

PROGRAMME

10:45 Uhr: Greeting and Procedures

11:00 Uhr: Aspects Of Exclusion And Discrimination Of Refugees

Two political evaluations by Antirassistisches Netzwerk Ba-Wü (Antiracist Network) and *Flüchtlinge für Flüchtlinge Baden-Württemberg (Refugees for Refugees)*.

12:00 Uhr: Continuity Of Exclusion And Discrimination

30 years of "Lager" politics in Baden-Württemberg
– contribution by *Aktion Bleiberecht Freiburg (Campaign Right of Residence Freiburg)*
Rating of the countries Serbia, Macedonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina as safe countries of origin.
Deportation of Romani people into these countries
– *Freiburger Forum Aktiv gegen Ausgrenzung (Freiburg Forum Actively Against Exclusion)*
Reports of refugees about enforced appearances in embassies (Nigeria, Togo, Uganda, Gambia)
– *Flüchtlinge für Flüchtlinge (Refugees for Refugees)*
Short report about collective deportations from Baden Airpark and Stuttgart airport
– *Antira Netzwerk (Antiracist network)*

13:30 Uhr: "Sammellager" And Their Political Role Of Exclusion

Current laws and their classification. Two years of Grün-SPD Governance, what has changed? Using the example of Residenzpflicht and Flüchtlingsaufnahmegesetz (law for the affiliation of refugees) - *Lawyers' report*
Reports by refugees about their activities and demands in Baden Württemberg
– *Flüchtlinge für Flüchtlinge Baden Württemberg (Refugees for Refugees)*

14:30 Uhr: Lunch Break

15:30 Uhr: Using Paragraphs Against Refugees

Draft law in order to redefine the termination and the right of residency. The internment of refugees is meant to be alleviated, family reunification is supposed to be restricted and new entry bans will be implemented – *Flüchtlingsrat Baden-Württemberg*

16:00 Uhr: Dublin II And III

The Dublin agreement using the example of Hungary. *Contribution by a member of bordermonitoring*
The story of the fleeing of 72 Afghan refugees coming from Hungary. Legal activities, protests and actions against their deportation. *Report by an Afghan Refugee*

17:30 Uhr: How to continue? "Resistance of Refugees. Solidarity and perspectives" Closing panel discussion

Discussing of the conference's closing statement in order to highlight ongoing actions.
Antira-Netzwerk, Flüchtlinge Für Flüchtlinge, Flüchtlingsrat Baden-Württemberg a.o.

19.00 Uhr: End

After each block there will be time for additional discussion

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Depletion of refugee's rights: The ministry for interior is planning legal changes in order to further reduce the rights of refugees. The intention is to severely enhance the possibilities of internment of refugees, to undermine family reunification and to implement new entry bans. The so called "welcoming culture" as it is often stressed by politicians, will then for a lot of refugees rather result in deprivation of freedom and imprisonment.

"Safe countries of origin?" On July 3rd 2014 the "Bundestag" (German Parliament) has decided over a draft law that will declare Serbia, Bosnia- Herzegovina and Macedonia as "save countries of origin". This will entail that asylum applications from these countries can be denied as "offensichtlich unbegründet" (obviously reasonless), although Romani people in these countries are often refused access to important societal domains, such as access to work, health services and education and are discriminated against, as refugee rights organizations such as PRO ASYL have assessed. Thus the individual right for asylum is leveraged. Before implementing the law it has to be confirmed by the "Bundesrat" (Upper House).

External EU frontiers: The "deadly" defense against refugees at the external frontiers of the European Union is further expanded. Whoever nevertheless manages to reach the European Union or the Federal State of Germany is forced into a living situation that socially marginalizes and discriminates against refugees and declares innocent people as "criminals". Fleeing is not a crime.

Discrimination: The situation of Refugees still has not changed substantially under the state government of Grüne and SPD: Deportations, placement in "Lagers", prohibition of working and Residenzpflicht determine the live of refugees on a daily basis. In many counties in Baden Württemberg cash payments for the social security benefits of refugees are still refused and

instead food packages and -vouchers are distributed. Indeed the new "Flüchtlingsaufnahmegesetz" (law to regulate the admission of refugees) has changed little for refugees. The draft for revision of the "Asylbewerberleistungsgesetz" (law that governs benefits for refugees, AsylbLG) still allows non-cash benefits, limited health care and restrictions of benefits. The discriminatory law has not been abolished.

Racism: Meanwhile the government and the media are still promoting cheap propaganda against "pseudo-asylum-seekers" and "poverty-immigrants". Fortunately the solidarity with refugees is increasing.

Self-Organization: In the last years refugees have increasingly organized protest against the above mentioned conditions of inhumanity by initiating info booths, squattings, protest marches and demonstrations. In Baden Württemberg there have been corresponding activities of protest in different cities. The actions were mainly focused on exhibiting the inhuman living conditions in refugee homes and lagers, the disenfranchised life situations, the patronizing and control mechanisms, the bullying behavior by officials at foreigner's registration offices and by managers of refugee homes, the custom of deportations and enforced appearances at embassies/consulates of countries of persecution.

Solidarity: It is not our solely aim to inform about our activities and demands. We also want to discuss about ways of necessary solidarity and about how to reach equal cooperation. Self organization of refugees is important and needs to be supported. Outrage, declarations of solidarity, petitions, offertory and support however are not enough. Whoever claims to fight for a society without exploitation and oppression and calls for grassroots countervailing forces, has to comprehend the fight for refugee's rights as their own political duty and challenge.

Unconditional right of residence
Prohibition of deportation custody and deportations
Global right to freedom of movement
Equal social rights for everyone
Abolition of AsylbLG
Repeal of discriminating special laws
Abolition of the Dublin System

To fight for the implementation of these demands is the duty of all of us.

With this in mind we hope that this conference is a first step in Baden Württemberg to bundle our skills, knowledge and power in order to develop shared political approaches. We hope that antiracist networks will be strengthened by the contribution of additional groups and persons.

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