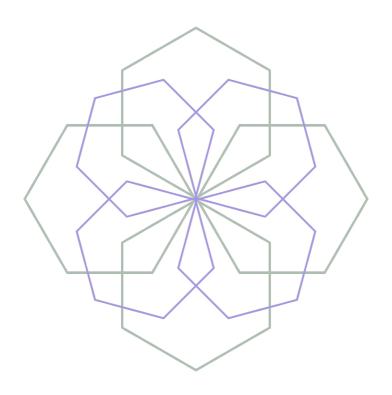
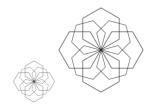


## PRESENTATION OF THE IDEAS AND THE PROJECT OF THE WORLD YOUTH CONFERENCE



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#### **Preface**

"Youth Writing History" is a global network made up of political groups, organizations and movements, which brings together militant youth with their own voice and identity. Under this banner, we will a host an international conference this year, so that we, as youth of this historic time, can discuss our situation, our problems and our search for solutions, as well as the similarities of our struggles and thereby take an important step towards the strengthening and formation of the will of the youth. In this brochure, we want to roughly outline our project for the youth of this generation. Why do we want to organize such a conference at this time? Why is it necessary that we come together on an international level?

The youth, as a dynamic force that is constantly longing for change, is the engine of society. But it is not recognized or taken seriously as this and has no possibilities for change. Whether in the biological or societal sense: the youth is the future of society and humanity. The youth is the future in and of itself. Which path our society, our countries of origin, and our world will take, lies in the hands of the youth. In our

hands. But because a development back towards a functioning society would not be in the interest of the ruling system, it suppresses this spirit if the youth. The current system is a gerontocratic one, one that is being led by the old and powerful with a conservative mentality. In this mentality, everything orients itself based on growth and profit. The climate, nature, society, the woman, the youth – life itself, is worth nothing. However progressive, creative and lively the capitalist modernity may try to present itself, behind the mask is an outdated and archaic system. A system which sustains itself on the sweat and blood of the oppressed and the workers, the youth and women. A system which can no longer support itself through its endless crises.

The ruling forces base their positions of power on the exploitation of the youth and always want to use the youth for their own advantage, keep them away from politics and make them weak-willed and limp, make them work like soldiers and take advantage of the creativity, energy and search for answers of the youth for their own gain. The capitalist system is trying more and more to create a generation of youths that care only for themselves and their personal matters, thereby weakening the potential for uprisings, societal solidarity and the search for alternatives. This is how the system tries to ensure its survival. But we know exactly what the continuation of the system would mean. What are the expressions of the global reign of capitalist modernity? War, violence and destruction.

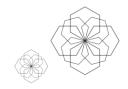
Enslavement of nature and the environment. The systematic murder of women and a genocide of cultures. The power of money, thieves and mafias. Poverty, hunger and disease. The decay of sociality. The continuation of this system means a continuation and deepening of these crises.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, the capitalist system declared its victory towards humanity and history. Capitalist theorists described this moment as the "end of history". With this, they wanted to crush the dreams and hopes of humanity for a different world, a free and dignified life, a life outside the capitalist destruction once and for all. The capitalist system has tried to present itself as unavoidable and without alternative, but the various resistances around the world have proven that we have neither arrived at the end of history, nor our hopes and dreams have been vanquished. Just as youths across the whole world cried out "Another world is possible!" in 1968, today we shout clearly, with loud voices, strong belief and full of conviction: Capitalism is not inevitable! Another world is possible!

# On this basis, people around the entire planet are searching and fighting for radical change. Leading the charge, women, the youth and the workers are taking to the streets internationally and letting the voices of justice and hope be heard and never die. So that we can find answers to the big questions of our time, so that we are capable of standing up to this system that is institutionalized globally, to share our knowledge and experience and to lift ourselves up, we need to come together as the militant and struggling youth of this

generation. Let us get to know each other better, discuss and organize ourselves together.

What are the fundamental problems of modern humanity? What are the solutions? What is the state of our fights against the system? What are the main problems of today's youth? What are similarities between our problems? How can we support each other? What is the task and responsibility of the youth and how can we organize ourselves together? We want to discuss many themes like these. This brochure is a start for this and, at the same time, a call to action for all youths!



## Defining the problem and searching for answers

There is no country, no society, no square centimeter of nature left, that is not being ruled, that is not being soaked in the blood of the oppressed. As far as the eye can see - pain and suffering everywhere. Humanity is facing mammoth tasks! To master these challenges, we as youths need to come together internationally, and based upon a common perspective, we need to develop answers to the existential crisis. Undoubtedly, every continent, every country, each region, population and society has its own historic, societal, cultural and economic reality - and, accordingly, specific problems and contradictions. The characteristics may change, but the root of the suffering is the same patriarchy, racism, everywhere: slavery, exploitation, oppression, and - as a consequence thereof - hunger and poverty, a society at war and an environment at the tipping point. But against this, freedom, equality, justice, the right to life and dignity are universal values. Universal means that they apply to all, not just one place, one nation or one class. No matter how the circumstances may be in our countries:

as militant youths we fight, because we we do not and never will accept injustice and inequality.

Today's way of ruling is the capitalist and patriarchal system. Ruling and oppression were created through enslavement of the woman, the development of the patriarchal system and a sexist mentality. The basis of all societal problems is the lack of the freedom of women. As such, we can say that capitalism is built upon the development of the patriarchal and sexist system. Furthermore, we can say that capitalism is based upon the rule of money and an ideological hegemony, and supports itself through a variety of political systems, such as parliamentarianism, militarism and fascism; in fact, it could not survive for a second without these. Industrialism and the nation state also lie at the base of this system, as well as the hegemony of the liberal lifestyle – that is, of the ideology of liberalism - which works against culture and society and is spreading like a cancer.

The rise of the bourgeoisie, and with it the institutionalization of the capitalist system, cannot be thought without the genocide of the indigenous people of America, the annihilation of the heretic movements and the peasant uprisings in Europe, the murder of witches, the colonization and occupation of Africa, Asia and Abya Yala (Latin America) and the slave trade of African people to America. All of these are linked, capitalism formed this way and to this day it uses the same logic to impose its domination on the people. Capitalism led to the 1st and 2nd World War, has

carried out countless genocides and tried to liquidate every revolutionary attempt to change or abolish it using violence or assimilation.

Today, there is a mighty war in the world, and the goal of the capitalist powers involved in it is to design themselves and society anew, to extend their life and save themselves from their deep, existential crises. To save their privileges, they are developing hard and soft methods, methods like assimilation, cultural and physical genocide and, through a system of psychological warfare, the likes of which history has not seen before, political, military, ideological and economic warfare against the peoples of this world. Therefore we must understand that, no matter where, we are in a phase of general war right now. Without a doubt, we are on the side of humanity. And for our dignity and the freedom of all, we will fight against this system with everything we can.

Capitalism means genocide, robbery and plunder. It means the destruction of nature and society. Capitalism means being isolated from yourself, losing your culture and forgetting your history. Capitalism means the murder of women, means fascism and the fogging of youths consciousness. For society, for women and for the youth, capitalism means death. It is a completely anti-societal system.

In the framework of the hegemonic system of the capitalist modernity, we as youths first have to discuss the problems that directly affect us as youths. Of course, all societal problems are at the same time problems of the youth. But regarding the youth there are several fundamental methods which directly target us to bring us under their control. Because, as mentioned already, we play a key role in society. These different methods are used to try and distance us from ourselves as much as possible, so that we do not even think of resistance:

#### 1. Youth and the liberal lifestyle

- a. Individualism und egoism
- **b.** The influence of digital media on the life of youths
- **c.** The influence of the art and cultural industry
- d. The influence of the industrialization of sport
- e. The influence of the industrialization of sex

#### 2. Youth and sexism

- a. Violence against women
- $\boldsymbol{b}\!.$  The influence of art, media, family, education and so on

#### 3. Youth and the problem of ecology

- a. Thought-traps and projects of so-called 'green capitalism'
- $\boldsymbol{b}\!.$  The influence of reformist views in ecological movements

#### 4. Youth und fascism/militarism

- a. The influence of racist and nationalist views on the youth
- **b.** The use of youths in wars
- c. Occupation and Colonialism
- d. Drugs and the formation of gangs

#### 5. Youth and education

- a. Family and state-run institutions like schools and universities
- b. Private schools and universities

#### 6. Youth and economy

- a. Unemployment and exploitation of teenage workers
- **b.** Viewing the Youth as a physical workforce

#### 7. Youth and migration

- a. How can a system, that is hated so much, separate so many youths from their roots and draw them into the metropolises?
- **b.** Is the solution to the problem opening the borders or changing the system? What problems does migration lead to in the countries from which people are emigrating?

#### 8. Young Women

- a. Societal problems of young women
- **b.** Attacks of the capitalist system on young women

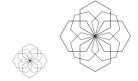
On this basis, one of our main problems is knowing the youth identity correctly and, connected with that, freeing society from the influence of dominance and the capitalist way of living. If we want to lead a successful struggle against capitalism, this is one of our main tasks. Problems and contradictions always also bring the search for answers with them. On this basis, the people are rising up, from Abya Yala to Asia, North Africa to North America, from South Africa to the Middle East, putting up strong resistance and organizing themselves with the goal of clear changes to the status quo. Today, first and foremost women are standing up to the abusive and murderous system of the dominant man. Youths are fighting against the destruction of nature. The oppressed peoples of this world are struggling for their destiny.

#### Learn from the past, look to the future!

After the failure of the USSR and the bloc of the Warsaw Pact, the anti-systemic forces and movements connected to them fell into a deep crisis regarding their identity, hope and perspective. Even though many of these forces and movements were themselves critical of real-existing

socialism, they could not free themselves of the influence of the defeat and couldn't turn the defeat into a starting point for a revival of hope and the fight for freedom. There may have been a few movements which experienced a revival and growth during this time period, like the Zapatistas or the Kurdish Freedom Movement, but overall this time had a negative impact. On an international level, the answer of the anti-systemic forces did not suffice and in many places it became more and more marginal.

Today we cannot say that the aftereffects of the defeat of real-existing socialism do not continue anymore. But we can say that this cannot become a obstacle in the development of a serious struggle for a free future and a dignified life. The time of revolution, hope and great societal changes is not over. On the contrary! Now is the time! Let us work together to find solutions for these problems. On this basis, let us spread and develop our struggle, from the villages to the metropolises, from regional level to the entire nation! Let us also come together on an international and global level, and become one force! During our conference, we want to talk about these problems and solutions together. That is why we are creating the possibility of dialogue within the framework of the specifics of the continents, as well as for finding answers together and planning for the future.



## The need for the unity of the youth and the revival of the internationalist fight in the 21st century

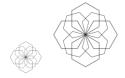
Youth is not just a biological identity, it is much more a societal, as well as a psychological-emotional, identity. Just as the human is the strongest, most lively and full of energy during the youth biologically speaking, they are also the creative. active and dynamic psychologicalmost emotionally speaking. In this sense, youth is the love for life, hope, strong-will, change and movement. Therefore, a society that has a youth which is alive and independent, is a society that has a future. But a society which has lost its youthful characteristics, starts to stumble, to dry up and fall apart. Just as humans don't just have a biological existence, but a societal existence, and therefore not imaginable without society, society is unthinkable without the youth. On this basis, the organization and unity of the youth are the fundamental conditions for the defense of society, nature and life itself.

In the last 150 years, there were many different attempts by and oppressed peoples to women international alliances and organizations and to actively live the sisterhood of the peoples. From the First, Second, and Third Internationale to the Tricontinental, from the Internationale of Working Women to the Internationale of Anarchist Federations, from the construction of the Soviet Union as a project of sisterhood between the peoples to the International Brigades in the Spanish Civil War, from resistance against fascism and international solidarity for national liberation movements to anticolonial struggles, there are countless examples which cannot all be named here. Every single one of them has left its legacy, created values and given us important experience and teachings to continue our struggle.

Millions have given their lives in the name of these fights. What can we learn from all of these fights, all of these struggles? Even though the youth played a key role in all struggles and wars for freedom, the youth identity was never taken seriously. Even the Youth Internationale of the 1920s could only defend its autonomy for a short period of time, before it came under the control of the 3rd Internationale and. like the communist Women's Internationale, was dissolved a few years later. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, a few movements with an internationalist character have formed. Especially the antiglobalist movements organized in this framework and were able to mobilize large masses from the 90s to the 2000s. In this frame, the assembly of the Word Social Forum is an important experience. But its influence was limited and in its current state it cannot give the needs of this time a complete answer. In addition, today there are many international alliances, but they stay too narrow, especially regarding their effect on the revival of the internationalist spirit and the fight against the capitalist modernity. Recently, mainly the movements of militant women and the ecological movement have taken clear steps towards a collective internationalist struggle.

It is necessary that militant youths come together again. With our youthful character - radical, fearless, dynamic and organized - we need to take a leading role in the global fight against oppression, patriarchy, racism, exploitation and the destruction of the environment. Developing an effective struggle against capitalism, freeing oneself from the influences of the liberal and reformist mentality and building up a free alternative, requires courage. And we need to be the ones to posses this courage, this potential, this power! In this framework, the unity of the youth is absolutely necessary. Youths who are aware of their identity, are desperately needed. Youths who can courageously lead a gender and class struggle. Youths that can dream of a free future and do not lose track of their roots. Youths that create a communal life of solidarity. Youths that can overcome the alienation of the self with their love for society and history. Youths that can support and feel with each other across the whole globe and that pioneer a free and dignified society.

Our conference can be an important first step in this process, acting as a first meeting. If we develop our solidarity as youth on this basis, step by step, then we can revive the spirit of the international brigades and the youth revolution of 68 in this century.



## On which basis can we come together?

## What do our common standards and principles need to be?

Our gathering will take place based upon the mentioned fundamentals. It is possible that we have different ways of thinking, it may be that we use different methods in our movements. Our cultures and our languages are different. Some of us come from large movements, some from small. We understand this to be a benefit of coalitions, and on the basis of these differences we want to discuss together, learn from one another and join our forces. Our differences are the strength that we can mobilize with the power of a unified path. Our common denominator is our opposition to capitalism, our insistence on humanity. All of us are discriminated in some form in our home countries, feel this pain and want to free ourselves from this. Searching for an answer in the framework of the capitalist system under the

influence of sexist and racist mentalities is not acceptable, which is why we have to make our principles clear again:

- Respect towards all democratic-revolutionary forms of organization and struggle
- The defense of the sisterhood of the people as a core value
- Enmity towards domination, capitalism, patriarchy, the destruction of nature and, connected with this, a clear hostility towards sexism and racism
- Rejection of all kinds of occupation in the world and the recognition of the right to legitimate self-defense of any society
- Connectedness to the values of freedom, justice and equality
- A clear antifascist and anti-imperialist stance based upon hostility to capitalism





#### Results

This world and humanity needs a youth with will and strength, that is organized, that believes in itself and that is radical. The current problems will not be solved under capitalism, searching for answers inside the cage of capitalism has no advantages. Capitalism has brought humanity to the edge of the abyss. our salvation is only possible through the destruction of capitalism and the formation of a different life and a different world. The conclusions we draw from the current situation, show very clearly that we need to come together as quickly as possible. We need a unity of spirit and the force of militant youths across the world. In 1848 the Communist Manifesto, which influences millions of people to this day, cried out "Workers of the world, unite!". Based on this legacy, we shout:

#### "Youths of the world, unite and change this world!".

At the beginning we said, the "thinkers" of capitalism want us to believe, that the end of history is written, but we know all too well: **history continues on, and we are the ones to** 

write it! Our destiny lies in our own hands, we will define the future ourselves. Our solution is to organize, to fight for and create a free life. On this basis we hope for a successful first conference and send our greetings to all militant and struggling youth.

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## "YOUTH STRIVING FOR FREEDOM IS UNSTOPPABLE."

- ABDULLAH ÖCALAN