

Education for democratic citizenship in turbulent times Meeting and understanding in the Global Risk Society

Civic education creates encounters that would not come about without it: encounters between people and opinions, encounters with experiences and new insights. It illuminates backgrounds and offers the possibility of classification and orientation.

At the end of the day, there is the independently acting person who find out on one's own information and at the same time is informed about her or his own interests, forms an opinion and becomes a political subject.

This is currently more necessary than ever.

Encounter between persons is more necessary than ever.

But how does that work in times of Corona? Is that possible at all?

On *December 3rd 2020* we want to show that political education does not have to sit in front of a snake and be quiet like a rabbit - it can be that political education can organize encounters, make controversy possible and promote enlightened, interest-oriented political action with the help of new instruments, even under the special conditions, without having to be overwhelmed without alternatives.

In doing so, we not only want to take a sudden look at the climate crisis, international upheavals and the future of solidarity in Europe and examine the question of what this means for civic education, but also to address the question of what the current compulsion to digitalize and mediatize political communication does to civic education: can education for democratic citizenship function as a virtual format at all and what do the new digital formats mean as a space of political possibility and tension?

We want to discuss these topics with experts around the world, who will be connected and cross-linked with each other by us using the digital possibilities.

We will start at 10.00 a.m. In his opening speech, Thomas Krüger, President of the Federal Agency for Civic Education (bpb), will outline ideas on civic education in turbulent times and then be available for debate with the audience.

Starting at 1.00 p.m. we want to cast a spotlight on three forums ...

Forum I, 1.00-2.30 p.m.: Climate Rescue and Democracy

As experts* are invited:

**Elsa Benhöfer, consultant for international processes, Arbeitsgemeinschaft Frieden und Entwicklung (FriEnt)*

**Luca Samlidis, Freelance journalist & presenter, Fridays-for-Future*

**Dr. Ignacio Campino, chairman BiWiNa – BNE e.V.*

**Ms. Trang Le, Vice Director, GreenViet Biodiversity Centre, Da Nang, Vietnam*

**Dr. Elke Mannigel, international coordination of projects, OroVerde - Die Tropenwaldstiftung*

**Kathrin Schroeder, consultant for energy policy, Misereor*

Moderation: Dr. Meik Nowak, consultant, Gustav-Stresemann-Institut e.V.

Forum II, 3.00-4.30 p.m.:
World politics out of joint

As experts* are invited:

- * *Lina Kushsh, general secretary of journalist union in the Ukraine*
- * *Ophélie Omnes, young european federalist, board of mangers*
- * *Dr. Wolfgang Ressmann, chairman of Bundesverbandes Bürgermedien*
- * *Prof. Dan Walther, Wartburg College, Iowa*

Moderation: Bernd Neuendorf, journalist und state secretary retired

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Bildungsträger



Forum III, 5.00-6.30 p.m.:
Solidarity, Distributive justice, Diversity and Privileges

As experts* are invited:

- * *Dr. Jürgen Born, project leader at institut for church and society the Protestant church from Westphalia*
 - * *Andreas Christ, management edu:impact UG, leader of office Europa-Punkt Bonn*
 - * *Nejra Dedić-Demirović, director of study, auslandsgesellschaft.de Dortmund*
 - * *Mikael Leyi, Solidar, Brüssel*
 - * *Serge Palasie, specialist promoter for escapet, Migration and Development, One World-National network North Rhine-Westphalia*
- Presentation: Holger-Michael Arndt, Management CIVIC GmbH - Institute for International Education*

Final round, 7.00-8.30 p.m.:
Digitization as an opportunity/mediatization as a challenge for civic education

As experts* are invited:

- * *Thammo Draeseke, consultant GSI/z.Zt. Projektleiter bei GEA*
- * *Dr. Guido Hitze, Head of the State Agency for Civic Education*
- * *Ulrika Engler, Head of the State Center for Political Education in Lower Saxony*
- * *Barbara Menke, Federal Executive Director for Work and Life, Chairwoman of the Federal Committee for Political Education (bap)*
- * *Dr. Helle Becker, Transfer Office for Political Education, Essen*

As moderator, Ms Kerstin Pettenkofer (*Sustainable at Work*) will accompany you through the day.

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The event will be simultaneously translated (German-English-French-Spanish)