

NIEDERBAYERN BLEIBT STANDHAFT

ANTIRASSISTISCHE GROSSDEMONSTRATION

„DIE WÜRDE DES MENSCHEN IST UNANTASTBAR“

RASSISTISCHER HETZE ENTGEGENTRETEN

NIE WIEDER KRIEG, NIE WIEDER FASCHISMUS

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Passau**

Speech at anti-racist Demonstration „Niederbayern bleibt standhaft“, PA, 7.5.2016

I am very happy and grateful that today we marched and shouted as a sign against racism. So many people are with us on the streets today to fight against all kinds of hate and institutionalized racism. And we are not alone.

Only last week thousands of young people demonstrated in Munich, Berlin, Hamburg and all over the country. Under the name “Youth against racism” they went on strike in their Universities, schools and their training posts, not to sleep in, but to exert influence on society and politics.

When so many Students raise we have to face that racism is not rare phenomenon but rather something with which we are confronted not only in our every day lives but also in the education system.

Because of that we, the “list of independent and critical students” are fighting at our University to end racism and structural discrimination. We founded our community in order to facilitate space for free, independent thinking and as an alternative to the conservative, racist and patriotic daily routine.

Time and time again we experience racism in our social environment. In kinder garden, high school, universities and all other educational facilities. In pre school, exercises and teaching materials communicate very clear images for example the strong hierarchy between people of color and white people. People of color are characterized as not free and will-less in order to establish the superiority of Europeans.

The recommendation for higher level education later on are also an example of structural discrimination. But this specific recommendation is highly questionable in itself because it still holds a great amount of power determining one's future life. And because we live in a society in which white people are presumed to be more enlightened, they often get a preferential treatment in these recommendations.

But also in colleges the mechanisms of ostracism work perfectly well. Many people don't have access to education and formation because their foreign educational achievements and transcripts are not officially acknowledged due to their open residence permit status which implements that these people don't have a high planning reliability.

All these racisms are not single cases but rather structurally conditioned and deeply rooted

in society.

As a dramatic moment in history in which Europeans put themselves above the right of existence of other people, the colonial period surely can be named.

The attitude alone that people of color are less intelligent constructs the legitimation for slavery and exploitation.

Capitalism, as a system based on competition can only exist through exploitation of specific groups. As this is happening today through the supposed self regulating markets, at the beginning of bourgeoisie it had to be forced upon people with violence.

To justify this subjection supposed contrasts were constructed. These contrasts can be basically summarized in the following points:

One Aspect is a biologically constructed hierarchy between people of color and white people. Through the selective representation of white people as free, civilized and progressive in contrary to the wild, uncivilized and dependent people of color the image of superiority of the Europeans was fixed in society.

In order to keep up this image colonized territories are robbed of their own cultural heritage and history before the colonization. Under the pretext, to colonize the supposedly less developed territories on the basis of european standards the indigenous population was subjected systematically.

Through these mechanisms racism was constructed as a concrete medium of oppression.

In consequence it means that race merely is a social construct, which certainly causes a severe outcome for specific groups of people.

To break it down to one sentence: Race does not exist, but it kills.

Racial oppression is still part of every day life for many people and also it can be found in our society.

To fight racism means to unite; to free ourselves from capitalist exploitation logic and hierarchies; to name trivial patterns of racism.

The fight against racism does not end with this demonstration, not with a concert and surely not with eating a sausage against right wing movements. It is closely intertwined with the fight for freedom. So do not look away! Do not accept it, be cautious and alert and fight against racism!

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