



**March 15 - 17, 2024
at the Werbellinsee**

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We invite you to the "Let's Socialize" conference in March 2024 at Werbellinsee!

As a climate justice movement, we want to come together to talk about socialization as a strategy for climate justice. At the strategy meeting there will be space for 360 pioneers and climate activists to discuss the potential of socialization for climate justice struggles and to develop concrete ideas for practice. In October 2022, we had already made the issue of socialization strong and taken it into various economic sectors. Now - in spring 2024 - we are focusing on the potential of socialization as a lever for climate justice!

What role does socialization play in the transformation of important economic sectors and areas towards a just, ecological and democratic society? What could climate-just socialization look like in the energy sector, in the agricultural and food sector, in mobility and in care contexts?

We will meet from 15 to 17 March to organize ourselves. We will develop campaigns from each of the four thematic strands - mobility, care, agriculture & food, energy. We invite you to join us!

Within the four subject areas, we will spend three days discussing and planning in workshops and panel discussions - but of course we will also eat, dream and take a break together. Friday and Saturday morning will be all about theory and examples of success. We want to learn from and with the relevant social movements. Saturday and Sunday we will get into action! In the campaign workshops we will make plans; for example, which field will be occupied next or how we can rebuild VW, expropriate Asklepios and take action against RWE, e.on and Co.

Let's socialize! See you at Werbellinsee!

Friday, 15.03.

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14:00-14:50: Kick-off

Opening speech

Impulse: Socialization and climate justice

Sina (Konzeptwerk Neue Ökonomie), Simon (Movement Hub & IL)

The climate justice movement is setting out for new shores. How do we keep sand in the gears of capitalism? And why do we believe that socialization has so much strategic potential for building a solidary and ecological economy?

Impulse: Guess who's back? The question of ownership!

Justus (communia, Deutsche Wohnen and Co. Expropriate)

Socialization is not just a legal process - it gives hope for a new democratic economy. Justus, active at Deutsche Wohnen und Co. Enteignen and at communia, will give an introduction to the instrument of socialization - what principles it follows, how it can be implemented in practice and why it is worth fighting for!

15:00-15:50:

Getting to know each other individually and finding affinity groups.

16:00-17:30: Workshop phase I

Mobility WS 1.1

Socialize VW! But what do we do with a car company that belongs to us?

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In Germany, car companies are among the most powerful players in transport policy. A social and climate-friendly mobility transition can only be achieved against them. It therefore makes sense to socialize them. But what do we do with a car company that belongs to us? What role could a socialized company that previously produced cars play in the social and climate-friendly mobility transition?

Speakers:

Anna Katharina Keil (university of Lausanne)
Klaus Meier (engineer and university lecturer)

Mobility WS 1.2

Mobility platforms, a lever for socialization?

Platforms are the new markets. They mediate between supply and demand, in the transport sector between users and providers of transport services. Whoever controls the platform controls the mobility market. That's why digital corporations and car companies are trying to create platforms in which they control the algorithms and offers and maximize their profits. What role could socialized and democratically organized platforms play in making mobility more social and climate-friendly?

Speakers:

Aline Blankertz (Speakerinnen.org)
Dominic Piétron (HU-Berlin)

Friday, 15.03.

Energy WS 1.1

Socialization and social infrastructure instead of corporate power

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Record emissions, record profits! The business of destroying the world is highly profitable. Large energy companies are burning up our future, clinging to the neo-colonial world order and exploiting resources and workers.

As powerful players, they stand in the way of restructuring the energy system and thus also of a successful - i.e. ecological and social - energy transition. At the same time, many people no longer know how to pay their electricity or gas bills. An #energytransitionforall is needed more urgently than ever!

But how can this be enforced against fossil capital? Why do we need to socialize the energy sector and why are some parts of the energy sector better suited to this than others? At what levels must socialization be considered and promoted so that our energy supply enables a good life for all within planetary boundaries?

We want to start the conference with these questions in order to explore together over the next two days how we can effectively shut down the furnaces of the fossil fuel industry.

Speakers:

Stevia (ausgeco2hlt)

Christian Zeller (emanzipation)

Maximilian Becker (die Linke)

Leo (RWE & Co. Enteignen)

Moderation:

Sina (Konzeptwerk Neue Ökonomie)

Agriculture and Food WS 1.1

Preparing the ground: History of and strategies for agricultural socialization in Germany

To start with, we will look at how the German and global agricultural system is currently structured on the basis of ownership structures and decision-making power. Together we will work out the basic problems of (unequal) ownership in the agricultural sector and ask ourselves what socialization of the agricultural and food system means.

Within various sub-areas (such as seeds & genetic engineering, water, labour, biodiversity & climate, production chain, animal industry & soils), we will then look at the respective levers for socialization in the entire sector and present the two conference focal points socialization of soil and socialization of the animal industry in detail.

Finally, Anne Neuber (AbL) will give a presentation on the history of socialization in Germany and the consequences for rural areas, with a special focus on the forced collectivization of soils and the food industry in the former GDR.

Speakers:

People from the organization circle of the agriculture and food strand and various activists from agriculture and food.

Friday, 15.03.

Care WS 1.1 & 1.2

For a solidary, climate-just way of life: Climate-just socialization means feminist socialization!

People from the organizing group present the concept of the strand and define the joint disposal of people over the conditions of their care work in companies, homes and public spaces as an important pillar of a climate-just society. Activists from the group "Shopping malls to care centers" present the "caring city" as a possible framework for such socialization.

Speakers:

People from the organizational circle of the Care Strand and Shoppingmalls zu Sorgezentren.

Please note:

For reasons of space, the kick-off will be held in parallel by two teams in separate rooms.

18:00-19:00: Let's Socialize!

Who are the participants of the conference? Which initiatives are already active in the field of socialization?

You can take a look around during a kind of initiative speed dating. Each initiative can briefly introduce itself according to its mood and capacity. There will also be the opportunity to immerse yourself in the other strands. We look forward to lots of exchange and inspiration!

20:30-22:00: Panel Fishbowl

Connecting struggles! Learning from movements!

Fishbowl on experiences with socialization in the areas of mobility, care, agriculture, energy and housing. We will start with a panel from the organizing group and then open the debate to all conference participants.

with:

Gesine (junge Arbeitsgemeinschaft Bäuerliche Landwirtschaft, AbL Ost)

Kilian (RWE & Co. Enteignen)

Thomas (Attac)

Chris (Konzeptwerk Neue Ökonomie)

Rike (communia, Deutsche Wohnen Enteignen)

Moderation:

Jan Groos (Future Histories Podcast)

Saturday, 16.03.

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09:00-09:30: Impulse

Impulse: Socialization and climate justice

speaker: Fatim Selina Diaby

Global property relations are deeply rooted in colonial rule and are still closely linked to global inequality and oppression today.

In order to break down these relations, we need climate justice that strives for the socialization and redistribution of property.

Fatim Selina Diaby is co-author of "Öffentlicher Luxus" and active in various anti-racist, feminist and climate justice groups. Fatim will talk about how global socialization in conjunction with climate justice can form a decolonial practice.

09:45-11:15: Workshopphase II

Mobilität WS 2.1

Rail for all - democratically organized?

Who owns the railroads? The railroads are the most important transport company beyond the roads, but were formally privatized in the 2000s. However, it is still in state hands.

After 20 years, the consequences of this transformation are obvious: we all know the railroads as delayed, overloaded and unreliable. For both rail users and employees, some of the conditions are no longer tenable. How can the state-owned railroad become a socialized railroad? How can this be accompanied by a democratization of the railroads?

We will talk about possible next steps towards socialized rail-bound mobility, as well as minimum and maximum targets and promising starting points.

Speakers:

Carla Wassmuth (Bahn für alle)

#Wirfahrenzusammen

Mobilität WS 2.2

Titel tba

In this slot, we will devote one or two workshops to a North-South perspective on mobility and the potential offered by the socialization of German companies. The focus will be on conflicts over resource extractivism and infrastructure. The speakers have not yet been confirmed.

Speakers:

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Saturday, 16.03.

Energy WS 2.1

Transnational perspectives: Why socialization must be tackled transnationally!

What can we learn from socialization struggles in the Global South and how can we show solidarity? We will talk about this with Ferron Pedro, who is working in an alliance of civil society and trade unions with the "Green New Eskom" campaign for more democratic co-determination in South Africa's largest energy company. In addition, Juan Pablo Gutierrez, an indigenous activist from Colombia, will report on how the Yukpa are defending their territory and their communitized mode of production against the coal exploitation of European corporations.

We also want to discuss how we can ensure that the socialization of German energy companies also means an end to the plundering of resources in the Global South.

Speakers:

Ferron Pedro (Green New Eskom, South Africa)

Juan Pablo Gutierrez (Anti-Coal, indigenous & decolonial activist)

Energy WS 2.2

Actor analysis of the German energy market

Every expropriation and socialization campaign needs its objects to be socialized and must be clear about who its opponents are. In this workshop, we will take a closer look at the actors in the German energy sector and ask ourselves the following questions: Which actors* are shaping the transformation to "green capitalism" in Germany? Which large corporations in Germany manage our energy production and make a profit from it? Where and by whom are which energy sources (coal, gas, renewables) produced and managed? What strategic questions does this raise for the socialization of energy production? What strategies are EPH (MIBRAG and LEAG) in particular pursuing in eastern Germany? What are their business strategies and how do they want to ensure that current power relations remain in their favor?

Speakers:

Lemon Banhierl, Max Wilken, Andrea Dieck (communia)

Jens Hausner & Nora (Pödelwitz hat Zukunft)

Rebekka Schwarzbach (Grüne Liga)

Energy WS 2.3

From remunicipalization to socialization!

The public electricity supply has been privatized in large parts of Germany in recent decades. Remunicipalization is important in order to reverse this trend and enable a more democratic, socially and climate-friendly energy supply.

In this workshop, we therefore want to learn from the experiences of the remunicipalization campaigns "Our Hamburg, Our Grid" and the 'Berlin Energy Table'. Building on this, we will discuss together what role municipal utilities can play for a fairer and more democratic public energy supply and to what extent they are strategically suitable as a lever for a new socialization campaign.

Referent*innen:

Bernd Liefke (Hamburger Energietisch)

Selana Tzschiesche (Philosopher and Sociologist, activ with 'Berliner Energietisch')

Justus Henze (communia, Deutsche Wohnen und Co. Enteignen)

Saturday, 16.03.

Agriculture and Food WS 2.1

The struggle for land in Germany: urban-rural conflict and East-West conflict #What burns forever will eventually burn well.

The two conflicts were more or less ignored for decades - even by left-wing movements. But they have a deep impact on our society. The current farmers' protests clearly show that we need to get to grips with the land so as not to leave it to the right. Who are the allies there? How big is the conservative counter-power really? Why are investors spreading into the countryside, especially in eastern Germany, and what does this mean for rural areas? Where must urban and rural land policy join forces and how can ownership structures be meaningfully addressed? Let's reclaim land - as a living space, livelihood, food, source of life and space for a fairer society. After an introductory input by Andreas Willisch (sociologist, Thünen Institute for Regional Development) on the history and sociological classification of the conflicts, we will go into small working groups to analyze the actors and problems.

Speakers

People from the organization circle of the agriculture and food strand and various activists from agriculture and food.

Agriculture and Food WS 2.2 WS 2.2

Tönnies, Wiesenhof, Müller-Milch: Concentration of power in the animal industry and why socialization must also mean conversion

The German animal industry is highly centralized: it is dominated by a few large companies with immense market power. And they increase their profits by taking over smaller competitors, by opening up new product sectors (#veggie) and through global exports. The negative consequences for people here in Germany and in the Global South, for animals, the environment and the climate are enormous. It is high time to put an end to slaughter. In this workshop, three speakers will address key challenges for socialization struggles in the animal industry.

Speakers:

Rike Lorenz (Gemeinsam gegen die Tierindustrie)

Frederic Markert (Faba Konzepte)

Friederike Habermann (economist, historian and activist))

Saturday, 16.03.

Care 2.1

Cooperatives as an alternative in the care sector

Autonomía is the first platform cooperative (cooperative) by and for cleaners in Zurich. The cooperative enables self-determination and self-organization of the cleaners and guarantees them dignified work and good wages. The reason for the launch of Autonomía is the precarious working conditions and the resulting poverty and financial dependence of the cleaners.

In the workshop, Carmen Ulrich (founder and managing director of Autonomía) and Sabri Schumacher (co-initiator of Autonomía) will shed light on the founding and development phase of the cooperative. They will focus in particular on the challenges and opportunities that arise from collective ownership in the cleaning sector.

Speakers:

Carmen Ulrich (Autonomía)

Sabri Schumacher (Autonomía)

Care WS 2.2

Medical care: Crisis, reform and the possible paths to socialization

Healthcare is a service of general interest that must be provided to all people. However, this has been less and less true since 1985 at the latest. Laura Valentukeviciute from Gemeingut in BürgerInnenhand and Patricia Hänel from Poliklinik Syndikat analyse the complexity of economization and privatization through financing models and legal forms. They also address the question of what forms of democratization and socialization are possible. Based on the experiences of the Poliklinik Syndikat, they will analyse how we can socialize, democratize and finance hospitals and medical care centers.

Speakers:

Laura Valentukeviciute (Gemeingut in BürgerInnenhand)

Patricia Hänel (Poliklinik Syndikat)

Care 2.3.

The Berlin Hospital Movement's fight for relief and fair wages as an example of the emancipation and empowerment of employees.

What leads to change in the hospital/healthcare system? Is it a way when employees fight against the conditions caused by profit orientation and marketization in the healthcare system? How did it get this far? These and other questions will be addressed in the workshop.

Speaker: Silvia Habekost, nurse active at ver.di, Berliner Krankenhausbewegung (Berlin Hospital Movement)

Saturday, 16.03.

11:30-13:00: Workshop-Phase III

Mobility WS 3.1

We drive together!

Climate-friendly mobility and good working conditions are not contradictory. The #Wirfahrenzusammen campaign brings together climate activists and public transport employees to fight for fairly paid, climate-friendly local transport. They are calling for the expansion of public transport, especially in rural areas, affordable tickets and fair pay. In this workshop, representatives of the campaign will share and discuss their strategy of combining industrial action and campaigning for climate justice in concrete demands.

Speaker:

#Wirfahrenzusammen

Mobility WS 3.2

Stop the thief! Socialize VW!

"The first VW streetcar leaves the factory!" was the headline in the Braunschweig Spiegel following an action by the Amsel44 group in Wolfsburg, which was later picked up by the Frankfurter Rundschau. Their goal: to socialize VW and convert the car manufacturer. Instead of SUVs, streetcars and buses are to be produced to support the climate-friendly conversion of the transport system. In doing so, they are attacking the largest industrial company in Europe: The prosperity of VW and its owner Wolfgang Porsche builds on almost 100 years of history in Wolfsburg - from forced labor under National Socialism to the plan for the mega electric car factory today. Since August 2022, the activists have been campaigning to put the Wolfsburg plant at the service of mobility for all and to transfer it from the hands of the Porsche family to democratic structures.

The basis: The VW law with the best opportunities for co-determination in Germany; the power of IG Metall with its high level of organization and statutory goal of transferring key industries into public ownership.

In this workshop we will discuss creative protest, conversion and the work of activists in and with companies.

Speakers:

Eva (VW für alle/Amsel 44)

Tobi (VW für alle/Amsel 44)

Mobility WS 3.3

"How to occupy your factory" - learning from the occupation of the GKN factory in Florence

In 2021, the multinational automotive supplier GKN laid off all employees at its factory in Campi Bisenzio near Florence. The factory has been occupied ever since. The factory collective Collettivo di fabbrica, made up of employees, their families and supporters, is working to convert the factory. They want to take over the site and "reindustrialize" it for new, climate-friendly production. To achieve their goal, they have to prevail against the regional government and the car manufacturer GKN and are dependent on international solidarity. The factory is due to be vacated by the end of 2023 - the collective is planning to reoccupy it.

In this workshop, activists from the Collettivo di fabbrica will share their experiences of the occupation and discuss their plans for a climate-friendly conversion of the factory.

Speakers:

German solidarity structure for the Collettivo di fabbrica

Saturday, 16.03.

Energy WS 3.1

Expropriate RWE & Co.! Take what is rightfully ours!

The discussion about the socialization of our energy production, distribution and trading systems was for a long time only a scientific-theoretical one. Until RWE & Co. Enteignen appeared on the scene and began to translate the ideas into practice. Originating from the climate justice movement around the struggles for Hambach Forest, it is the first concrete socialization campaign in the energy sector.

What is the current status of the campaign? What next steps are planned? And what strategic challenges does it face?

Speakers:

RWE & Co. Enteignen

Energy WS 3.2

Social heat transition now! Climate justice movement meets tenants' movement

Rising rents, inefficient and largely fossil-based energy consumption, rising energy prices: The cross-cutting issue "Social heating transition now!" brings together the demand for the socialization of Deutsche Wohnen and Co. with the call for the socialization of RWE, Vattenfall and Co. The building sector is responsible for around 40% of greenhouse gas emissions in Germany. Many tenants increasingly need half of their income to pay their monthly rent and the costs of urgently needed ecological renovations are also at risk of being passed on to tenants under the current balance of power. Ecological modernization is thus being played off against our basic needs.

How can climate and tenant struggles be linked via the heating transition? What can the tenant and climate justice movements learn from each other and can energy and warm rent-neutral renovations be fought for through socialization?

Speakers:

Lisa Wagner & Leonie Hanewinkel (Initiative Soziale Wärmewende)

Tanja Rakočević (Kiezprojekt)

Lukas Theune (DWE Klima AG)

Energy WS 3.3

Trade unions as allies for socialization struggles in the energy sector!?

The socialization of our energy production implies a fundamental democratization of the associated production, distribution and administration systems. Trade unions represent the interests of workers, whose expertise and organization will be essential for the question of socialization and democratization, as well as for the necessary expansion and conversion of new, renewable energy systems and the phasing out of harmful fossil energy production. But at what point is the discourse within the trade unions on socialization struggles? How can we fight together with trade unions not only for better working conditions, but also for the social appropriation of the means of production in the energy sector?

Speakers:

Max Strötzel (IG Metall)

Saturday, 16.03.

Agriculture and Food WS 3.1

Learning from each other: Organizing for the uprisings of the earth

Les Soulèvements de la Terre - the "Uprisings of the Earth" - are successfully protesting in France against destructive industrial infrastructure and for social justice. They are fighting for the preservation of - and fair access to - basic necessities of life such as water and land. The movement is characterized by a strong base that connects over 100,000 small farmers, trade unionists, residents of contested territories and left-wing progressive forces across the country. They coordinate in an umbrella organization and develop a nationwide capacity for action and intervention. Despite state repression, the "Uprisings of the Earth" have still not been banned or broken and stand as a shining example of collective resistance. At the end of a two-week tour through Germany, we welcome the French comrades to the conference. We look forward to an instructive exchange about similarities and differences in the respective strategies and contexts.

Speakers:

Activists from Soulèvements de la terre

Please note:

The workshop will be held in French with interpretation.

agriculture and food WS 3.2

No socialization without workers and good working conditions

The miserable working conditions in agriculture, the animal industry and the food system are widely known. Buzzwords such as meat factory, asparagus cutting, delivery service and supermarket checkout are emblematic of the exploitation of workers, often migrants or refugees, and precarious employment conditions. Long supply chains often conceal what food really costs.

A just transformation of agriculture and food must aim to abolish the exploitation of workers. In this workshop, we will highlight individual examples of the interplay between social movements and labor struggles. We will take up the question of which common demands form the prerequisites for joint socialization struggles and what a joint struggle could look like.

Speakers:

Comrades from Spanish labor struggles

Saturday, 16.03.

Care WS 3.1

Connecting care struggles: Cooperation between trade unions and activism

Yanira Wolff from ver.di and activists from the feminist strike alliance Freiburg share their experiences of alliance work between trade unions, activists and workers. What are the most important essences from their joint struggles? How have the different perspectives of the alliance partners learned from and complemented each other? Together we will ask ourselves what we can derive from these experiences for socialization in the care sector.

Speakers:

Yanira Wolf (ver.di)

Activists from the feminist strike alliance

Care WS 3.2

Healthcare for all means: Fighting for access! Building caring spaces!

Access to healthcare is restricted and permeated by racism, classism and hate against queer, trans* and inter* people. Activists from different communities have been fighting for a long time to change this: Be it by setting up their own structures and spaces, accompanying people to medical visits or sharing their experiences. Together with activists from Women in Exile & Friends and casa kuà (tbc), we want to look into this: What are the needs and demands in the communities? Where is care structurally denied? And to what extent do the projects in which activists are involved change access to care?

All of this merges into the question: From which needs of people without secure residence status and queer, trans*inter*non-binary people must struggles in the care sector be envisioned? How can we work together to advance socialization struggles in the care sector by taking into account power relations?

>> This workshop will be held in English

Saturday, 16.03.

Care WS 3.3

How do we feministically expropriate a shopping center?

We want to socialize care work. This means understanding the local social space as a space for action: Our goal is the socio-ecological transformation towards a caring city! We see care centers in our neighbourhoods as an important starting point for this. Care centers are places of local support for caregivers who perform paid and unpaid care and cycle work. In order to secure such projects in the long term, they must be taken out of the hands of private owners.

While the care crisis is intensifying and projects oriented towards the common good are struggling to survive everywhere, more and more shopping centers from Düsseldorf to Munich to Cottbus are simply falling empty. In Berlin-Treptow, the almost completely empty "ParkCenter" shopping mall is to be partially demolished and replaced with new buildings. It is clear to us that this would not only be an ecological mistake, but also a social one. Instead of even more offices, we want to use the space that is available for local and community-oriented care. Care centers should be adapted to the local needs of the neighborhood and the development of the centers should take place in a participatory manner with the local people.

In the workshop, we will share our thoughts and initial experiences/approaches from our work and report on historical and international examples of the de-privatization and radical reorganization of care work. Against this background, we want to work with you to develop strategies and paths for the socialization of care work and shopping centers.

Speakers:

Campaign shopping malls to care centers

15:00-15:20: Joint start to the afternoon

15:30-19:00: Practical phases I and II

On Saturday afternoon we come to the core of the weekend: We work together on strategies for climate-just socialization in the strand of our choice! This phase will be moderated by people from the organizing group or by external experts. The content of these practical phases is based on the topics from the workshops that have already taken place on Friday and Saturday. If you have further campaign or action ideas that have not been discussed so far, you are welcome to bring them here.

Sunday, 17.03.

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10:00-10:15: Joint start in the day

10:15-10:45: Meeting in the project groups

**11:00-12:00: presentation of ideas in the the 4
strands**

12:00-13:00: Feedback for the project ideas

13:00-13:45: Lunch

14:00-15:00: Meeting in the project groups

15:00-15:30: Conclusion and outlook