

Active for Peaceful Cooperation - Culture and Person in Progressive Development!!!

The **International Students' Group (RIS)** election is taking place during a time of acute structural crisis. Moving forward, it is critical to understand the systemic nature of this crisis. A willingness to fight for humane conditions must be present alongside of the discontent that inhumane conditions exist.

At a time when individualism and alienation are seen going hand in hand with war and power politics, diplomatic relationships must be cultivated and in fact demanded from us in every facet of life. Insufficient cultural exchange and lack of scientific cooperation are an obstacle in our everyday social lives as well as in seeking out international solutions to climate change, social crisis, the alarming North-South inequality, regionally specific conflicts and inadequate health care.

In this regard, we, the international students as "diplomatic relationships personified", are responsible for establishing an open culture at our university. Furthermore, we – alongside our classmates, are significant in shaping the world we live in, and in shaping the decision between war and regression on the one hand, or peace and sustainable development on the other.

The struggle for the social realization of our rights is an imperative of peace, because improving the social conditions for international students involves expanding our power to shape society. In this awareness each one of us can contribute to the development of every other human being, through critical engagement and working together for a dignified student life.

We at RIS fight for:

- The preservation, meaningful development and **expansion of scientific cooperation worldwide** instead of the expansion of stereotyped images of an enemy.
- **Peace education and peace research** to solve global problems on all subjects; research and teaching should only serve civilian goals and be oriented around the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the UN!
- the **stop of arms exports out of Hamburg Harbor**, allowing for a purely civilian port
- **acceptance of all refugees**, in solidarity, including people who are politically persecuted and conscientious objectors
- **diplomatic solutions instead of senseless warfare**
- **overcoming nationalism, racism and chauvinism**

Office Hours, Social Advocacy and Movement:

We have office hours for all international students at RIS. Our office hours go above and beyond simply helping individual students through their cases. There are thousands of students at the university without a German passport or with an immigrant background. All of their circumstances must be improved politically, socially and legally by working together. Equal rights for all is our guiding principle, however to achieve this, everyone must get involved.

Together we fight for...

- **unrestricted work and residence permits** for the duration of every student's studies
- **against the 11, 208 € financial requirement** to allow for a residency permit
- **BAföG financing for all students** - regardless of country of origin
- **better financing and expansion of the "Studierendenwerk"** (dormitories!)
- **sufficient and careful guidance counseling** at the university
- expansion of **German as a Foreign Language (DaF)** at the university for all levels and needs
- the **improvement of the Studienkolleg** and more inclusive and democratic processes in the determination of course and Kolleg-speakers
- further development of the program **#UHHhilft for refugees**
- solid public university funding and social progress through the **"International solidarity: end austerity" campaign (movie nights!)**

RIS. For a culture of understanding!

We have meetings at RIS to organize events that take a progressive direction as well as guests from other countries who speak about war and peace, colonialism and decolonization, overcoming scarcity, history and (student) movements in order to get more people involved in international solidarity. International culture and festivals are part of this.

We, the **Coalition Freedom ► Equality ► Solidarity** - **# List 1!** are left-wing students from many countries. We are against competition and isolation, we work for international understanding, for overcoming structural violence and for social and cultural development - **nobody needs to be alone!**

Our focus is on open access to the university and critical scientific education. At German universities, student representation is a politically fought-for democracy; it is independent of state and university management. Everyone can participate: in everyday life, in student councils, at assemblies, in the student parliament and in the General Student Union (AStA) - for international students through "RiS".

V.i.S.d.P.: Golnar Sepehrnia, Schützenstr. 57, 22761 Hamburg

Bitte wenden!