

For solving this crisis in solidarity!

Against Corona and Capitalism!

In the past months, the corona pandemic changed many peoples lives dramatically and left deep marks in our society as a whole. A lot of people saw their situation deteriorate drastically. Not only due to the acute danger of infections, but as well due to related social, economical and political issues. It became clear, how precarious and insecure our lives are acutally: The Job can be gone for good suddenly, saving don't even last to pay two month's rent, especially women have to carry the weight of additional unpaid domestic work such as child care and are confronted with the heightened danger of domestic violence. Without the necessary technical equipment and chatting with friends we're wore down even more by the pressure to perform and without social interaction we're threatend with social isolation and are scared of dying alone. At the same time, a lot of people are not able to social distance despite the danger of infection because they have to share an overcrowded room with their family, work colleagues or strangers or because they're forced to stay in hundreds in camps lacking any sanitary standard - just because they have the wrong passport.

These are not the corona virus's direct consequences A virus cand hardly fire workers or kick tenants out of their home. It's just another expression of the capitalist system in which profits are placed above the well-being of both human beings and nature. Because of this system's logic, companies can earn millions even in this global pandemic. Due to this logic, public and cultural live are severly restricted, as is our free time, while at the same time we still have to wage work and are exposed to the virus in public transportation, offices, factories and distribution centers. Education, habitation and health are nothing more than commodities under capitalism, not a basic right available to all at any time but are even more subjected to the market's laws. Smaller classes in school, healthcare for all and dignified habitation are not possible when the highest profits possible for the few are the primary goal of all economic – and, in fact, any, activity.

States' governments are obviously no suitable allies for finding a solution in our interest to this crisis: the bilions of euros in aids don't save workplaces, but the bonuses for shareholders of big corporation like Lufthansa or BMW. At the same time, politicians announce severe austerity measures. The crisis' economic consquences will be handed down from top to bottom and have to be shouldered by workers, tenants and the jobless. Equally, the repressive measures taken under the state of emergeny threaten to put limits on basic democratic rights even after the pandemic. This will restrict things like labor disputes, demonstrations and the use of public spaces.

Thus, even if the pandemic will be under control in the near future, the insecurities will remain in our lives. The negotiation of the economic crisis is fully underway and the political, social and economic consequences are worsening even further. The government's crisis mangament showed clearly: We're not all in the same boat. The crises don't strike us equally, but according to class, gender and provenience.

That's why we demand a solidly united response ot theses crises! That doesn't mean turning back the clock to go back to normal, the way it has been before Corona – because that normal was the problem! We demand to overcome the systemic logic, according to which we are exploited and subdued every day. We demand a dignified live in solidarity! But this does not mean we call upon the government and ask nicely to improve those things. Instead, we focus on creating social resistance and networks of solidarity from below to build enough pressure to realize our demands and finally be able to control our own lives.

We're against Corona, because we take the virus seriously and want to stop its further spread. We're against capitalism, because in this system profits are more important than people's health and the planet's well-being. Only due to that the pandemic could reach this scale!

Counter the class struggle from above!

The current Corona pandemic intensifies existing social disbalances in our society. Thus people living and working in precarious conditions are particularly affected by the crisis. These are the ones working in important and oftentimes poorly paid jobs linked to a higher risk of infection. Their workplaces are threatened by the crisis, but at the same time they can't afford to stay at home when they experience flu-like symptoms. They face severe cases of Corona, because they can't protect themselves properly or have pre-existing conditions. The numbers show: who stays healthy and who not is decided by money!

The ruling class, instead, can cosily sit and wait at home for the pandemic to end. Some will even exit the crisis richer than before!

Even during Corona: who has plenty of goods, will get more

The so called „key players“ in our societies get government subsidies, but still fire thousands and furlough even more with lessened pay. Self-employed workers are ignored way to long, while those in need of social security benefits are excluded consciously, even though they're facing higher spending due to the pandemic. The motto „who has plenty, will get more“ is continued without any scrutiny.

There's been inequality before the pandemic!

Obviously, there's been social inequality before the pandemic and it's exacerbating since decades. We can't and we won't return to politics of neoliberal populism, which excludes any notion of class relations and class struggle.

For a just solution to the crises we demand:

- The rich shall pay for Covid-19! The pandemic's monetary costs cannot be paid by the lower classes. For sustainable social politics after the pandemic: redistribution from top to bottom!
- Poverty and precarious living conditions aren't just individual problems: We need to reveal and fight the systemic inequalities caused and maintained by capitalism
- the classist oppression of the lower classes needs to be acknowledged. Their interests need support, not those of the capital

Let's fight back against the class struggle from above!

Working for the people, not toiling for capital!

Corona shows clearly which work is important for society

The corona crisis made us see once more which kind of work is actually important for our society. Just like nursing staff, most personnel working in logistic and transport, food production, retail sale or as cleaners, educators and social workers is female and/ or are migrants – and for the most part, are paid less than well and face precarious working conditions.

The only pay is applause

Even if these job's services were praised widely by politicians when this crisis began, and – more surprisingly – their severe working conditions were publicly discussed – nothing changed. On the contrary: While those keeping things running were faced with the dismantlement of labor legislation and – at best – received symbolic bonuses, billions in aids were poured out to big companies.

Working still allowed – living is forbidden

While we're expected to renounce but all socializing and leisure time activities, work goes on in offices, workshops, distribution centers, in harvesting as well as slaughterhouses. Commuter's trains and buses are still packed to the brim. For not interrupting commodity production and the flow of profit, workers' lives are willingly endangered in Amazon's distribution centers or at the meat company „Tönnies“ assembly lines.

For a just solution to the crises we demand:

- fair pay for all essential workers in fields like nursing, welfare, health care, food production, logistics, culture, etc.
- implementation of secure working conditions paid for by the bosses!
- Workers' compensation boards need to accept infections as accident on the workplace
- financial recompensation for all fired workers or those on furlough
- a ban on outsourcing and labor leasing
- support for strikes and struggle for better wages and working conditions
- strengthening of workers' rights and workers' councils – now more than ever!

Democratic public ownership of all production!

For a economy that meets the people's needs and not the profits'!

Fight for Gender Equality!

Violence is created in power structures

Everyday especially cis-men use violence against women and queer persons. During the pandemic, this situation is worsening even further. Even more so in private spaces and accommodations for people with disabilities or refugees. This violence was not created by this crisis. It's the normal state of affairs in a patriarchal society and was well known before Corona.

They call it love – we call it work

(Care-)Work, e.g., care and nursing activities, is a basic necessity for every human being. The expectation to perform care work is directed primarily at women and queer persons. Oftentimes, the daily care work has to be done after or before a waged job. Child care, nursing of relatives, household chores or emotional work (listening, smiling, comforting) – all these activities are unpaid and distributed unjustly. Care work is everyone's business! This crisis lays open that a lot of socially important activities are performed mostly by women. Upbringing, education and nursing – this system is based on the exploitation of women's labor, life time and skills.

Make those making the profits accountable

Cis-men are responsible for what they do and what they don't do. They profit on many levels from exploiting and repressing conditions in this society. These are reinforced and stabilized by their behaviour. The valorization of masculinity doesn't work without the degradation of femininity. The responsibility to overcome these conditions and end patriarchal violence lies clearly with those profiting from binary gender relations.

For a just solution to the crises we demand:

- safe spaces and counseling for all those affected by gendered violence according to their needs – strengthening of women's help lines and autonomous girls'- and women's shelters
- care work is extra work – make care work visible, acknowledge it and distribute it evenly!
- Fair pay and recognition of care jobs. 30 hour week with full wage adjustment in order to have more time for care work! Staff decision making structures with care workers!
- Fair pay for all – no matter which gender you have or where you from!
- Men have to do their fair share of care work and take the necessary responsibility to overcome patriarchal violence! Make room for gender diversity!

For a life in diversity and freedom for all!

Let's smash patriarchy together!

For a just educational system!

Unequal access to education

Corona worsens the unequal access to education that was present before. Not all students can participate in online classes because they lack and cannot the necessary equipment. Other students can't count on their parents help or have to care for relatives. At the same time some students (because they or people have serious health issues) can't participate in classroom teaching, because there is no alternative to attending regular classes.

Heightened pressure to perform and competition

The pressure to perform – already hard enough – is getting even stronger in this crisis. It can be seen clearly here that this educational system is not designed to cater to the individual student's needs, but is tailored to make them fit in on a profit-oriented job market.

When care becomes storage

In the last weeks, attending school instead of receiving online classes was often defended by the argument of „fair chance“ to receive an education. But let's not forget here what other purpose schools serve in addition to being a place where children are educated. Schools are needed so the students' parents labor can be exploited. Thus schools become kind of a storage place in order to make their parents' labor available to the job market.

Decisions made by those not affected by it

Oftentimes, those in charge make decisions without being affected by it without bearing the consequences or even having any experience in the respective issue. This gets all the more visible during this pandemic. More often than not, the measure introduced simply don't work – or don't have any effect whatsoever.

For a just solution to the crises we demand:

- make classroom teaching possible – smaller classes and provision adequate protective gear like air filters
- participation in classroom teaching has to be voluntary!
- Equivalent online classes
- free provision of technical equipment and practical assistance
- protective gear like FFP2-Mask free for all!
- Those affected by decisions need to be heard
- Health is more important than performance and profit

We fight for an educational system based on students' interests and experiences. For an education that aims at educating the students instead of maximizing capitalists' profits.

For healthcare in public ownership

Health=Profit

Health care and care of the elderly were privatized, underfunded and thus destroyed systematically during the last decades. The aim is to make the most profit possible with our health, meaning at the same time it should cost the least possible. This is happening at the expense of our health and on the backs of those working in hospitals, homes for the elderly and other care structures. The working conditions in some of these are nothing short of being a complete and utter catastrophe. The personell is stressed out and underpaid. They get applauded by politicians – but nothing changes.

The market gets nothing done

When hospitals are managed like companies, they have to create profits. This leads to the abstruse situation, where hospitals are packed with CoViD-19-patients, but it's funding and the personells' jobs are still endangered. Nearly one in ten hospitals in Germany is nearly bankrupt, as they lack state subsidies.

The virus isn't the only pathogen present – the system is one, too

This development is caused neither by natural laws no by practical constraints, but by the inherent logic of a profit-oriented system. Even peoples' health is considered as suitable for gaining more profit under capitalism. That's why hospitals are managed like capitalist corporations, medicine is monopolized and patients who promise to create the highest revenue are treated with preference. This profit orientation works counter to peoples' health.

For a just solution to the crises we demand:

- better equipment, more personell and higher wages in the health sector
- secure hygiene plans instead of isolating patients and those in need of care – testing on a regular basis and protective gear for visitors, residents and staff in hospitals, care home and homes for the elderly!
- Drain the pharmaceutical industry's swamp – for a research, production and distribution of medicine furthering public welfare
- Health is no commodity! - Stop privatization
- abolish the two-class-system – healthcare without boundaries for all
- healthcare, care for the eldery and social work have to be organized democratically and cannot be controlled by profit-oriented corporations

Our health is no commodity on a capitalist market!

No profits with our health!

Good living space for all!

Housing shortage for tenants, billions in profit for real estate corporations

Affordable and secure living space has become an existential problem for even bigger parts of the population during this crisis. This is caused by commodification of the essential resource „housing“. Even if there's plenty of living space so all could have access to affordable housing, more often than not this is rented out to exorbitantly high prices. And while real estate corporations like Vonovia make billions in profit, it has become even more difficult to pay the bills due to being on furlough or losing our job.

When it's simply not possible to keep your distance

At the same time, distance keeping -important for slowing down the spread of CoViD-19 - is a demand impossible to meet for many. The homeless, refugees and prisoners are at an extremely high risk of catching the virus due to their placement in camps, collective accommodations and prisons. Health and dignity can't be separated from the availability of affordable housing.

Organizing housing in solidarity

Housing connections are a possibility of a network allying against isolation. Neighbourhoods, cohabitations, housing projects or families can get together to fight the separation, organize themselves and take care of each other. The temporary loss of those close to us can be compensated by cooperation in solidarity with those living around us.

For a just solution to the crises we demand:

- No rents during this crisis! Remission of all rent debts
- put evictions to a halt! No blockage of water, electricity or gas!
- Breakup of collective accommodations and camps! Adequate and decentralized housing for those without a permanent home and refugees!
- Acceptance of and support for alternative housing concepts
- housing for all – without rent!
- Collectivization of real estates and no more empty houses!

Houses to those who live in 'em – For a life in self-determination for all!

Solidarity without borders

Isolation, but no social distancing for those fleeing

The isolation for refugees living in collective accommodation has gotten worse in this crisis. While in many places compliance with social distancing rules is observed meticulously, refugees are still forced to live together in crowded places and face an extremely high risk of infection. Access to language courses, any chance to work and contact to supporters are severely restricted, on the other hand.

No home, no perspective

The already catastrophic conditions in refugees' camps like those on Lesbos (Greece) worsened further since the spread of Corona. Besides the virus, people get sick due to low temperatures, hunger and the lack of any perspective. The EU is still refusing to let those refugees in.

Homicidal fencing off

Those same governments taking hasty measures to try and protect both their people and their economies knowingly let people who flee from war, torture, hunger and poverty, die on the European borders. Sea rescue crews and refugee supporters are criminalized and their work obstructed.

Deportation even during a global crisis

Deportation to regions in crisis like Somalia or Ethiopia are carried out even during a pandemic, the resumption of deportation to further countries seems to be an option, too. And the opening of the deportation prison in Glückstadt (District of Steinburg) is still planned for the coming months.

For a just solution to the crises we demand:

- immediate evacuation of all camps on the European borders and decentralised housing for refugees!
- Decriminalization for sea rescue crews and refugee supporters!
- Universal access to housing, work, cultural activities and (health-)care structures for all refugees!
- An end to all deportation, during this pandemic and beyond!
- No deportation prison – not in Glückstadt nor elsewhere!
- Practical solidarity with refugees, not exclusion and discrimination!

Closed borders, isolation and deportation are no protection against a virus but the tell-tale signs of a racist system of oppression. Our solidarity knows no borders! Freedom of movement for everyone, lockdown for racism!

For an international solution of the crisis

Patents kill – medicine for all

Instead of trying to solve this crisis in solidarity, the EU, lead by Germany, blocks proposals to suspend patents and rights to intellectual property of vaccines and thus secure billions in profits for pharmaceutical corporations. In this way, the EU impedes just access to and swift production of more vaccines and diagnostic methods for all, no matter if north or south of the globe.

The struggle for liberation is international

This crisis is used worldwide to intensify violent oppression of social struggles for justice and dignity, like in Wallmapu (Chile/Argentinien) or in Kurdistan, where this oppression amounts to war mongering. Prisons are packed, thus posing an extreme high risk of infections for inmates.

Due to the media's attention shifting on Corona numbers, it's gotten even easier for dictatorships and autocrats to suppress social movements violently. But people from Belarus to Kurdistan to Chile aren't easily intimidated and hold on to a possible world free oppression and exploitation of people and nature.

German Arms, German Money...

Germany is fueling conflicts worldwide by arms exports (4,9 Billion Euro in 2020) especially in war regions and at the same time expanded its so called defence budget to new volumes unseen since World War II. The amount of 50,32 Billion (2020) is more than two times higher than education and research expenditure, and more than 10 Billion over health expenditures.

A massive rearmament and militarization in the whole European Union can be seen especially in the fields of inner security and border control.

For a just solution to the crises we demand:

- abolition of intellectual property on pharmaceutical products – medicine is a global public property. Expropriate pharmaceutical corporations!
- No profits with health! Medicine for all!
- Destroy the arms industry! Democratize factories, convert the production!
- War starts here – lets stop it here! Those billions are needed elsewhere!
- Solidarity and active support for social and revolutionary struggle worldwide! No cooperation or trade with oppressive regimes!

This pandemic shows us: We're dependent on each other, not just on those surrounding us, but worldwide! The only just solution to this crisis is international!

Enforce Climate Justice!

Take the climate crisis seriously!

You can't ignore corona's consequences. Climate change's threat, on the other hand, is accepted by many, but for people who grew up in Germany more of an abstract problem. For people in the global south, conversely, these consequences are felt on a daily basis through drought and floods. This sentiment reinforces the German governments tendency to act way tougher on the virus than on climate.

Help people – not climate-destroying economies!

Government aid supports primarily those economies having a strong lobby – e.g. cruise ship companies – instead of adhering to ecological criteria. This maintains a catastrophic status quo. The economy's prioritization prevents stronger climate protection measure, because these could damage the German economy in the short run.

Organize climate protection from below

We consider it dangerous to ask for tougher government policies regarding the climate. Instead, people should be able to have a say on those things regarding them directly. When people decided collectively and on an equal basis, they decide for the eco-friendly and social option, for the most part:

Green tram ways instead of busy motorways. Common gardens instead of yards covered with concrete.

For a just solution to the crisis we demand:

- Corona-Aids for social and ecological change – no aid for climate-destroying businesses like aviation and cruise ships!
- Make local life possible – it needs to be possible to get to physicians, supermarkets, parks and work places easily on foot, by bike or public transportation
- preserve green spaces and widen car-free zones! Instead of building further furniture discounters and highways, give everyone space to breathe freely!
- Power supply in citizens' hands – Water and electricity need to be crisis-proof and renewable! No dependance on private corporations!
- Give people the power to decide directly – reduce politicians decision-making power!
- Think global and take responsibility – don't make other take the brunt of the climate crisis!

Climate justice now – prevent the next crisis!

Defend democratic basic rights!

When prevention against a pandemic becomes repression

Certainly, some restrictions placed on public life are necessary to try and control the virus's spread. But a lot of government interference is to be criticized from a political left's point of view. Some measures used to prevent demonstrations and strikes during the last months and lists for registering visitors in restaurant or cultural establishment were diverted by the police for criminal investigations.

These repressive measures open the door widely for arbitrary and racist police surveillance worsen a lot of people's social situation. Patriarchal violence and the psychological costs of loneliness and isolation have soared since the pandemic's start and are expected to worsen even more due to curfews.

Bans all over the place, justice nowhere

Even the far-reaching anti-corona laws were implemented without much discussion in the shortest of times. Thus, we're threatened with the prospect that these laws and the state of emergency will be in place ever after the pandemic is over, especially the declaration of no-go-zones and curfews. These massive restrictions of our basic rights are in no relation to its expected effects. While you're allowed to commute to work in overcrowded public transportation in the morning, you may pay a hefty fine for even being on the streets after 10 p.m. in some places.

For a just solution to the crises we demand:

- The state of emergency cannot become the normal state of affairs!
- No Lockdown for our basic rights!
- No restrictions on strikes, struggles at the workplaces and manifestations!
- Prevent racist police controls – expose and fight right-wing networks in the police force!
- Democratic control of society instead of extralegal spheres in the police force!

No curfews and restrictions of democratic basic rights – for a society living in solidarity instead of a strong state!

As antifascists against 'Querdenken', Q-Anon, etc.

Dangerous lies from right-wingers

The so called Corona-Resistance like 'Querdenken' and Q-Anon is intermingled with right-wing conspiracy theories. Their conspiracy narratives are full of racist and antisemitic ideologies, e.g. a financial elite drinking children's blood. This was one of the theories used to justify the deportation and killing of millions of Jews during the German Nazi regime. 'Querdenken' is open to antisemitic conspiracy theories, authoritarian, racialized and nationalistic ways of thinking and is inhuman.

Right-wing structures and 'Querdenken'

Not everyone participating in a 'Querdenken' march is a Nazi. But what is missing is any dissociation from the New Right, right-wing hooligans and racial-esoteric Nazis. Everyone taking part in these marches has thus to take responsibility for giving the stage to Nazis and let them spread inhuman thoughts completely unchecked.

'Querdenken' in Kiel

In Kiel, we've seen several of these manifestations during the last month, some of them even with hundreds of participants. Especially at the larger gathering, right-wing protagonists could be seen, such as well-known Holocaust denier Nikolai Nehrling, New Right Youtubers or local exponents of the AfD. Thus local organizers Björn De Vil halfhearted dissociations from Fascists are hard to believe.

No Resistance, just egoism

That a bunch of social darwinists and conspiracy ideologists consider themselves resistance is thus nothing but a farce. This is illustrated perfectly by the mere complete absence of any social demands whatsoever. As they focus on the wearing of masks as the main problem, they downplay the virus' deadly consequences and distract from the pandemic social impacts. This way, they actually prevent necessary resistance.

We want to live in a society where right-wing ways of thinking and conspiracies are recognized, exposed and stamped out

- speak to your friends and acquaintance get their information from dubious Telegramm channels or Youtube!
- Contradict those who say one life is more worth than any other!
- Organize antifascist resistance in your neighbourhood, your school, workplace and friend circles!
- Solidarity, not the right of the stronger – take to the streets against all kinds of Fascism!

Real resistance stands in antifascist solidarity – no place for right-wing Corona-deniers!