

# International Conference No to War – No to NATO Strasbourg 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2009

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60 Years of NATO - 60 Years of Threats to World Peace

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In April NATO will celebrate its 60th anniversary in Strasbourg and Baden-Baden. NATO intends to approve a new concept which will sustain the unjust world order. This concept has the aim of guaranteeing unlimited access to all resources in the world through military power.

NATO is an obstacle to a just and peaceful world. At the beginning of April, peace and anti-globalization movements, left organisations, trade unions, and student organisations will protest against NATO's aggressive military and nuclear policies, and assert the vision of a just world, free of war. The activities during the anti-NATO protest will include an international village of resistance from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April, direct action and civil disobedience, a demonstration on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2009, and an international conference on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April,

The international conference will be the opportunity to analyse NATO politics and strategies and discuss alternatives to NATO. It will also provide a space for the peace movement to prepare long term actions.

#### Registration

For conference registration please contact <a href="mailto:registration@ialana.de">registration@ialana.de</a>

The conference is organized by activists for activists, we ask you to support our conference.

Voluntary conference fee: 10 €

For stall registration please contact: kongress@ialana.de

Stall fee: 10 € per 2 m table per day

#### Venue

Centre Sportif Lixenbuhl
24, Rue Lixenbuhl
67400 Illkirch-Graffenstaden
France

# 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2009

### 10:00-13:00

## 60 Years of NATO - 60 Years of Threats to World Peace

A critical appraisal of NATO and the development of NATO strategies

#### Welcome:

Lysiane Rollet and Reiner Braun

#### Speakers:

Phyllis Bennis, USA

Tariq Ali, Pakistan/UK

Jan Tamas, Czech Republic

Noam Chomsky, USA

Sophie Zafari, France

**Moderation:** 

Hannelore Tölke, Germany

#### 13:00-15:00

## Workshops 1

Title	Organisation	
Resistance to the Military, Resistance in the Military  Anti-recruitment, conscientious objectors and deserters in Europe and resistance by soldiers on active-duty in the military	War Resisters International, War Resisters League, Deutsche Friedensgesellschaft – Vereinigte KriegsdienstgegnerInnen	1C1
Resistance in the Middle East	Stop the War Coalition;	1C2
Bringing together anti-war activists from the west with those opposing imperialism in the region  Israel and NATO	NAP	
Which strategy in Palestine and in the Middle East?		
NATO = Security? Gender Question  Militarization in EU and NATO countries adds to human insecurity and imposes heavy costs on women and on everyday life	Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; Women in Black against War; Women and Life on Earth, Germany	1V3

Reviewing NATO Nuclear Strategy - No Nukes Are Good Nukes  Different influences on the nuclear doctrines of the US and UK, strategic review and how it is likely to proceed, with a view to exerting our own influence on it as NGOs.	IPPNW, CND, INES and IALANA	1V2
60 Years of NATO Strategy Continuity and change	Bundesausschuss Friedensratschlag, Germany	1V1
NATO, Russia and the Enlargement to the East Round Table with speakers from Russia, Ukraine, Georgia and Armenia	Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, Deutscher Friedensrat, Peace Committee of Georgia, Armenian Association for Peace and Friendship, Deutsche Friedensgesellschaft – Vereinigte KriegsdienstgegnerInnen	1R
NATO, European Union and the Lisbon Treaty	Informationsstelle Militarisierung, Germany; CAEUC, Ireland; Parti de Gauche, France; European Left	1B

# 15:30-17:30

Workshops 2

Title	Organisation	
Ecology and War	Grüne Jugend, Germany	2C1
Environmental problems as a reason for war and the impact of war on the environment		
Saying No to War and Occupation	Americans Against the War, France; Iraq Veterans Against the War, Europe	2C2
Soldiers from NATO countries will describe the day-to-day realities of occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan		
Globalisation, Crisis and NATO	Die Linke SDS; Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Germany	2V3
US Aggression towards Russia in Europe	Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, UK; Mouvement de la Paix, France;	2V2
US missile defence bases and NATO expansion in the east	Ne Zakladnam, Czech Republic; Stop Wojnie, Poland; Die Linke, Germany	
Responsibility to Protect	Fellowship of Reconciliation, Germany	2V1
A new justification for war deployments		
Collective Security versus NATO  New architecture of safety worldwide	Kooperation für den Frieden, Germany; International Peace Bureau	2R

The NATO Bombing of Yugoslavia 1999	World Peace Council, Deutscher Friedensrat, Portuguese Council for	2B
A precedent for the global imperialist role of NATO	Peace and Cooperation, European Peace Forum, Greek Committee for International Peace and Détente, Czech Peace Movement, Turkish Peace Association, Cyprus Peace Council, Canadian Peace Congress, US Peace Council	

# 18:00-20:00

# Workshops 3

Title	Organisation	
The NATO Bombing of Yugoslavia 1999 A precedent for the global imperialist role of NATO (Continued!)	World Peace Council, Deutscher Friedensrat, Portuguese Council for Peace and Cooperation, European Peace Forum, Greek Committee for International Peace and Détente, Czech Peace Movement, Turkish Peace Association, Cyprus Peace Council, Canadian Peace Congress, US Peace Council	3B
NATO and the Protection of the Security of Energy Resources of the Member Countries	Surveillance OTAN	3C1
Capitalist Crises, NATO Strategies and the Revolutionary Struggle against Imperialism	Gruppe Arbeitermacht	3C2
NATO's War in Afghanistan Why is Afghanistan so important for NATO? A peace and women's rights' activist from Afghanistan will introduce the workshop together with activists from Europe	Bundesausschuss Friedensratschlag, Germany; Justicia i Pau Barcelona; Stop the War Barcelona; Die Linke BAG Frieden und Internationale Politik, Germany	3V1
Lobbying of Armies in Schools  Militaries using and supporting research results in public universities	European Network of Democratic Young Left, Linksjugend [`solid]; Mouvement des Jeunes Communistes; Mlodzi Socialisti	3V2
Bye Bye NATO Bases  How to get rid of them: from referendums to civil disobedience, and much more	International No Bases Network, Netzwerk gegen Militärbasen und ihre Auswirkungen, Germany, Japanese Peace Committee, Stop the War Coalition, Greece	3V3
Nuclear Madness  Nuclear phase-out or nuclear rebuild	IPPNW; Die Linke, Germany	3R

#### Workshop speakers among others:

Malalai Joya, Afghanistan; Peter Strutynski, Germany; Andreas Buro, Germany; Colin Archer, UK; Tobias Pflüger, Germany; Socorro Gomes, Brazil; Athanasios Pafilis, Greece; Zivadin Jovanovic, Serbia; Stephen Funk, USA; Camilo Mejia, USA; Tadaaki Kawata, Japan; Petros Constantinou, Greece; Hans Lammerant, Belgium; Inge Höger, Germany; Rashid Alimow, Russia; Pavel Klimenko, Ukraine; Paul Schäfer, Germany; Chris Capps, USA; Zack Baddorf, USA; Steve McLaughlin, UK; Christian Neumann, Germany; Ullrich Hahn, Germany; Akel Taqz, Palestine; Alfred Marder, USA; Matthis Chiroux, USA

#### **Workshop times and spaces:**

Times: 1 = 13:00-15:00, 2 = 15:30-17:30, 3 = 18:00-20:00

Spaces: V1 = Salle verte 1, V2 = Salle verte 2, V3 = Salle verte 3, R = Restaurant,

B = Salle bleue, C1 = Chapiteau/Zelt/Tent 1, C2 = Chapiteau/Zelt/Tent 2

Example: Workshop 1V1 is at 13:00-15:00 in Salle verte 1

# 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2009

#### 10:00-12:00

## 60 Years of NATO Are More Than Enough

#### Abolish NATO, for a just world without wars

A summary of the discussions on Friday and a debate on different approaches to "a world without NATO"

#### Speakers:

Jean Ziegler, Switzerland invited
Maj Britt Theorin, Sweden invited

Lidia Menapace, Italy Joseph Gerson, USA

#### 12:30-14:00

## Overcoming NATO

#### **Challenges for Policy and the Peace Movement**

The relationship between political parties and social movements

#### **Political Parties:**

Jeremy Corbyn, UK Labour Party

Oskar Lafontaine, Germany Die Linke requested

NN. France

#### **Peace and Social Movements:**

Arielle Denis, France

NN Interventionist Left

Jordi Calvo, Spain

**Moderation:** 

Kate Hudson, UK

Tobias Pflüger, Germany

#### 14:30-16:00

## Anti-War Assembly

All activists are invited to share experiences, present the results of their seminar, consult with one another about future activities and to plan campaigns for a just world without NATO.

A coordinating group will prepare the Anti-War Assembly. Please send your proposals, ideas and requests to the coordinating group to <a href="mailto:hr.braun@gmx.de">hr.braun@gmx.de</a>.