

COLOURFUL AND PEACEFUL- THAT'S THE WAY

Colourful, that's how you can describe the protest in Cologne against the far-right AFD party conference in April this year. The people celebrated the 1st of May peacefully in Berlin-Kreuzberg, as the press reported cheerfully.

Nobody explains how it leads to progress when the masses don't demonstrate resistance on Labour Day anymore but drink their tenth beer with glazed eyes.

However, it isn't from importance concerning this direction of impact - so long as everything is colourful, nothing gets broken, and everything remains the same. Whether drunken party tourists or colourful peaceful protesters, none of them depict a threat against the system. But that is what protest has to be, which if it wants to produce versions of a picture which remains the same. Protest which sticks slavishly to the rules of what exists and isn't questioning it, remains within the system. The reforms achieved the underlying principle even more than they question it. Protest which really aims for change has to dare to overcome the boundaries of the system. The medias applause for a demonstration, that denouncing fundamental ills, as peaceful and colourful isn't a compliment - it is contemptuous.

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to obey**

The struggle of women's movement in the last century resulted in women's suffrage, giving a legal handle to woman against rape in marriage and that they don't need their husbands permission to go out to work. That these achievements are positive, is the social consensus. The means that led to the realization of these aims, though, is not. They extend beyond what is today seen as civil disobedience.

The suffragettes protested peacefully at the beginning of the 20th century in Great Britain and USA for women's right to vote. The bill failed and the protest radicalized. The feminists went to the streets angry and destructive. They broke windows, set fire to mansions and were listened to. Universal women's right to vote was achieved in 1920 in the USA and 1928 in Great Britain.

A colourful, peaceful and broad consensus protest is undoubtedly a good thing. The person feels good during the protest, goes home without any harm and the next day press and politics praise it. But a real paradigm shift functions in a different way. The system of neoliberal capitalism aren't that easy to overcome. Moments of hope are necessary to show that another type of world is necessary. Civil protest is needed. At least. As Hannah Arendt describes it. "No one has the right to obey."

SEE YOU ON THE ROAD!

PROTEST READER

**Welcome to the
G20 Protests!
-Hamburg City Strike-**

"Everything depends on the conscious will of the people to become aware of their history, the history that they have always written themselves, to control it, to subordinate it." Rudi Dutschke, 1967

The leading international nations negotiate the impoverishment and misery of a big part of the world's population. The machinery of capitalism gets oiled once again under the German presidency by all participating actors like the IMF, ECB, EU and World Bank.

The three cornerstones of the German Summit agenda are:

- ♦ **secure stability,**
- ♦ **improve future viability**
- ♦ **take responsibility**

They are supposed to give the impression that world politics is well-functioning.

But for whom?

The Agenda 2030 (UN 2015) connects the former development goals (Millennium Development Goals, MDGs) and the sustainability agenda (Rio Process) in an overall scope of international regulations. The SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) replace the MDGs and seek amongst other things to overcome poverty and hunger by 2030. They are universally valid. But "sustained economic growth", industrialization processes, infrastructure expansion, etc. are also enhanced. An investigation by the IMF based on recent country reports implies which actions are to be considered by governments:

- ♦ **reduction of subsidies** for energy and food in 132 countries
- ♦ **freeze or decrease wages and salaries** in 130 countries
- ♦ **rationalization of social safety** nets in 107 countries
- ♦ **reform of pensions** (105 countries), **labour market** (89 countries) **and healthcare** (59 countries)
- ♦ **raising consumption tax** (e.g. value added tax) in 138 countries.¹

That's how the game is played. For Greece as a recent example this means: cutting the wages, pensions and public health expenditure by 30%. The unemployment rate has increased to 25%. The austerity programme, which were declared as without alternatives, (and were in fact a condition for the aid-programmes) led to the Greek economy crashing. Meanwhile the suicide rate increases dramatically.

The peak of social and economic inequality between the countries of the Global South - not only in Europe - and the so called "first world" finds its climax in the mass grave of the Mediterranean Sea, where thousands of refugees die, and in famines caused by climate change.

Against the destruction of the planet, the expropriation and exploitation of all countries, ecological crises and inhumane politics, we unite on the streets to express our anger through gathering and civil disobedience. Our protests shall be heard in the most remote corners of the Earth and by those who can't protest with us.

To make a world of solidarity and togetherness possible, we provide a voice to the losers of this capitalist system - the pursued, the impoverished, the humiliated and the belittled.

**One struggle one fight.
Vive la commune.
Hasta la victoria siempre.**

¹ Die G20 und die Krise des Globalen Kapitalismus
Samuel Decker Thomas Sablowski Studien 4/2017 RLS

² Griechenlands Staatsbetriebe im Zwangsverkauf. Vom aussichtslosen Versuch, die griechischen Staatsschulden durch Privatisierungserlöse zu senken. Studie im Auftrag der Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Athen Dezember 2016, 62 Seiten

PROTEST CHOREOGRAPHY

SUN **02** JULY

► Protest Wave ①

Where Rathausmarkt; Binnenalster | **When** 12am
Info g20-protestwelle.de | [#g20protestwelle](https://twitter.com/g20protestwelle)
Form Symbolic Mass Demonstration

TUE **04** JULY

► Summit of the Many opening Wishstore

Where Hansaplatz | **When** 4pm - 8pm
Info new-hamburg.de | [#newhamburg](https://twitter.com/newhamburg)
Form Wishstore with Workshop and Debates

► Hard Cornern – Reclaim the Streets

Where everywhere, mainly around the red zone | **When** all day
Info allesallen.info/kalender | [#allesallen](https://twitter.com/allesallen)
Form Hedonist Mass "Cornern" (hanging out) - Direct Action

WED **05** JULY

► Alternative-Summit

Where Kampnagel | **When** 05. – 06.07 | 10am - 9:30pm
Info solidarity-summit.org
Form International Summit on Global Solidarity

► Performance 1000 Figures

Where HafenCity | **When** 12:30am
Info 1000gestalten.de | [#1000Gestalten](https://twitter.com/1000Gestalten)
Form Art Performance

► I'd rather dance plenty then G20 ②

Where S-Bahn Landungsbrücken | **When** 6pm
Info allesallen.info/kalender | [#allesallen](https://twitter.com/allesallen)
Form Night Dance Demonstration

THU **06** JULY

► Alternative-Summit

Where Kampnagel | **When** 05. – 06.07 | 10am - 9:30pm
Info solidarity-summit.org
Form Internation Summit on Global Solidarity

► Welcome to Hell ③

Where St. Pauli Fischmarkt | **When** 4pm Pricket | 7pm Demonstration
Info g20tohell.blackblogs.org | [#nog20](https://twitter.com/nog20)
Form international, anticapitalist Mass Demonstration

FRI **07** JULY

► Block G20 – Colour the Red Zone

Where all around the Red Zone | **When** morning
Info blockg20.org | pre-meeting | [#blockg20](https://twitter.com/blockg20) | [#HamburgCityStrike](https://twitter.com/HamburgCityStrike)
Form Direct Actions to Block the Red Zone

► Learning Space, not Education Factory ④

► Education Strike

Where Deichtorplatz | **When** 10:30am
Info jugendgegeng20.de | [#HamburgCityStrike](https://twitter.com/HamburgCityStrike)
Form Demonstration and Strikeappeal

► Shut down the Logistics of Capital

Where harbourarea | **When** morning
Info shutdown-hamburg.org/ | [#HamburgCityStrike](https://twitter.com/HamburgCityStrike)
Form Direct Action in the Harbour Area

► Colourful Critical Mass ⑤

Where Moorweide (S-Bahn Dammtor) | **When** 7pm
Info [#cmasshh](https://twitter.com/cmasshh)
Form Bikedemonstration

► Board the G20-sink Capitalism ⑥

Where Reeperbahn | **When** 8pm
Info http://g20-entern.org/ | [#nog20](https://twitter.com/nog20)
Form Demonstration

SAT **08** JULY

► Borderless Solidarity, not G20 ⑦

Where Deichtorplatz | **When** 11pm
Info g20-demo.de | [#nog20](https://twitter.com/nog20) [#HamburgCityStrike](https://twitter.com/HamburgCityStrike)
Form International Mass Demonstration

SUN **09** JULY

► Nobody Forgotten – Nothing Forgiven

Where Harburg Rathaus | **When** 12pm
Info [#noGesa](https://twitter.com/noGesa) [#Gesatohell](https://twitter.com/Gesatohell)
Form Anti-Repression-Demonstration