

Oppressions and constraints on academic freedom and freedom of expression has 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.

Please register for the conference until May 4th by sending an e-mail to bilge.coemert@outlook.de, Subject: Academic Freedom Conference

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STRUGGLING FOR ACADEMIC

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18-19 May, Goethe-University

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 Gizem Yılmaz Günizi Kartal	Zeynep Kılıncım (Solidarity Academy in Germany) „Kampüssüzler- Academics with No Campus“ „The Solidarity Academies in Turkey: What is next?“ (Solidarity Academies Coordination)
Coşku Çelik (ADA) 30 minutes	„In Search for an Academy beyond the Institutional Borders: Ankara Academy for Solidarity“ (Ankara Solidarity Academy)
14:30 -15:00	Questions and answers Coffee Break

Second Session

15:00 -16:30	Flexibility, Precarization and Uncertainty in Academia
Moderator Kira Kosnick	Vanessa Eileen Thompson (Goethe University) „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 Begüm Başdaş	Aslı Telli (Siegen University) „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

FORUM

09:30-12:30	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