# No Border Camp



2012





# Infobrochure<sub>(en)</sub>



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# Introduction - Welcome to Cologne

Welcome to the No Border Camp 2012 in Cologne!

The No Border Camp will take place here in Cologne from July, 13th, until July, 22th. It has been prepared by an open network of antiracist and racism-critical groups and activists. There will be actions, workshops, discussions and possibilities for networking.

Since the 1990s, No Border Camps have taken place within the European Union and outside the European Union, as a resistance against the European border regime. They bring transnational protest against internal and external borders both to border regions and the European Union's centers. No Border Camps open up a temporary autonomous space to build networks between local antiracist struggles, exchange experiences among activists, reflect and discuss. No Border Camps are an attempt to bring the vision of "freedom to move – freedom to stay" a bit closer by acting together.

Also this camp is intended to be a place where people can take action together against racism and where we can fight the borders which often divide us, too.

One aim of the No Border Camp is to create political pression on the responsible persons and profiteers of the deportion machinery. In addition, the object is to open a space, which allows refugees and migrated people as well as everybody who shows solidarity with the struggles to develop common visions, analyses and practices and to link up different struggles.

In the Camp-Brochure, you will find different textes concerning the camp, which has been written by people of the preparation circle. On the one hand you will find tips concerning the infrastructure and on the other hand there will be also proposals concerning the communication as well as the discription of places where you can go, when there are problems. A camp is an open space. It lives on the participation of the people as well on the take over of responsibilities.

The camp is what we all make of it!!

# Interpretation

Many people with different backrounds speaking different languages will come to the camp. That is why during meetings, workshops, etc. interpretation will be necessary. Please be aware that meetings will take longer.

You can help the translators/interpreters by speaking clearly, slowly and by pausing while speaking.

At the info tent you can get stickers to make visible which languages you understand so that people at the camp can ask you something or talk to you. If you can imagine that you can translate for a while duiring a meeting, please give your mobile phone number to the info tent.

# **❖** At the camp

### > Introduction of the negotiating group

To make it possible that the camp take place in the current form, the preparation circle decided to sign up the camp in advance with the police and the city of cologne. That's why we exist, the negotitation-group. We negotiatet with the police and the city cologne a lot in advance, we signed the contracts and announced one part of the camp as a assembly

Also during the camp we will feel responsible for the contact with the police. That means concretely: There will be always a person on the camp who will be the contact for the police. So if the police express any request to talk with representatives of the camp, we will manage this task. At the infopoint and at the tent of the camp security, you will find our telephone number, so in case just ask the people there, and we will be there within a few minutes. Please relinquish to do something on your own, especially in a tensed situation of a police contact!

That doesn't means of course, that we decide on our own how to behave concerning the police if there is a precarious situation. We will carry all decisions (if it is possible) back to the camp-plenum and represent the decisions that have been made in the plenum towards the police.

#### Additionally some important advices:

- for one part of the camp (where the sleeping tents are standing) exists a rental agreement with the city cologne. That means that this area is "privat". Neither press nor police are allowed to enter it; the sleeping tents are protected through the principle of "inviolability of the home"
- The part of the camp, where the big circus-tent ist standing and where the plena are taking part is announced as a assembly. That means that the right of assembly is valid for it.
- The negotiations group is only responsible for the registration of the camp itself. Actions and assemblies outside the camp must be registred and negotiated with the police from different people.
- Finally: We, as the negotiating group gave away our names for the registration of the camp as well as for the rental agreement. Therefore we took the risk of the personal liability on ourselves. We don't want to be "party poopers", but please: keep everything we said in mind, while you're at the camp.

#### > Campstructure

#### Infotent

At the entry of the camp, there will be an Information-tent. Over there you will get all the information, you'll need or at least you will find there people, that can help you or arrange contact with people that can take care. At the Info-tent you will also find all the current information, for example the program during the day, a press-board with the latest

newspaper articles concerning the camp and a board for lifts or lost and found.

Additionally you will find there flyers from the legal team, the medical service, maps of Cologne, the airport Düsseldorf and so on. We try hard to spread all the most important news via a megaphone (for example: at 8 o'clock there is plenum, the kitchen needs help with cleaning the dishes...). The Info-tent will be manned from 8.00 till 22.00, if there is a need, also longer.

For running the tent, we need your support! If you want to bring in yourself in the organisation of the info-tent or if you want to take on some shifts, please sign in at the lists in the tent.

Last but not least you can pay your camp fee at the Info-tent.

#### Money

A Camp like the No Border Camp unfortunatly costs a lot of money. Thats why we ask you for a voluntarily donation. You decide how much money you will and can give. As a orientation we thought about 5-10€ per day. If you're able to pay more, you're welcome. Within this, you show solidarity with the ones who are not able to pay at all or only a little.

#### Infotech

If you want, you can bring your computer (laptops, smartphones, etc.) to the camp. You will find computers for public use at the Hackcenter.

#### Sub-Etha

The camp IT is managed by the group Sub-Etha. The project for building the camp network is based on donations and willing to look after your needs.

#### Internet

A central Internet gateway is accessible via the camp network. All passing data will not be logged or filtered. In case of problems, we may cut down bandwith.

#### Datenklo

On several spots, there are network nodes. To keep them safe from weather influences and vandalism, they are housed in dedicated portaloos (Datenklo). To connect your personal tent to the network, you are advised to bring a network cable of at least 20 m in length.

#### Hackcenter

At the Hackcenter, you can sit down with your laptop or use one of the public computers. People at the Helpdesk will give you advise on their usage.

#### Helpdesk

The Hackcenter offers a Helpdesk, at which you will get support on your computer problems at any time. We cannot accept computers for service but we will be glad to show you how to fix your problems on your own.

#### Kitchen (Vokü)

We will serve delicious, vegan food at the No Border Camp Cologen/Düsseldorf. Regarding to cook at such a large scale different kitchen collectives and individuals formed a kitchen collective- non the less help is needed from the campcommunity- for example doing chopping, at the dishwashingstreet or at the pots, cause we define ourselves as a DIY- kitchen which needs support of all.

Due to the fact of lots of cooking experience we collect 7€ per day/ person. But this is a rough "guideline" and shall not be seen as excluding individuals. Who has less money is invited to eat and who has a little bit more money can donate a little bit more.

#### Vegan/Meat

In preparation of the camp we discussed whether meat could or should be allowed and even offered on the camp. On former no border camps the problem has occurred, that the all vegan food on the camp and its seeming implicitness was not based on the consensus of all participants. It has been criticised by some as a kind of leitkultur (dominant culture) that was set in place without discussion by the mainly /white/ german "scene" and that excluded for example a number of refugee activists. We do not want to discuss the question about meat consumption or veganism only in regard of the social category of race. There are many reasons (social, political, religious ones) for people to eat meat or to be vegan. In the german-wide preparation network we have decided that we will at least try to establish the infrastructure for a kitchen with meat. This kitchen will be clearly separated from the vegan infrastructure. Please watch out for the designation of rinsing tanks and dishes! At the time when we finished this brochure, it remained unclear whether there would be people who are actually willing to prepare meat.

Please respect that there are different practices and opinions on food.

#### Meetings

#### General assemblies

There will be three general assemblies during the camp in which everyone on the camp should have the possibility to take part in. How these assemblies will look like is not clear yet. The opening assembly will probably function as a collective introduction to the camp. The middle assembly is dedicated to political debates while the last assembly shall give space to reflect the camp and to work on collective perspectives.

#### Oganisational meetings

Every morning at 9 am we want to meet for about an hour in order to talk about organisational issues and to take decisions concerning the

camp. Decisions should be taken according to the consensus principle.¹ Generally, everybody is invited to join these meetings. If you are organized in affinitiy groups, it makes sense, to send delegates. Thus, the meeting will stay manageable in number of persons attending it, and you don't all the time have to go to assemblies. In order to make the principle of delegation work, we will collect the issues for the next organisational meeting on a list in the info tent the day before. Until 8 pm the facilitators of the meeting should develop a proposal for an agenda for the meeting. The agenda will be made public at the info tent. Thus, the affinity groups can pre-discuss the issues on the agenda and send their delegate.

#### Action meetings

Every evening at 6 pm we want to gather for an action meeting. There should be space to announce actions, to plan or to give reports about actions and also to have more abstract discussions about actions. The action meeting is open to all interested persons, but it makes sense to send delegates.

#### Extra meetings

If needed there will be extra meetings. We consider this necessary whenever an issue cannot be treated adequately in the regular meetings, for example when there is not enough time to develop a proposal for a solution or when the issue doesn't need to be solved by the whole organisational meeting, because it only concerns a small group. It is important, that we make all results transparent and, if necessary, communicate them in the organisational meetings.

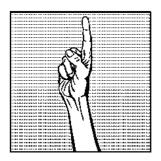
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The consensus principle is one method of decision making in groups. According to the consensus principle, everybody has the possibility to block a decision through a veto. Thus, when it comes to a decision, it doesn't mean that everybody is necessarily in favour of the group decision. Nevertheless the decision needs to be accepted by everybody.

#### Handsigns at meetings, workshops etc...

Some hand signs have established themselves on bigger meetings. They are supposed to make the communication in the plenum more easy and are explained in the following:

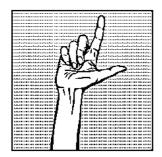
#### Request to speek



"I want to say something" or

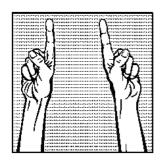
"I want to ask something"

#### Direct Answer



"I want give a short answer directly to the question before"

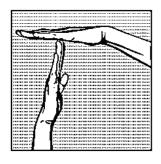
#### Language



"I need translation" or

"I'm interpreting, please wait"

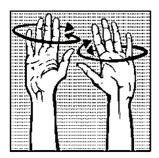
#### Break



" I need a break" or

"Stop, I have to tell something organisational, which can't wait"

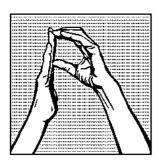
#### Agreement



Shake both hands

"I agree"

#### Proposal



Form a "P" with your hands

"I have a proposal how to continue the discussion"

#### STOP-Signs

The society in which we live is marked by different power relations (racism, sexism, etc...). These power relations also make themselves noticeable on this very camp. They produce structural exclusions, hierarchies, dominances and traumas. They equip certain people with

privileges, from which they structurally exclude others - that means not only in individual cases but on a broad basis. That can practically mean that certain people won't get their word in edgewise on general assemblies, or that others often dominate discussions. Or that positions of speakers are taken unenequally serious. Amongst other things, through the way in which we communicate with each other, we either contribute towards reestablishing power relations over and over again, or towards questioning these..

For people that are constantly negatively affected by racism, sexism (...) throughout their life, communication within spaces, that are shared with people privileged by racism, sexism (...), holds the danger of hurt and retraumatisation. In this process it is not crucial wether the the speaker wants to hurt a person or not. We have to be conscious of the fact that we speak from very different positions and that structural violence is often not noticed by people that are not directly affected by it. What is violent is hence defined by the affected.

That's why we use the "STOP"-sign and the "interruption"-sign on the plenums during the No Border Camp.

A person can use the "STOP"-sign if what has just been said means structural violence for herself\_himself - that means if the person sees herself\_himself being hurt in a sexist, racist (...) way. The violative speech is interrupted at this point. It is up to the person that used the sign wether she\_he wants to explain himself\_herself or not. If the person wants to, she\_he can also let other people talk for herself\_himself. The explanation should not be commented but should be left standing like that, since defence mechanisms often take effect in such cases, which in turn prevent from listening. The speech-list is continued after the "STOP"-sign.

If the "interruption"-sign is used, the plenum is instantly interrupted for 5 minutes. The person that used the sign has the possibility to exchange herself\_himself with people they trust. Again, it is up to the person that used the sign what and how things are carried back into the plenum and if and in which way an exchange with the person/s that gave the reason for the "interruption"-sign happens. Persons that use this sign should not get under pressure to explain themselves.

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This is not about disseminating guilty verdicts and brandishing moral clubs. We are all part of power relations like racism(...). The violation of peoples limits can happen even if they are not intended. The introduced signs are an attempt to handle violations, to create a more protected space, to open a space for learning and thereby, in the best case, to reduce violations in future.

This is why we expect openness for an examination of one's own behaviour and one's own positions from every participant of the camp.Deshalb erwarten wir von allen Teilnehmenden des Camps Offenheit für Auseinandersetzung mit dem eigenen Verhalten und der eigenen Position.

# Power of Definition (in case of sexist, racist etc transgression of boundaries)

Power of definition means: it is exclusively up to the harmed person, to mark and define whether a transgression of his\*her boundaries has taken place.

In contrast, within the bourgeois legal system it is assumed, that there

is ONE objective evaluation of a situation. This logic of thinking is often being reproduced in leftist movements. There is a will to classify actions according to seemingly objective criteria. Thus, so called "facts" are repeatedly being asked for in order to use them as objective criteria of judgement.

To many this may even sound quite plausible at first. But there's a catch... Because: only the harmed person her\*himself can tell, when his\*her own boundaries are being transgressed and if s\*he perceives a certain situation as violent (and as how strong the violence is perceived). For the definition of an assault it doesn't matter, how loud the harmed person articulated her\*his "stop", whether s\*he was drunk or whether s\*he used to have a relationship with the person who has harmed, or whether s\*he seems to have fulfilled certain clichés. Also, it is not important, whether the person who has harmed, has "simply" reproduced the violent normality, or whether "anybody else would have acted the same way". It is the personal perception of violence that is crucial for the definition of violence - as differing as it may be. Moreover, power of definition means, that only the harmed person decides over what kind of support s\*he wants.

To us, power of definition is a strategy to oppose a heteronormative, white dominated etc. society, in which violence is only acknowledged as such when it reaches certain proportions and/or when it fulfills certain criteria. This means, that the statement of an assault must NOT be questioned. Also not by critically interrogating the harmed person. It is important, that the harmed person doesn't start feeling that her\*his perception is being doubted and that s\*he has to justify her\*himself for what happened or for her\*his actions. This could strengthen her\*his feeling of powerlessness and thus lead to retraumatization.

There are two frequent arguments against the concept of power of definition: first, it is said that it might invite persons who are negatively affected by racism and sexism to act arbitrarily. And second, that it changes the principle of "doubt benefits to the accused" to "doubt disadvantages the accused". But power of definition is not about judgments or applying laws! It is about shifting the focus from the person who harmed to the person who has been harmed, in order

to reestablish her\*his agency and selfdetermination.

(This text is based on "re.Action, antisexismus reloaded, Unrast, 2007" and "Antisexist Contact and Awareness Group G8 Heiligendamm, Konzept, 2007")

We use the term power of definition instead of right of definition, because for us the concept is all about empowerment and not about judgement and justice. The term "right" implies the passivity of the harmed person (rights are "being granted"). In contrast, support that is based on the concept of power of definition is about activating the harmed person. For the harmed persons racist, sexist etc violence often leads to a feeling of powerlessness. They should be supported to cope with this feeling and to recover selfdetermination and their capacity to act.

Explanatory statement from the no border camp preparation group: We have decided to use this form of gender neutral spelling, because it allows to include male, female and (\*) all other genders. We are aware, that we live in a reality, where most sexualised assaults are acted out by men (persons read or defined as men) against women (persons read or defined as women). Though, we have decided to use a gender neutral spelling for the persons who harm and those who are harmed, because we want to better represent and adress all affected persons. In the past, we have repeatedly been confronted with situations, where non-female (persons who are not read/defined as female) persons who had been harmed, hardly seeked support, because they could not find themselves in the classical "male perpetrator - female harmed person" sheme. The same is valid for persons who have been harmed by women, lesbians, bisexuals, transsexuals, intersexuals, queers. As sexualized violence often occurs within relationships or exrelationships, all possible gender relations should be taken into account and support should be offered to all harmed persons in the same way.

(see: Steffen Kitty Herrmann: "Performing the Gap - Queere Gestalten und geschlechtliche Aneignung")

#### Contact and Awareness Group Against Discrimination and Violence

Unfortunately, discrimination and violence occurs everywhere. Also in our own contexts, also here on the camp. In order to address this and not to leave the affected persons on their own, there is the "Contact and Awareness Group Against Discrimination and Violence". You can contact this group if anything bad has happened to you or if you don't feel well with anything. But also if you witness situations of discrimination and violence. We will try to support you in your concerns and we will listen to you. Even though we might not have the possibility to provide for everything you need, we are still there to stand by your side and give you biased support. That means that we will not do anything against your will and we will support you according to your needs.

The group has constituted itself only a couple of weeks before the camp, so we don't have any long-term common practice of support. The persons of the group are differently positioned.

We are: female, queer, male, PoC, mostly white-german, homo, bi, hetero\*a and differently abled. Our approach is intersectional. That means that we try to understand different relations of power and domination in their intermingling effects. For some of us it is still a new experience to work with an intersectional approach. In this sense we are also still learning in this field and we make mistakes. But we try to do the best we can in order to support you - even if we don't have own experiences in some fields.

We protect your anonymity and we base our work on the principle of power of definition. That means that it is up to you to decide, what should happen with your concerns. If you don't want, neither your name nor what happened will be made public.

For a camp where everybody feels comfortable and where persons affected by discrimination and violence are not left alone! Solidarity!

#### > Practical issues:

#### General information

Our work is to ensure a functioning infrastructure at the camp. Please be careful with the toilets / PC / tents, etc.! If something should break at the camp (like a tent or a toilet...), please report it to the people in the information tent. They inform the Technix. It is better to use energy-saving devices at the camp. Devices with very high power requirements, talk to the Technix.

#### Dogs

Please leave your dogs at home. From the preparation team there is no structure for dogs on the camp. If you decide to bring a dog, keep it on a leash on the whole campside, remove its shit and respect other people's fears and/or allergies.

#### Swimming

It's summer and swimming is fine, but the Rhine is full of dangerous streams! Every year people and dogs drown in the Rhine, even good swimmers. Directly around the camp the water is floating very fast, it's danger to life there! If you want to swim look out for more secure places further south and do not swim far out! It's all on your own risk!

There are nice lakes in Cologne, ask people from Cologne for nice and safe swimmingspots! Thank you for your understanding..

#### Childcare

Unfortunately there is no child care structure until now. But there will be tents, which are reserved for children! Easily recognized by the painting! We would be happy if people feel responsible for child care and / or offer a program. We would be pleased if you bring toys, books etc. that are available to all children!

#### Druguse

As for smoking: The tents are No-Smoking-Areas. Outside of the tents you will find containers with sand for cigarette butts.

Furthermore, we ask that you also out of consideration for other people, be responsible with your alcohol and drug use. The NBC is not a place for a totally shoot!

#### Garbage, toilets, showers...

Trash containers are on the camp area, please use them!!! Should waste lay around, all the participants should feel responsible for the disposal.

Further information about the toilets, showers, computers, etc. is in the appropriate places.

### ...the last workshop

Last but not least the deconstruction of the camp will start on sunday evening 22nd of july until tuesday 24th of july. We urgently need helping hands! Everybody is kindly invited to help cleaning up!

# Security, legal issues and health

### > Security working group

There will be a security working group on the campsite, which, together with the campistas, will observe the surroundings of the camp and warn the camp if there are any problems. If you have question around this topic or want to participate in the some guard-shift, come to the security tent or ask at the infopoint.

### > Legal team (EA)

Legal team - finds out the whereabouts of arrested people - gets lawers 0049 221 9327252

www.ea-koeln.de

The legal team is available during the whole camptime (14.07 - 22.07.) on the camp and during the set up/ tear down time via phone. There will be open hours every evening at 9 pm on the camp so that people can ask questions. The legal team will provide lawyers in case of arrest. There will also be lawyers who are specialised on foreigners' laws.

Look out for an inforeader on legal questions and for workshops organized by the legal team where you get answers, too.

#### > On a demonstration/action

#### Think about before demonstration

- · Take along your valid identity card, passport, visa and residence permit.
- · Take along small change and a phonecard.
- Take along your health insurance certificate / card and 10 Euros for the case of medical treatment.
- · Take along a first-aid kit and necessary medicaments.
- ·Write down the EA-phonenumber.
- · Take along something for writing.
- · Empty all your pockets; just take along what you really need at the demonstration!
- · Watch out: In Germany it is illegal to take along or wear things, that protect your body against violence (helmets, protectors, etc.), that can be used as weapons or prevent your identification (masks). So be careful.
- · Drugs and alcohol don't match with demonstrations; it endangers yourself and other people.

- · Leave photographs, calendars, adress- and telephonebooks at home.
- · Delete all memories on your cellularphone.
- · Avoid the use of contact lenses and greasy ointments. Teargas will enrich in it.

#### Think about at the demonstration

- Think about what you are talking at the demonstration; there are many police-agents in the crowd.
- · Don´t take pictures or videotapes from persons at the demonstration.
- · Don't go to demonstration by yourself. stay together in groups, before and after the demonstration.
- · If the police arrests people: Try to write down their name, date of birth, address and nationality and report it to the EA.
- · Private security agencies don't have police or other authority rights. They are only allowed to do what any other cidizen is allowed to.

#### In case of arrest

- ·Shout your name, date of birth, address and nationality to the other demonstrators.
- You are obliged to tell the police your name, address, date and place of birth and your nationality only.
- · Don't talk about other things!
- · Don't make any statement! You got the right to say nothing. The policestation, policecar and jail are not the right place to talk. In this way you won't incriminate yourself or other people.
- ·Don't sign any paper!
- · Ask about the reason for your arrest.
- ·Try to call the EA to inform it about your and other peoples situation.
- · In case of a "Erkennungsdienstliche Behandlung" (ED = taking pictures, fingerprints; registrating weight, bodymarks, tattoos, etc.) and in case of taking a DNA-sample renounce these measures verbally and let the police note it down. Don't agree in taking a DNA-sample

(saliva, hairs, other cellular material). Don't sign any paper.

- · At least you have to be released at the end of the next day. Otherwise you have to be taken to a judge.
- · If you think you won't get free in time, at least if you come to a judge insist on a lawyer. The EA can help you to get one. Take your right to say nothing even before the judge.

#### After you are released

Report immediately to the EA. Even if you haven't done it before: maybe someone else did.

#### > Medical team

At the camp, and on actions / demos, there will be an opportunity to treat injuries, to free you from tear gas etc. or you need a patch. The medics are clearly visible in a tent near the entrance and there will be always at least one responsible person in the tent. If you like to support the medical team on demos and actions of the Camp: Sign up! They need help! There will be a medical-assembly every night in the medical tent (around 8 pm)!

#### > Out of action

Out of action is a group working about the psychic aftermaths of repression and violence. We offer information about the topic traumatization related to political resistance, provide emotional first aid and fight for solidaric interaction.

During political actions activists often find themselves in situations of extreme stress with long-term traumatic impacts. We want to make people aware of these facts and try to establish a political coping with it before, during and after actions.

We define our work as a solidary help by activists for activists and not as professional service. We create workshops, provide Information,

organize spaces to rest during larger political events and offer personal counseling.

We do not only work about traumatization, but also commit ourselves to other topics, e.g. burnout related to political circumstances.

#### Communication intern and extern

#### > Twitter and WAP-Ticker

#### **Twitter**

There will be frequently updated information on twitter:

https://twitter.com/#!/nobordercamp

#### WAP-Ticker

There will be frequently updated information on WAP-TICKER. You will receive it with the most mobilephones:

http://ticker.nadir.org

# > Press-Group

You will find the press-group in the press-tent or get in contact via telephon:

0152 - 27610910 oder 0174 - 5890330

# Cultural programme at the camp

On both Saturdays, there will be concerts in the big tent at the camp between 7:00 pm and midnight. On Thursday there will be another concert in the AZ (Autonomes Zentrum) Köln. Parties will take place after the concerts in the AZ Köln or at the construction trailer park (Bauwagenplatz) "Wem gehört die Welt". (more infos u will get at the info tent)

Furthermore, u will find at the camp:

- a creativity tent to do handicrafts, paint or prepare actions
- creativity workshops or offers (stencils, screen printing, etc.)
- a special movie tent, where a selection of movies/documentaries will be available in the evenings
- various exhibitions
- a samba and a slogan drumming workshop
- theatre performances and workshops
- music in the week (during the actions or next to the bar)
- a lot of space for your ideas! just do it yourself

# **❖** Action-image No Border Camp 2012

Racist demarcation means violence. Migration regimes mean violence. The struggle against them is legitimate. Principally the No Border Camp should provide the framework for a wide range of actions and forms of action. But many people with strongly differing ideas and needs will merge on the camp. Due to different personal and political reasons, the desire to freely chose one's forms of action is opposed by the need for a protected space.

The existence of such a protected space is not only up to the participants of the camp. Repression can always happen without a specific cause. The mere existence of the camp can be reason enough. So there cannot be a complete protection on the camp. Therefore a

certain amount of personal responsibility remains for everyone participating in the camp.

The basis of collective activities consists of mutual consideration and attention for the fears and needs of other participants of the camp. This should be considered in the planning and realisation of actions.

Since the camp is to be a particularly protected space direct actions directly from the campsite should be avoided. Possible consequences of an action for the camp should always be taken into consideration. Concrete agreements in the run-up of actions aim to enable as many people as possible to participate. Only if everyone takes this seriously and informs her\_himself about agreements before taking action, everyone is enabled to participate.

# **❖** <u>Actionday at the Deportation-Airport</u> Dusseldorf

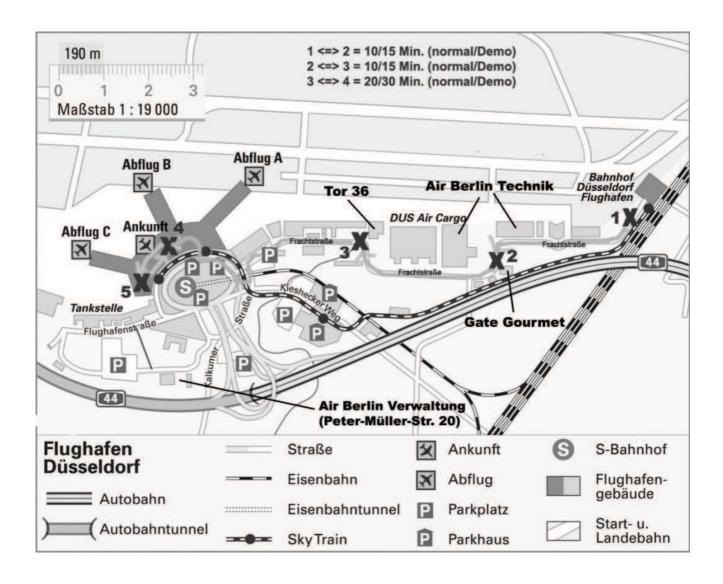
The deportation-apparatus "airport Düsseldorf" should be made visible. Thats why from Wednesday, the 18.07 the responsibles and profiting people of the mass-deportations should be disturbed by creative protest and not by blockades.

During the week there are supposed to be smaller actions (exhibitions, theatre-actions, performances, music, banners) at the airport, that have their peak in the actionday on saturday, 21.07.

#### Timetable for saturday:

Ab 11 Uhr	exhibition and demonstration inside Terminal B
	/Departures
12:30 Uhr	Start Demonstration Airport Railway Station
14.30 Uhr	Demonstration inside Terminal B/Abflughalle
16 Uhr	Kundgebung Terminal C/Abflughalle
18 Uhr	End of Demonstration – collective departure.

Map oft the airportarea with route of demonsration:



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# Privileges

What is a privilege? Are you aware of your privileges? Do you know, that privileges are not only based on material wealth and material poverty?

Take a few minutes of your time and pause. Please read each of the following questions and answer them - according to your own social position - with "yes" or "no".

#### Can you generally expect:

- to be treated nice and friendly when you enter a bakery?
- to be adressed, when they talk about the german (french, english, ...) people?
- not to attract attention in a crowd, not to be looked at permanently?
- to be able to travel wherever you want (given you have the financial means)?
- to have the right to vote?
- not to asked where you come from all the time?
- not to be told that your english (german, french, ...) is actually quite good?
- to be given advise according to your ideas and interests at the job center?
- to be treated nicely by the police when you report a theft?
- not to have to show your ID to the police without any special reason?
- not to be the only person on the train who has to show his\*her ticket?
- that most education opportunities are generally open to you?
- that you can walk on the street at night without being scared?
- that you can understand all words at an assembly?
- that you can feel relaxed when you show your partner affection in public?

- that you can get off the metro at any station you want?
- that you are adressed and included by the icons on the toilet doors?

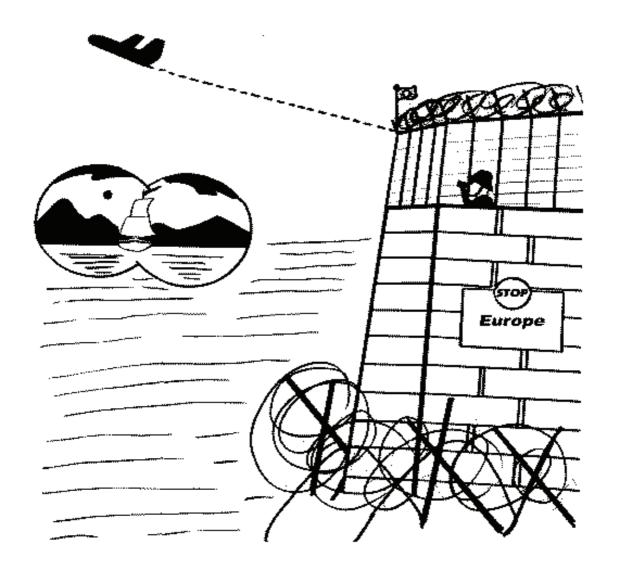
So, it is important to be consider the following questions:

- from which perspective are you speaking?
- What experiences have I made? Which are the realities I know?
- What do I know for example about residence regulations, access to medical treatment, the law on Residenzpflicht [= german law that profoundly restricts the mobility of asylum seekers and refugees], laws on immigration, or barriers to education for persons who are negatively affected by racism?
- What access can I be sure of? Am I aware of this as privileges or do I take this for granted?

This is about your experiences and thus about your position in society. An unnamed "normality" is to be made visible. According to your position, it is either invisible or it is constantly being marked. For example when you are *white*, this isn't mentioned and you are not being reduced to your "otherness". Our reality of life consists of different socially constructed categories, like gender, class, race, sexual orientation, religion, your perceived state of health, age, whether you are identified as northwest-european etc. These positionings will also affect us on this camp, at assemblies, in private discussions, in actions ... Thus, we want to encourage you to reflect upon yourself and your actions - also here on the camp.

Arapi, Güler: Mädchenarbeit in der Migrationsgesellschaft

Peggy McIntosh: White Privilege. Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack (online: http://www.nymbp.org/reference/WhitePrivilege.pdf)



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