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# NO BORDER LASTS FOREVER<sup>3</sup>

21<sup>ST</sup> TO 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2014  
FRANKFURT AM MAIN

FROM THE TROUBLES OF THE PLAINS  
TO VISIONS OF LIBERATION



## RETROSPECTIVES AND PERSPECTIVES OF THE ANTIRACIST MOVEMENTS

-> **TWO YEARS AGO** the last No Border Lasts Forever conference took place in Frankfurt. Two years of ongoing struggles and changes in the antiracist and the self-organized migrants movements. Amongst these – most notably – an uprising of refugees in form of many strong initiatives, transnationally – even outside Europe – as well as in Germany.

-> **REFUGEES MARCHED** from Würzburg to Berlin. Berlin has seen an occupied Oranienplatz for more than one year, putting the living conditions of refugees in Germany back on the political agenda. Lampedusa in Hamburg not only bridged the distance between the Mediterranean island and the Northern port city, but also built a strong urban alliance with a strong claim to a right to stay. In Baden-Württemberg a group of Afghan refugees from Hungary reclaimed their mobility and questioned the Dublin regime in the process. The Refugee Tribunal in Berlin denounced the inhumane migration policies of the German state systematically. In Bavaria, an ongoing campaign of hunger strikes, marches and occupations mobilised many refugees and challenged both Residenzpflicht and Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz along a strong claim for the right to stay. In Lagers across Germany, self organised protests and tours aimed at breaking the isolation. The resistance against deportations is ongoing and in-

tensifying. The new visibility of refugees' struggles is not confined to Germany, protest camps springing to life in the very centre of large European cities such as Amsterdam and Vienna. While a series of revolts and hunger strikes taking place in many prisons along the European border, we see "no fingerprint" demonstrations in Lampedusa, sit-in-protests in Tunis and ongoing collective storms against the fences of Ceuta and Melilla. At the moment we experience a transnational perpetuation and condensing of the struggles for freedom of movement.

-> **AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE FACED** with the continued cruelty of the European border regime, resulting in death and suffering. In spite of the public attention to the tragedy in Lampedusa in October 2013, initiatives such as a strengthening of Frontex and the establishment of the European Surveillance System EuroSUR are being pushed forward. Across Europe we witness a surge in racist and populist mobilisations, threatening to revert important victories and achievements of the last decades.

-> **THESE DEVELOPMENTS REQUIRE** a re-construction of a political space of communication, debate and solidarity in order to advance the antiracist struggles and gain the potential to give collective responses acknowledging the multiplicity and diversity of struggles. The conference should offer a space for productive discussions, a space where we can discuss visions, victories, strategies, challenges and failures in a manner of solidarity.



**WE TRY OUR BEST TO PROVIDE TRANSLATIONS INTO ENGLISH AND FRENCH.  
ALSO OTHER LANGUAGES WILL BE POSSIBLE IF NEEDED. WE NEED SUPPORT BY THE PARTICIPANTS TO HELP WITH TRANSLATIONS!**



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3RD CONFERENCE ON RETROSPECTIVES AND PERSPECTIVES  
OF THE ANTIRACIST MOVEMENTS

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**THE CONFERENCE IS PREPARED BY ANTIRACIST, SELF-ORGANIZED REFUGEE AND MIGRANT GROUPS AND TRANSNATIONAL NETWORKS. INITIAL SIGNATURES AND PREPARATION GROUPS:**

- \*ACTIVISTS FROM ASYLUMSTRIKE BERLIN
- \*LAMPEDUSA IN HAMBURG
- \*THE VOICE REFUGEE FORUM
- \*CARAVAN MUNICH
- \*WELCOME TO EUROPE
- \*AFRIQUE EUROPE INTERACT
- \*NO ONE IS ILLEGAL HANAU AND DARMSTADT
- \*TEACHERS ON THE ROAD MAINZ
- \*NOBORDER FRANKFURT
- \* ACTION ALLIANCE AGAINST DEPORTATIONS RHINE-MAIN
- \*NOLAGER BREMEN,
- \*YOUTH WITHOUT BORDERS (JOG)
- \*WOMEN IN EXILE AND FRIENDS
- \*HALK EVI DARMSTADT
- \* REFUGEE MOVEMENT SACHSEN-ANHALT,
- \* AKTION BLEIBERECHT FREIBURG
- \*REFUGEE COUNCIL HAMBURG
- \*NO LAGER HALLE
- \*INFOMOBILE GREECE
- \*AGIS DARMSTADT



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**PICTURE-CAPTIONS**

- 1 After the arrival of the refugee protest march from Würzburg to Berlin, over 6000 people demonstrated against the Residenzpflicht, Lagers and deportations.
- 2 Previously, 50 refugees had marched from Franconia to Berlin for about three weeks.
- 3 In October 2013, activists from the network Welcome to Europe protested against the new detention center on the Greek island of Lesbos with a go-in.
- 4 Demonstration at the World Social Forum in Tunis, March 2013.
- 5 The group "Lampedusa in Hamburg" mobilized over 13.000 people in November 2013.
- 6 Left on their own in the desert: in Tunis, refugees from the war in Libya, who live in the UNHCR camp Choucha in Tunisia, claim their reception by Europe.
- 7 No Fingerprints! A successful protest gathering of Refugees and Migrants in Lampedusa
- 8 Protest of Women in Exile and Friends against camps for women.



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**FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OF FEBRUARY**

**17 H | Workshop for Beginners:** Overview about the different antiracist networks and transnational connections.

**19.30 H | Travelling by pictures:** Chronology of struggles 2012 – 2014.

**20 H | Opening Panel: Between multiplicity and unity:** insights of recent refugee and migrant struggles

**SATURDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> OF FEBRUARY**

**10 TO 10.45 H | Worldcafé - Reflections and perspectives**

**11 TO 13 H | Workshop-slot I**

- 1) "How is Your Liberation Bound Up With Mine?" - Anti-racism from different starting positions.
- 2) Local struggles of refugees, sans-papiers, and activists along the edges and centres of Europe. Migration routes via Greece part 1.
- 3) Stop Deportation – Between airport action and continuous support work.
- 4) Critical reflection on political motivated support work in Lagers.
- 5) Between desert and sea: Struggles for freedom of movement in the transit, Afrique-Europe part 1.
- 6) Remember and interfere. The NSU killing spree and the struggle of the bereaved.
- 7) For a humanitarian right to stay. The special situation of asylum seekers from former Yugoslavia.

**15 TO 17 H | Workshop-slot II**

- 8) From anti-Lager fight to renting politics.
- 9) Another crack in the wall Demands and strategies against the European Borderregime after the recent wave of migrant struggles and the tragedy of Lampedusa
- 10) Against Dublin III and inner-European deportation regimes
- 11) vHow to connect local and transnational struggles – the example Africa – Europe, part 2
- 12) „STOP Deportation Camp“ in Eisenhüttenstadt in Aug./Sep. 2014
- 13) In the darkness: long lasting "Geduldete" and "MitwirkungspflichtverletzerInnen".
- 14) The Non Citizen Struggle. Theoretical reflections & practical impulses.

**19 H | Evening-Panel: Which crisis? Which borders?**

How and why connect antiracist struggles and social fights against austerity.

**SUNDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> OF FEBRUARY**

**10 TO 12 H | Workshop-slot III**

- 15) Which crisis? Which borders? Discussion about the podium from Saturday evening
- 16) Transnational Networks: Arrangements for further collaboration. Migrationroute Greece part 2.
- 17) Transnational Resistance against the Uranium Mining in Falea (Mali).
- 18) Migration from Bulgaria and Rumania: Interventions against precarization, exploitation and racism.
- 19) Rightist mobilizations against refugees: Reconcile leftist struggles?
- 20) "Fight racism, fight sexism": Towards women emancipation.
- 21) International Caravan to Brussels: transnational cooperation..
- 22) Anti-islamic Racism/Islamophobia

**12.30 TO 14 H | Final Plenary**



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