INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF REFUGEES & MIGRANTS
THE STRUGGLE OF REFUGEES – HOW TO GO ON? STOP WAR ON MIGRANTS!

WELCOME EVERYONE! WE ARE HAPPY THAT YOU ARE HERE!

26.- 28.2. 2016 HAMBURG

no one is illegal
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no lager!

stop deportation!
We the group Lampedusa in Hamburg in collaboration with politically active refugees from Berlin and Hannover initiated this 3-day conference with the aim of fostering a powerful network of Refugees and Migrants and to create a platform for reflection and learning.

Over the last few months the so-called «refugee crisis» continues to be a topic of great importance, yet we must not forget that the main reasons for forced migration are neocolonialism, war and ecological destruction in refugees’ home countries. We find it unacceptable that those seeking protection are dying at the borders and shores of Europe.

In Spring 2015 Refugees and Migrant activists all across Germany organized a Refugee-Bustour to strengthen local networks. As a result of this mobilisation and to campaign for an active Refugee and Migrant movement a nationwide Refugee-Conference in Hannover followed last August. Building on this collaborative actions we have the pleasure of welcoming you in this International Conference. Also, among other actions, a «No-Stress-Tour» is already being planned for summer 2016.

The number of over 1200 participants taking part in this International Conference represents an achievement. But also challenges remain on issues such as racist attacks, deportations, violence against women, asylum and immigration policies in Germany and Europe. The conference will focus on the self-organization of our political struggles as it is an opportunity to learn and exchange ideas and to develop strategies. The programme includes panel discussions, workshop sessions on a diversity of subjects, as well as music and art performances.

Organizing a conference of this scale has not been an easy task and we are grateful to the conference planning committee, workshop facilitators and supporters who have come together and worked tirelessly in the preparation of the International conference of refugees and migrants.

For the next three days we will share our knowledge, experiences and networks to discuss about the much needed changes. So we hope that this conference will be an empowering experience for everyone and also open up new scope for further joint action.

LET’S USE OUR POWER AND LET’S GO ON!

The conference is jointly organized by:

Lampedusa in Hamburg
CISPM – international coalition of sans-papiers migrants and refugees- (Berlin, Bielefeld, Mannheim, 93, France, Belgium, Spain, Italia, Poland)
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FOOD
FRIDAY 17:00 -19:00
SATURDAY
Breakfast 9:00 - 10:30
Lunch 12:00 - 14:00
Dinner 18:30 - 20:30
SUNDAY
Breakfast 9:00 - 10:30
Lunch 14:00 - 16:00
Supporters can also get affordable lunch at Casino-Restaurant :)

KIDS SPACE
FRIDAY 18:00 - 20:00
SATURDAY 10:00 - 12:30 & 14:00 - 18:00
SUNDAY 10:00 - 15:00 at 6a & Kx

LAW CLINIC

Legal counselling
A group of law students and lawyers will provide legal counselling during the conference. Visit the law clinic if you have questions about your current legal situation and if you want to talk about those questions in a safe place.

There will be the possibility to register at the arrival desk of the conference from 4 pm on Friday.
The law clinic will be open
Saturday 10.00 – 18.00
Sunday 10.00 – 14.00
You can also come by at any time if you do not manage to register on Friday.

Saturday 18.00 – 19.00
Troubles!? know your rights and how to fight for better working conditions
Some of us have the permission to work and some of us not. But what are the reasons for that? Who gets work permit and who not? What about the recognition of our professions? Is it possible to fight against unfair payment and bad working conditions without a formal work contract? Many of us are legalized on the job market. Most of the Refugees and Migrants work under precarious conditions. Sometimes we use the papers from someone else to work. Sometimes we are paperless. But does this mean we are rightless? Together – as Refugees and Unionists in Hamburg – we’ve made experiences about fighting for work permit and about our right at the workplace. We want to share and discuss this experiences with you!
Lampedusa in Hamburg and ver.di trade union activists

WOMEN*SPACE

FRIDAY 16.00 – end
SATURDAY 10:00 – end
SUNDAY 10:00 – end

Women’s space
open for women, girls, lesbian, trans, inter*people
Let’s meet, talk, exchange experiences, drink tea, eat. dance … and open the room for discussions and exchange especially on the following topics: refugee women’s* and migrants’ access to the health care system / women’s* self-organisation / women*-specific rights / women*-specific and feminist demands concerning politics on asylum and migration

Saturday 11.00
My Body belongs to me (Gismi Milki) about female genital mutilation

Saturday 13.00
Round table about german laws concerning females/families/refugees and migrants with one or two lawyers

Saturday 14.00
Refugee women’s* and migrants’ access to the health care system with Women in exile

Saturday 15.30
Women’s* self-organisation
Everybody present + Women in exile

Sunday 11.00 – 12.00
Empowering speak-out-workshop for women*
There is so much to say – together, we want to train to say things out loud – we want to be heard!

Sunday 12.30
Refugees / Migrants only!
Women*-specific and feminist demands concerning politics on asylum and migration

DOMO

Saturday / time to be announced
Discussion about squatting and/or the claim for social centers
People involved in the squatting of the OM10 in Göttingen
Clandestina (Thessaloniki/Greece – network of people involved in counter-information, solidarity and analysis on migration and struggle in Greece (and elsewhere) and part of the Squat Orfanotrofio
Refugee Resistance O-Platz (Berlin)

QUEERDOMO

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Saturday 15:00 - 17:30
Speak-Out and Marching Workshop
We will work on sloganizing and short political speeches which will be combined with marching. Why marching? Marches are a great tool to assemble in movement and to create visibility for activists and marginalized groups and their demands; marching has been used in various contexts. It can be very empowering – the presence of resistant bodies is important in political struggles. The collective movement can empower the speeches. The activist-art collectives Schwabinggradballett and Il Arrivati have been working together on performative formats of interventions, marches and collective dances in public spaces as part of our political work. We are offering this workshop on how to use artistic strategies in political struggles and we would like to share this knowledge! After a short warm-up we will work with voice and body – let’s march!
Working Language: English and French
With: Schwabinggrad Ballett & Il Arrivati
BAZAR

Banner production with PopTown hamburg

Live printing

Queer Island – Info point for LGBTQ Refugees
organized by Queer Refugees Support Hamburg

No Border Academy Lüneburg
Education, Integration – a reflection on the study programs in Lüneburg

Emergency Architecture and Human Rights
Architecture, human rights, living conditions & the notion of home – Tore Qvist and Michele Di Marco have done projects for mini-schools in Zaatari Refugee Camp/Jordan and they host conferences and workshops on war and architecture around Europe at architectural schools

Tell your story with your phone
Photographic workshop for children and adults with Anita Pouchard Serra, french photographer

Collective cover production for the next issue of the newspaper »St. Pauli selber machen«

Mohajer (Athens/Greece)
Boat Bags are made out of the rubber-boats we came with ... It is like an extension of our memory ... the boats that brought us here, we are carrying on now.
Bag Mohajer (mohajer is the persian word for refugee, traveler) is a social project in which young refugees sew bags out of unusable old clothes as well as those rubber dinghies, that brought them in a perilous journey across the Mediterranean to Europe.

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ART

FRIDAY – SUNDAY
Flatter Zenda:
Political Art and Resistance
Presentation with Beamer (15 min)
InterARTive Painting: within the framework of the three day workshop participants will be encouraged to articulate their struggles in Europe and Flatter Zender will translate their perspectives on issues of »what it means to be a refugee« to an large-sized painting. It’s about breaking barriers and creating dialogue. It’s also about emphasising the global struggle and building on the unified movement for social justice.
His Exhibition will include works on political art and focus on what it means to be an immigrant/refugee in Europe

Hurria
Theaterplay, Saturday, 16:15. 6a
See page „workshops“

Denken was Tomorrow
Forms of how to ...
Performance. Saturday, 18:00. 6a
Description see page „workshops“

CINEMA

SATURDAY time to be announced

The Land Between
Film about Morrocan situation

Refugees’ struggle. Reality on the way of exile

Posttraumatic Entertainment
How can you deal with two realities that couldn’t be more different? How can a destroyed world express itself in a new environment which is not willing to listen? What necessities and questions occur thereby? How can art help refugees in this process? Adnan Softić, short films from his series »Posttraumatic Entertainment«.

How to Stop a Deportation – I ain’t gettin’ on no plane
Film, 15 min. + discussion, Protest Productions Collective (Vienna)

The Awakening
The awakening is describing a condition of a living reality for Roma who are being deported. Which psychological effects do deportations have for people? How and what are children and juvenilis feeling growing up in Germany, now waking up in a foreign country that is far away from their friends and familiar environment?
This movie is gaining insights into this particular situation of awakening and respectively the horror for the people concerned coming with the shocking experiences of deportations: Considering Germany their home country and being now forced to adjust themselves immediately to an unfamiliar country. Likewise the movie is showing the racism and discrimination that Roma have to face in various countries of Europe. Kenan Emini (chairman of the Roma Centre Göttingen e.V./speaker for the nationwide german initiative »everyone stays! for the right to stay for Roma in Germany«)

Urgently needed – Recognition is not intended
Domestic workers fight for their rights!
Screening about the social discussion concerning work in private households from the perspective of domestic workers. Produced by Mónica Orjeda, with english subtitles

I am positive you are negative
They call it »positive« and »negative«. »Negative« means that your asylum case has been rejected, »positive« means that you have got a residency. The essay-film explores the state in between positive (residency) and negative (rejection).
Voices of people that seek or have been seeking asylum in Denmark reflect on the feeling of floating and pose ideas of freedom of movement. Louise Vind Nielsen and refugees and migrants based in Copenhagen. Duration: 25:16 min. Languages: English and Danish
Subtitles: English and Danish
FRIDAY

19.00 WELCOMING

19.30 MUSIC
Elaine Thomas duo
Black resistance music (key, voc)
Sadew – Turkish/Kurdisch traditional music (voc, saz)

20.00 PANEL 1
REASONS TO FLEE, TO FIGHT AND TO SUPPORT – THE EXAMPLE OF Lampedusa in Hamburg
Case study of Lampedusa in Hamburg's struggle and connection to other topics and struggles: in Libya, in Italy and in Germany/Hamburg

ca 22.00 MUSIC
SP Music
Sudanese Peoples Music
Schwabinggrad Ballet & ARRiVATi, Agitation Propoganda Performance Group

SATURDAY

MUSIC between panels:
poetry/ Song/ Spoken Word/Rap:
Chico Bauti (Colombia), Lomnava (Koukou), mc Hosein (Afghanistan), Elaine Thomas (USA)

11.00 -12.30 / PANEL 2:
WELCOME TO EUROPE? POLICIES AND STRUGGLES AT THE BORDERS AND IN THE EU
Activists from different regions give short statements to the following questions for a common discussion: What are important facts and experiences of the situation and your struggles at the EU borders/in another EU country which you want to share with others? How were/are the migrants (and their supporters) organised? What were/are your demands for your struggle, which could be shared by others? What were/are the results and the problems and what can others learn from you? What kind of strategies, actions and campaigns do you propose for the future?
Moroccan situation
(Voix de migrants and/or ARCOM)
Tunisia/ Frontex/Dublin III
(Alarmphone Tunis and Strasbourg)
Lampedusa (CISPM Italy)
Lesbos and Balkanroute (W2EU)
Calais (CISPM France)
European March of sans papiers & migrants 2012 (Sans papiers Paris)

14.00 – 16.00 / PANEL 3:
MOVING BEYOND WELCOMING – GERMAN LAWS AND STRUGGLES IN GERMANY
New laws against refugees and migrants (Overview by Berenice Böhlo, lawyer)
Struggles of Lampedusa Hamburg (Abimbola, Lampedusa in Hamburg)
Courts, commissions and authorities? How can we use them? (Adam Bahar, Refugee Activist from Berlin)
Inclusion? Integration? Moving beyond charity and welcoming. Building an inclusive society (Samee Ullah, My Right is Your Right, Berlin)
Deportation (Romano Jekipe Ano Hamburg)
Deportation and resistance (Miloud, The Voice)
Stop Deportation to Afghanistan (Tahir, Camp HH-Schnackenburger Allee)
Lager/camps/ Residenzpfllicht (Anas, Camp HH-Schnackenburger Allee)
Instrumentalisation of Sexism (Natalia, CISPM)

16.30 - 18.30 / PANEL 4:
SELF-ORGANISATION & SOLIDARITY
The aim of the panel is to motivate and advocate for self-organization a mean for struggling. This panel will highlight the importance of self-organization. The speakers will explain their different forms and strategies of self-organization, as well as their reasons and goals.
The panel will address three levels of self-organization: the individual, group (community) and macro (movement) level, through which we will attempt to give an overview on the challenges for self-organization regarding conflicts between individual and group, tensions and obstacles regarding the support and solidarity structures and institutions, mirroring also the self-care of the individual in the self-organized constellations. With Sari Haral, Tschoobe for freedom, Deaf Refugees Welcome Hamburg, CISPM (Berlin), Lampedusa in Hamburg, Right to the City – Never mind the papers, Asmaras world Refugee Support and others

20.00 MUSIC
Dube – South African Rhythms and Songs
ARRiVATi
Lampedusa Refugee Band
Fattouch – Syrian traditional music
Angelina Akpovo & Yakawumba Percussion

SUNDAY

11.00 – 14.00
RESULTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF THE CONFERENCE
Presentation of the collective canvas by Flatter Zenda
Plenary: Presentation of results
Demands! Strategies! Actions / common campaigns
Next meetings / networking!
Plenary
Short talk of Lampedusa in Hamburg

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Lampedusa in Hamburg
Main language: English
→ 6A

Hannover Refugees Protest Camp – aims of the struggle
Hannover Refugees Protest Camp
Main language: English / Arabic
→ 6A

What do Deaf Refugees need?
Deaf Refugees Welcome Hamburg
Main language: Sign language
→ 6C

Successful network project
»Deaf Refugees Welcome« – how?
Deaf Refugees Welcome Hamburg
Main language: English
→ 6C

Unaccompanied minor refugees
Partnership of scholars of Hamburg and unaccompanied minor refugees. Who we are? What we do? How to start? Why are we doing this? Friendship, interaction and Fun! With: Refugees Welcome Karoviertel – AG DIY-Schüler/innen & Greta Alessandri (Italy, active in refugees and unaccompanied minor refugees protection). Main language: English
→ KX

Challenging the limited access to language courses
Many migrants and refugees who arrive in Germany are excluded from publicly funded language teaching and have to teach themselves or rely on precarious services of volunteers. We want to discuss how we can challenge this limited access and give short inputs about personal experiences, free language courses, the legal situation as well as political campaigns. There will also be space for envisioning potential networks and actions. With Gapp + Tahir
Main language: English
→ KX

how to support
Interactive workshop for so called supporters in order to critically self-reflect power relations and notions of solidarity. With ReachOut (Counselling Centre for victims of racist attacks)
Languages: German and/or English
→ TONSTUDIO

12:45 - 14:15

Black Nation in Hamburg
Hama Bello. La Toya Mainly-Spain
Main Language: English
→ 6A

No Refugee is Criminal – Deportation is Collective Crime
No human being should be subject to discrimination because of manner of dressing, skin colour, gender, religion or sexual orientation. Crime has no nationality, ethnicity or geographical location. No refugee is criminal just because s/he is asking for asylum. Anybody, whatever the origin, with minimum honesty and ability to differentiate between subjugation and equality, would sign this sentence. We are calling on refugees to build their trust in their refugee community to strengthen our solidarity against the continuous inhumane treatments of the refugees in Germany and Europe. Self organisation is beyond telling our stories and our problems to the others. It is about empowering our self-determination in the refugee community with the refugee community and for the refugees. The Voice + North African Community
Main Languages: English / French
→ 6A

Racism, colonialism and decolonization
We will identify colonial continuities and discuss how to fight racism today. The Carnival Al-Lajiín Al-Lajiáat, the 20th of march 2016 and We are born free – Empowerment-Radio for Refugees and friends. will be two examples. With Bino Byansi Byankuleka (Patras Bwansi), African Refugees Union together with the My Right is Your Right! Network
Main language: English
→ 6C

Journey back to the Borders
Creating networks of solidarity and struggle for freedom of movement JOG (Youth Without Borders) & No Border 2016 assembly (Greece) (ex) Kilkiis Autonomous Social Space
Main Language: English
→ KX

A meeting of Europeans, immigrants and refugees from and living in Eastern Europe and Balkans
W2Hu (Welcome to Hungary)
Main language: English
→ KX

External and internal policy of the European Union
CISPM. Papi Diop, Alain Charlemoine & Sissoko. Main languages: English / French
→ TONSTUDIO

14:30 - 16:00

Arriving at Keupstraße. The rising of a migrant place, nazi-terror, structural racism and the power of collective struggle.
During the last 60 years Cologne’s Keupstraße became a major location for the city’s migrants. Based on migrant networks the street prevailed its culture against all racism. Even the nail-filled bomb of the nazi-terrorist group NSU 2004 and the subsequent racist police investigation against the Turkish community could not destroy the street’s solidarity. Understanding the experiences of the migrants of the Keupstraße with terror, racist institutions and structural racism can be useful for the struggle of all migrants. NSU-terror was born in the racist wave of the early 1990s. when thousands of Germans attacked newly arrived refugees as well as long-established migrants – many people died. Today we see a similar wave of racism that aims at refugees and all other migrants. Hence the workshop wants to unite the joint struggle of all migrants against racism and to reject any hierarchy between the people who fight racism day-to-day. And we want to invite everybody to our tribunal against NSU-terror in 2017, which will be a demonstration of strength of migrant practices, where the perspectives of refugees are highly important.
Main languages: German / English
→ 6A

Challenges of self-organisation – Welcoming refugees in France
The main principles of the asylum law. Summary of the new reform. How can refugees and asylum seekers organise, during and after the procedure.
JAFEM, Bak
Main language: English / French
→ 6C

We are Here: undocumented migrants’ urban struggles for recognition, belonging and urban citizenship
Afra Dekie
Main language: English / French
→ 6C

Violence at the border
CISPM, Calais, Fatou
Main Language: English / French
→ KX

How to Stop a Deportation – I ain’t gettin’ on no plane
Film, 15 min. + discussion
Protest Productions Collective (Vienna)
Main language: English
→ TONSTUDIO
16:15 - 17:45

sexism debate
CISPM France, Natalia
Women in Exile
Refugees Movement Sachsen-Anhalt.
#Ausnahme/slos/Bündnis gegen Lager
Berlin/Brandenburg
Main language: English
→ 6A

Without papers in the Health care system
Medibüro Hamburg
→ 6C

The situation of LGBTIQ Refugees, pinkwashing and Instrumentalization of Queer Issues
This workshop will take a look at the situation of LGBTIQ refugees and the particular needs and struggles they have. The workshop will also look at the alarming phenomenon of pinkwashing and how the discussion about LGBTIQ refugees is used against migrants and refugees. With Ahmed Awadalla (writer and activist who has worked on issues of sexuality, gender and forced migration in Egypt and Germany)
Main language: English / Arabic
→ 6C

No deportation in insecure home-countries – all stay! Keine Abschiebung in unsichere Herkunftsländer – alle bleiben!
Romano Jekipe ano Hamburg
Main languages: Serbo-Croatian / English
→ KX

Media Network Session
with Nouran El-Behairy (Journalist, Egypt), Salah Zater (Journalist, Libya), Start FM (Arabic-German-Radio Berlin/Brandenburg) and Lena Kainz (Malmö)
Main language: English
→ TONSTUDIO

18:00 - 19:00

Hurria!
The theater play »Hurria!« presents the topic freedom of movement from the perspective of a young North African man and, by doing this, makes the audience experience the lack of perspective in African societies and German refugee camps.
Discussion about the play and the current situation of African refugees.
Presentation of the work of Afrique-Europe-Interact. The importance of the cooperation of political groups in our different countries of origin.
Afrique Europe Interact, Riadh Ben Ammar. Main languages: German / Arabic / French
→ 6A

Denken was Tomorrow – Forms of how to ...
And then she found out that it was not coal lying on the ground. There were people becoming coal. cause of the bombs. – At the end of the seventies, there were the first refugees coming to Germany from Vietnam. Considered as the first Boat People, they were caught in an odyssey, full of hope of getting rescued. The family of Dan Thy Nguyen was one of those people. More than 35 years later there are refugees coming across the Mediterranean Sea and the whole European Society seems to be completely helpless in this situation. This One-Person-Performance shows the individual story of the artist’s family, especially the stories about the war, the escape, the early experiences in the new country and stories about racism.
Main language: English
→ 6C

We are here because you are there
Discussion about fleeing and reasons to flee, about the interests of powerful nations and the current German migration policies in relation to self-organized groups of migrants and refugees in Germany. This workshop deals with the history of migrants from Turkey in Germany. From the 1960s these migrants were seen as ›guest workers‹ and were also treated like this for years. One migrant stated: »We had everything what we needed, even a dictator, who you fortunately do not have! Now I feel here like a powerless person in need.«
ADHK – Confederation of Democratic Rights in Europe
Main language: German / Turkish
→ KX

Violence against refugees women – Guidelines on Prevention and Response
1: Violence in the context of refugees
2: Situations where sexual violence may occur
3: Practical guidelines on responding to incidents of violence especially sexual
4: Effects of violence especially sexual
5: Preventive measures involving refugees and refugee workers
6: Preventive measures involving information, education and training
7: Preventive measures involving the host Government
lecture / powerpoint presentation
No Border Academy, Mohamed Daw
Main language: English
→ TONSTUDIO

Looking back: Refugee protests 1994 till today
With a presentation we will display some pictures and tell the history of refugee protests and our fights. What have we achieved? How did the conditions change under which we fight? Did our alliance partners change over time? How do we deal with the situation that hard-earned changes which we achieved have been undone again? What can we learn from previous fights?
Coalition against Lagers (camps) Berlin/Brandenburg, Do Lindenberg, Bruno Watar. Main language: German
→ KX