



## Youth for Peace (Conference)

# Navigating the crossroads: Europe's struggle between activism and resignation

At a time of rapid social change, Europe finds itself at a crossroads between activism and resignation, facing a variety of experiences and challenges that shape its political and social landscape. The conference explores the intricate web of different dynamics and addresses three central themes: the subtle threat of propaganda, the resilient response to political and social challenges, and the delicate balance between activism and resignation.

The 2024 European elections will be influenced by these developments. The citizens of Europe are called upon to elect a new European Parliament. As the directly elected body of the European Union, the European Parliament plays a central role in shaping the policies that affect the lives of millions of people. By actively participating in the elections, citizens contribute to the democratic fabric of Europe and ensure that their voices are heard and their concerns are taken into account in the decisions that shape the future of the continent.

The presentations, panel discussions and interactive workshops will serve as a platform for different perspectives and encourage participants to think critically, challenge assumptions and explore innovative approaches.

The conference is also intended to motivate a high turnout for the European Parliament elections in June 2024



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**Thursday, 23 May 2024 10:00-18:00**

**Propaganda - A too obvious threat to democracy in Europe? |**

*Propaganda - eine allzu offensichtliche Bedrohung für die Demokratie in Europa?*

Until 9:30h	<b>Breakfast for participants accommodated at EAB   Frühstück für die Teilnehmenden mit Übernachtung in der EAB</b>
10:00 – 11:00h	<b>Conference opening and introduction to the programme   Eröffnung der Konferenz und Einführung in das Programm</b> RENATE KREKELER-KOCH, EAB
11:00 – 11:30h	<b>Elections - A challenge for democracy?   Wahlen – eine Herausforderung für die Demokratie?</b> Keynote (digital) CHANTAL KOPF (Spokesperson for European policy B90/Grüne) Member of German Parliament   <i>Mitglied des Deutschen Bundestags</i>
11:30 – 13:00h	<b>Propaganda on Demand   Propaganda auf Knopfdruck</b> DR. ANNA LITVINENKO Institute for Media and Communication Studies, Freie Universität Berlin
13:00 – 14:00h	<b>Lunch   Mittagsimbiss</b>
14:00 – 14:30h	<b>Break   Pause</b>
14:30 – 15:30h	<b>Propaganda in times of war   Propaganda in Zeiten von Krieg</b> Input PROF. DR. GERNOT WOLFRAM Macromedia Hochschule Berlin
15:30 – 16:00h	<b>Coffee break   Kaffeepause</b>
16:00 – 18:00h	<b>In-depth interactive workshops   Vertiefung in interaktiven Workshops</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MARTHA STOLZE, Weizenbaum Institut: <b>Decoding Russian propaganda</b>   Russische Propaganda entschlüsseln (working language English)</li> <li>2. PROF. DR. GERNOT WOLFRAM: <b>Education or Emotions? Challenges of civic education</b>   <i>Bildung oder Emotionen? Herausforderungen an die politische Bildung</i> (working language English)</li> <li>3. BEQË CUFAJ, Author and journalist: <b>Wahrheit im Schatten: Die Mechanismen von Desinformation und Propaganda</b>   <i>Truth in the shadows: The mechanisms of disinformation and propaganda</i> (working language German)</li> </ol>

**Friday, 24 May 2024, 09:30-20:00**

**Europe between activism and resignation – European experiences and challenges |**

*Europa zwischen Aktivismus und Resignation- Europäische Erfahrungen und Herausforderungen*

Until 9:30h	<b>Breakfast for participants accommodated at EAB   Frühstück für die Teilnehmenden mit Übernachtung in der EAB</b>
9:30 – 10:00h	<b>Welcome and introduction   Begrüßung und Einführung ins Tagesthema</b> RENATE KREKELER-KOCH, EAB
10:00 – 11:00h	<b>Elections in times of war   Wahlen in Kriegszeiten</b> Intense and speedy talk DR. JAROSŁAW KUISZ Senior Fellow LibMod
11:00 – 12:30h	<b>Activism in Germany and Europe   Aktivismus in Deutschland und Europa</b> CLEMENS POLDRACK, querstadtein e.V., Deutschland and   und Reports from partner countries   <i>Berichte aus den Partnerländern</i>
12:30 – 13:30h	<b>Lunch   Mittagsimbiss</b>
13:30 – 14:00h	<b>Break   Pause</b>
14:00 - 15:00h	<b>Approaches against gender-based digital violence and disinformation  </b> <i>Digitalpolitik: Ansätze gegen genderbezogene digitale Gewalt und Desinformation</i> Input and discussion MARTHA STOLZE Weizenbaum Institut
15:00 – 15:30h	<b>Coffee break   Kaffeepause</b>
15:30 - 17:00h	<b>Open Space: From FOCUS to NEEDS to MEANS   Open Space: Vom Fokus zu Bedarfen zu Mitteln</b> Moderation: RENATE KREKELER-KOCH, EAB  Marketplace of ideas and two workshop rounds, exchange with decision makers and activists   Marktplatz der Ideen und zwei Workshop-Runden, Austausch mit Entscheidungsträger*innen und Aktivist*innen
18:30 - 20:00h (optional)	<i>(außerhalb der Förderung durch die bpb)</i> <b>Wahlkampf in Zeiten von Desinformation   Election campaigns in times of disinformation (auf Deutsch)</b> Öffentliche Veranstaltung Fishbowl   <i>Public Event Fishbowl</i> SARAH THUST Correctiv Faktencheck DR. ANASTASIA VISHNEVSKAYA-MANN Spitzenkandidatin der Berliner FDP für die Europawahl  Fortsetzung der Diskussion bei einem Getränk

**Saturday, 25 May 2024, 09:00-12:00**

**Resilience - a comparison of political and social measures in Europe |**

*Resilienz- ein Vergleich politischer und sozialen Maßnahmen in Europa*

Until 9:00h	<b>Breakfast for participants accommodated at EAB and Check-Out   Frühstück für die Teilnehmenden mit Übernachtung in der EAB und Check-Out</b>
09:00 – 09:30h	<b>Welcome and introduction   Begrüßung und Einführung ins Tagesthema</b> RENATE KREKELER-KOCH, EAB
09:30 – 10:30h	<b>Citizen participation as a means to increase democratic resilience   Bürgerbeteiligung als Mittel zur Stärkung demokratischer Resilienz</b> Input DR. ANDREY DEMIDOV Bertelsmann Stiftung
10:30 – 11:00h	<b>Coffee break   Kaffeepause</b>
11:00 – 12:00h	<b>Final remarks/Closing of the conference   Abschließende Gedanken/Schluss der Konferenz</b> RENATE KREKELER-KOCH, EAB

The working language of the conference is English, individual workshops will be held in German.

Participation in the conference is free of charge. Accommodation at the EAB is available for a fee of 70.00 euros (two nights/breakfast in a single room) or 40.00 euros (two nights/breakfast in a double room).

Please register via our homepage or by e-mail to Claudia Fedur ([cf@eab-berlin.eu](mailto:cf@eab-berlin.eu)). If you would like to take part in individual programme days/items, please indicate this in the comments field of the registration form or in your message to us.

## PROGRAM CONCEPTION

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