices, promoting citizen participation, popularising urban education and supporting interdisciplinary collaboration, bringing together activists, researchers, (landscape) architects, urbanists, sociologists etc.

www.linnalabor.ee

LJUBLJANA CYCLISTS NETWORK



Ljubljana Cyclists' Network (Ljubljanska kolesarska mreža, LKM) is an NGO based primarily on volunteers work.

The objectives of the organization are: improvement of legal framework and conditions for cycling in Slovenia, the city of Ljubljana, and the urban region; increased awareness on cycling as healthy, and environmentally friendly mode of transportation; improved planning, design, and maintenance of cycling infrastructure in the city and country.

lkm.kolesarji.org

MAŠINA



Mašina contributes to the development of local left orientated media with the aim of a continuous production of social critique in the fields of politics, economy and culture, topics actual and relevant for the wider public.

Mašina is a platform for collective education, research, discussion and production of media content for different social actors who share the same political goal.

In a social reality dominated by capitalist relations of production, we stand with the working class in a collective struggle against social inequalities, for better life conditions, the full development of human potentials and for the political alternative to today's social and economic system.

www.masina.rs



Na Tochak



MOVE IT GRAZ

We are a grassroots campaign aiming to transform the current car focused transportation system in the city of Graz. Through a petition, demonstrations, and other tools we promote 12 demands which focus on improving the infrastructure for bicyclists, pedestrians and public transportation and prioritize these environmentally friendly modes of transport in city planning over motorized individual transportation.

www.move-it-graz.at



NA TOCHAK

Na Tochak (OnABicycle) is an initiative of people from Skopje who use the bike as a mean of transportation, who promote it as such and ask for better conditions for cycling in the city.

In the last seven years, NaTochak organized many events, starting from workshops, lectures, presentations, movie projections, educational and promotional activities. Na Tochak became recognized cycling advocacy group that is lobbying for better cycling conditions in the city, as well as better state legislation.

www.natochak.blogspot.com



NEWCYCLING

We are a constituted community group founded in 2010 by two women and entirely run by volunteers. We campaign for cycleways and people-friendly streets. Particularly we advocate for urban space to be re-allocated from motorised traffic to cycling and walking. We champion street designs that enable people of all ages and abilities to participate in public life.

newcycling.org



PARKLETS STUTTGART

Parklets are sidewalk extensions that – instead of a parking lot – offer space for people and thus reveal the potential of the street as an urban space. As part of the project “Parklets for Stuttgart”, realized in 2016 and funded by the Real-world Laboratory for Sustainable Mobility Culture and supported by the University of Stuttgart, students, together with local initiatives and entrepreneurs, transformed parking lots into pocket parks. Their usage and impact were academically researched and documented in the Parklet Review.

The public discourse that emerged through the project, as well as citizens’ applications for parklet permissions in the last two years, led to political debates and eventually to a city-led test phase for the next two years that will allow citizens to temporarily transform and use public parking lots in alternative ways. Parklets encourage not only a child-, pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly transformation of the street, but also more interaction in urban space and can be used as an instrument for interactive collaboration between the city and the citizens.

parklet-stuttgart.de



PLANKA.NU

Planka.nu fights for fare free public transportation, where workers and commuters are in charge. We also want to topple the traffic power structure, where cities are built for cars and mobility is forced upon us. Our main component of the campaign has been the P-kassa (P-fund). It's a fund where members pay a monthly fee, and we pay any tickets people might receive from controllers together.

planka.nu/eng/



PEDALCROWD

Paragraph 27StVO allows a group of more than 15 cyclists to ride on the road, even if there is a legally binding cycle path. Most accidents happen because cyclists are overlooked in city traffic. The safest way to ride a bike is in the middle of the road, where they are best seen. Pedalcrowd is an app concept that connects cyclists and makes it easier for them to use this right.

youtu.be/FYWt4AcZksA

SAND IM GETRIEBE



The International Auto Exhibition “IAA” in Frankfurt is the car industry’s stage, where corporate bosses and ministers meet to cultivate their glittering public image. In September 2019, a coalition of numerous climate justice groups organized a successful mass blockade of the exhibition under the name “Sand im Getriebe” (meaning “spanner in the works of the auto lobby”).

sand-im-getriebe.mobi

SUPERILLA



In September 2016, Barcelona’s City Council created the first superblock. Some streets and intersections at Poblenou’s area were largely closed to traffic and are being used as community spaces.

The project received strong initial criticism, but some neighbors decided to defend the implementation and its benefits. That’s how ‘Col·lectiu Superilla Poblenou’ was born with the conviction that climate emergency begins at home.

www.superillap9.wordpress.com



Wanderbaumallee

SYSTEM CHANGE, NOT CLIMATE CHANGE!



“System Change, not Climate Change!” is a network of activists and initiatives working together towards climate justice in a decentralised manner across Austria.

Our main thematic focus is on mobility: we fight the airport expansion and similar climate damaging large-scale projects in Vienna and struggle for a sustainable transport system. We organise protest events, educational projects and the yearly Austrian climate camp.

systemchange-not-climatechange.at

TANDEM CROSSOVER



The NGO “Crossover – cyclists create cities for people” is lobbying for bicycle-friendly urban development in cities of Europe and fostering the exchange of innovative ideas and projects between stakeholders and cities to foster the mobility transition.

The tandem is the symbol of cooperation between municipalities and active citizens – in the past 3 years 35 mayors were riding the bamboo tandem together with citizens in more than 30 cities in 14 countries and enhancing the collaboration for bike-friendly cities.

www.tandem-crossover.eu

TurboKlima KampfGruppe Kiel

TKKG

TKKG is a group of people with different backgrounds fighting the root causes of climate change. We are working on a variety of climate justice issues like urban mobility, cruise ships and coal.

To achieve our goals we are using different tactics: from protest marches to direct actions like @smashcruiseshit and our street blockade in April.

tkkg.noblogs.org

ULICE ZA BICIKLISTE



Ulice za bicikliste is an independent organization committed to improving biking conditions and increasing the visibility of cyclists in highly-trafficked areas of Belgrade.

We're changing the urban development policy in order to achieve Belgrade adjusted for people, pedestrianized modality, self-propelled (alternative) traffic and bicycle infrastructure within city limits. We also tackle polluting traffic simultaneously encouraging better public transport subsystems... instead of cars. Our movement is proud to be an example of grassroots activism in Belgrade.

uzb.rs



UMVERKEHR

umverkehR is a Swiss NGO founded in 1992. Our activities are focused on the sustainable transport sector. With popular initiatives, we try to increase the share of pedestrians, bikers and public transport.

As a small member-based association, we are working with volunteer activists. We try to convince political decision makers and public opinion with funny and eye-catching actions.

www.umverkehr.ch



VELOPAKK'S

Velopakk's vision is to realize the full potential of cargo bicycle transport to keep cities accessible and improve road safety.

We want to contribute to a better climate locally and globally. We want to offer an alternative to traditional delivery modes with a more sustainable and efficient means of transport. We want to extend the use of cargo bikes as a flexible storage system for moving goods around the city, while also helping tackle congestion, noise pollution, and poor air quality.

We believe that cargo bikes can help drive businesses towards a greener future for cities by countering the increasing impact of diesel delivery vans on the environment and people towards a sustainable community by being part of this green revolution.

www.velopakk.com



System Change, not Climate Change!

WANDERBAUMALLEE

We want to improve the experience in our public spaces.

To achieve it, we move Trees and seating to create meeting points for communities along with shadow to the streets. The project sets also a platform for local initiatives to initiate the discussion about the importance of connected and green communities.

The trees wander every four weeks to a new neighbourhood.

www.wanderbaumallee-stuttgart.de

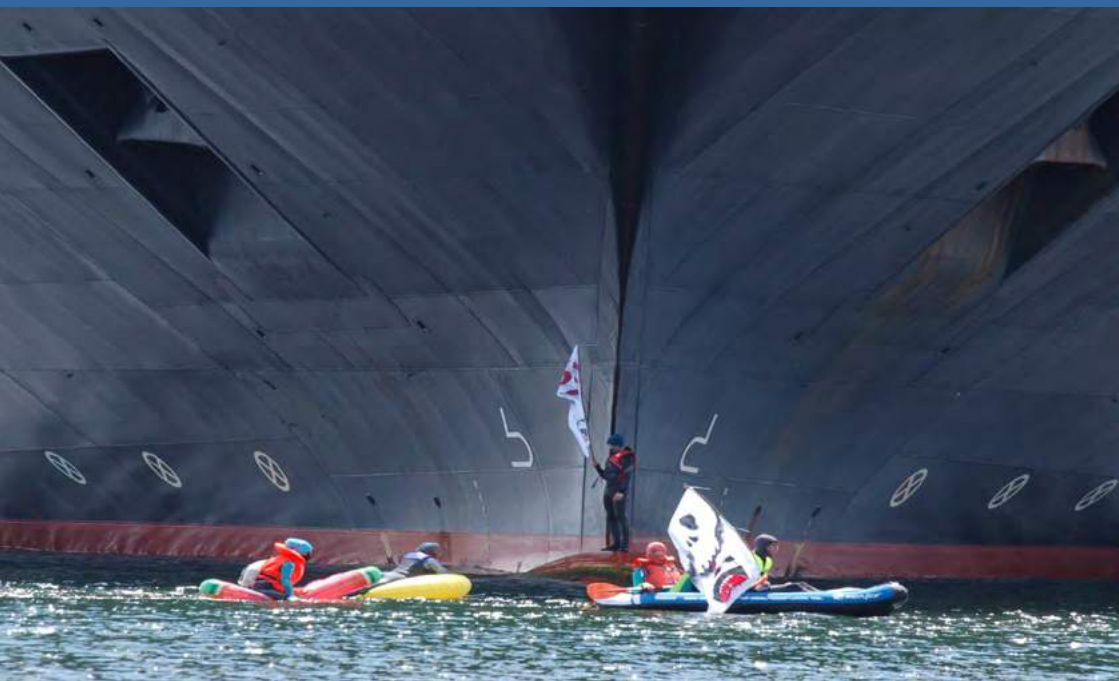


WIELEBENWIR E.V.

We are a NGO that develops and runs multi-disciplinary projects around urban culture, sustainable transportation and the sharing models. Since 2013, we pioneered the “Commons Cargo Bike Sharing” concept with “KASIMIR – your cargobike”. Our sharing model has been adopted by more than 80 organizations in Germany, Austria and Hungary. Information about Commons Cargo Bikes Sharing: dein-lastenrad.de

wielebenwir.de





TKKG

ROSA-LUXEMBURG-STIFTUNG

The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung is an internationally operating, left-wing non-profit organisation providing civic education. It is affiliated with Germany's 'Die Linke' (Left Party). Active since 1990, the foundation has been committed to the analysis of social and political processes and developments worldwide. The Stiftung works in the context of the growing multiple crises facing our current political and economic system.

In cooperation with other progressive organisations around the globe, the Stiftung focuses on democratic and social participation, the empowerment of disadvantaged groups, and alternative economic and social development. The Stiftung's international activities aim to provide civic education by means of academic analyses, public programmes, and projects conducted together with partner institutions.

The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung works towards a more just world and a system based on international solidarity.

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