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Disarm! For a Climate of Peace

Creating an Action Agenda



WORLD CONGRESS

30 Sept – 03 Oct 2016

Technische Universität Berlin, Germany

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International Association of
Lawyers against Nuclear Arms



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“The world is over-armed and peace is under-funded”

Ban Ki-moon

In 2014 the world’s governments spent over \$1,700 billion on the military sector. The Congress organisers believe this money must instead be spent on:

- ◆ Climate change mitigation/adaptation, preserving biodiversity;
- ◆ Humanitarian programs to support the most vulnerable;
- ◆ Peace: disarmament, conflict prevention & resolution, human security;
- ◆ Public services/social justice, human rights, gender equality and green job-creation;
- ◆ Sustainable development, new production and consumption patterns, anti-poverty programs, UN Sustainable Development Goals.

We strongly believe the absolutely necessary ‘great transformation’ of global human society can only be achieved when also reallocating military expenditure and handling conflict differently. After all, we are facing a crisis of civilization, which is more far-reaching than an ecological and economic crisis alone.

We are living on one single Planet Earth but exploiting its resources as if we had three. We witness how our predominant economic and developmental model has failed to provide justice, livelihood and human security for all. We now also face the resurgence of militarism and confrontational politics.

Hence, we view this priority shift in government spending as one element in a much broader global transformation towards a green, socially just and peaceful society.

The main aim of this congress is to bring the issue of military spending, often seen as a technical question, into broad public debate and to strengthen the global community of activism.

Friday, 30th September 2016

7 pm **Musical Opening by Berlin Metropol Orchestra**

Welcome by the Organizers *by Reiner Braun, IPB Co-President*

Welcome by the Technical University Berlin *by Christian Thomsen, President of the Tech Univ*

Greeting from the City of Berlin *by Matthias Kollatz, Senator of Finances*

Opening speeches (alphabetical order):

Samir Amin , *Economist*

Sharan Burrow, *General Secretary ITUC - International Trade Union Confederation*

Noam Chomsky (video), *Author*

Angela Kane, *UN High Representative for Disarmament Affairs (2012-2015)*

Álvaro García Linera, *Vice President of Bolivia (tbc)*

Frederico Mayor Zaragoza, *Former Director-General of UNESCO (1987 - 1999)*

9.30 - 11.30 pm **Reception**

Saturday, 1st October 2016

Analytical Approach

10 am **Plenary Session**

Frank Bsirske, *President of ver.di (Multi-service Trade Union)*

Jayantha Dhanapala, *President of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs*

Aude Fleurant, *SIPRI*

James Galbraith, *Economist*

Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev (video), *Nobel Peace Prize Laureate (1990)*

2.30 - 4.00 pm **Panel Discussions**

4.30 - 7.00 pm **Workshops**

8 pm **Cultural Program: Music & Media Show**
by Berlin Metropol Orchestra & PEN Germany

Sunday, 2nd October 2016

Strategic Approach

9 am **Plenary Session**

a. Transformation

Jakob von Uexküll, *Founder of the World Future Council and the Right Livelihood Award*

Jean Ziegler (video), *Former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food*

11.45 - 1.45 pm **Panel Discussions**

b. Strategies

Philip Jennings, *General Secretary UNI Global Union*

Jody Williams (video), *Nobel Peace Prize Laureate (1997)*

1.30 pm **Action for Peace**

Gabriele Krone-Schmalz, *Author*

Vandana Shiva, *Environmental activist*

Presentation of the IPB Action Plan

Panel Discussions

Analytical Approach

Saturday 1st Oct 2016

2.30 - 4.00 pm

1. Nuclear Weapons

by AFSC & Gensuikyo

3. Conversion

by Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation & UNI Global Union

4. Climate Change, Environment and Conflicts

by Heinrich-Böll-Foundation (tbc) & Friends of the Earth International

Strategic Approach

Sunday 2nd Oct 2016

11.45 - 1.15 pm

1. Global Campaign on Military Spending (GCOMS)

by IPB

2. Discussion about the Challenge of Transformation of Societies

by Rosa-Luxemburg-Foundation

3. Abolition of Nuclear Weapons

by UNI Global Union & Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation

4. Arms Trade and Small Weapons

by Aktion Aufschrei - Stoppt den Waffenhandel

5. IPB Suggestions: The Role of the Peace Movement and the IPB Action Plan for Peace

by IPB & Pax Christi International

Workshops

1. **The Nuclear-Climate Nexus and Sustainable Peace**
by INES
2. **Military Research and Responsibility of Scientists**
by INES
3. **The Future of Imperialist Politics and International Law**
by IALANA
4. **Climate Change and Militarism**
by Friends of the Earth International
5. **Disarmament of Small Arms and Light Weapons**
by Rosa-Luxemburg-Foundation
6. **Refugees and Conflicts**
by Transform
7. **Arms Trade Treaty**
by Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation
8. **Sustainable Development Goals and Peace**
by SIPRI
9. **Missile Defense and Missiles in Space**
by INES
10. **Environmental Destruction by Conflicts and the Military**
by ICBUW
11. **Peace Process in Colombia**
by IPB - Latin America
12. **Peace Economics**
by Italian Disarmament Network
13. **Militarism of the EU**
by European Left
14. **Militarism in Europe against Refugees and Migrants**
by European Left
15. **Women as Weapons of War**
by UNI Global Union
16. **Cyberwar - Cyberpeace (working title)**
by Hans-Jörg Kreowski

* The lists of plenaries, panel discussions and workshops are not final (as of February 2016).

Side events

This is just an initial list. We expect many more.

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- ◇ **Youth Program** (starting on Friday 30.09. at 12 pm)
by Youth Preparatory Group offering special youth events
- ◇ **Workshop “Militarization in Australia and the Region”**
by IPAN
- ◇ **Workshop “Out of the Dark, into the Light - Exploring the Natural Law”** (Thomas Aquinas)
by Tom Baxter

Cultural Program

- ◇ **Exhibition “Der Königsweg”** (Royal’s Road)
by Word Future Council
- ◇ **Book Exhibition**
by Wissenschaftsverlag Berlin
- ◇ **World Music & Media Show**
*by Berlin Metropol Orchestra (multicultural music group)
& PEN Germany*

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www.ipb2016.berlin

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