Oppressions and constraints on academic freedom and freedom of expression have been intensifying all over the world with the acceleration of right-wing populist politics enforced by states. Defending freedom of speech, criticizing the state politics against human rights violence and telling the truths is a part of academic responsibility. Since January 2016, a group of academics, Academics for Peace, of Turkey have gone through many various types of repressions by their own state because of fulfilling their academic responsibilities and raising voices against the war politics of the state.

The experiences of Academics for Peace group are not consequences of one single state’s anti-democratic politics rather a long-standing story of precarization and neo-liberal politics of the world system and need to be discussed in academia all over the world. That is why, with this workshop it is not only aimed that sharing the experiences of Turkish academics but also discussing different aspects of state politics against academic freedom and finding ways of organization and solidarity together with colleagues from different academic grounds.

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First Day/ Opening
12:00 - 12:30  Registration
12:30 - 13:00  Opening Remarks
Prof. Rolf van Dick (Vice President, Goethe University)

First Session
13:00 - 14:30  Survival Strategies during the time of oppressions: Solidarity Academies
Moderator  Zeynep Kıvılcım (Solidarity Academy in Germany)
Gizem Yılmaz  „Kampüssüzler- Academics with No Campus”
Günizi Kartal  „The Solidarity Academies in Turkey: What is next?” (Solidarity Academies Coordination)
Coşku Çelik  „In Search for an Academy beyond the Institutional Borders: Ankara Academy for Solidarity” (Ankara Solidarity Academy (ADA))
30 minutes  Questions and answers
14:30 -15:00  Coffee Break

Second Session
15:00 -16:30  Flexibility, Precarization and Uncertainty in Academia
Moderator  Vanessa Eileen Thompson (Goethe University)
Kira Kosnick  „Turning the tables on integration into German academia: navigating feudal relics and neoliberal restructuring” (Goethe University)
Alexander Gallas  „The Proliferation of Precarious Labour in Academia” (Kassel University)
Tebessüm Yılmaz  „Unbearable Lightness of Being an Outsider: Decolonizing Academia” (Humboldt University)
30 minutes  Questions and answers
16:30 -17:00  Coffee Break

Third Session  17:00-18:30  State, Economy and Academia
Moderator  Aslı Telli (Siegen University)
Begüm Başdaş  „Academic Freedoms at Risk: A Global Challenge beyond the Universities” (Amnesty International)
Eylem Çamuroğlu  „The Boundaries of Academic Freedom in Neoliberal Times” (Bayreut University)
Melehat Kutun  „Academy and the State in Recent Politics of Turkey” (Kassel University, ICDD)
19:30    Dinner

Second Day/ Morning Session
09:30-12:30  FORUM
Possibilities of and strategies for International Organization and Solidarity
Representatives  GEW, ASTA, PhD Students Initiative, Unter_Bau, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation Hessen, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation