

International Coordinating Committee Anti-Nato Protests made tangible

This is why we demonstrate

Dear colleagues and friends,

this newspaper insert is composed to help you to orientate yourself around the diverse actions and events of the peace movement in Strasbourg and Baden-Baden. It shall guide you peacefully through a profoundly hostile city. The responsibility of this absence of peace rests with those who utilize the instrument 'war' to secure their political and economic power and interests.

Strasbourg – unlike any other city – stands for centuries of bellicose conflicts between the ruling elites of Germany (under different names) and France.

In Spring 2009 this dignified, historical and picturesque city may go down in history as a symbol for peace, if well if the powerful of the world would decide to dissolve NATO, end their wars and restructure their budget from the gigantic military spending to financing the solutions of the global challenges of our time.

Unfortunately we – the peace movement from 30 different countries, unionists, and activists from different social movements – are not strong enough to force the the rulers to these political decisions – yet.

Remaining is our moral and political protest against the institution 'war'. This norm needs to be abolished like torture and slavery were officially ostracized after a long historical struggle. The fact that the same forces which still act belligerent continuously utilize these means only amplifies the need of our protests.

We oppose the contemporary NATO – wars; especially

the war in Afghanistan. The US President's decision to increase the occupying troops is unwarrantable. For this sorely afflicted country peace firstly demands withdrawal of all occupying troops – this is the demand of the majority of the Afghan people and the world's opinion.

Peace and NATO are antagonistic contradictions: peace is only possible against and without NATO and peace makes NATO needless.

Therefore the creation and the invention of new and old enemy stereotypes as well as the development of new strategies and concepts which condition war are the purpose of NATO: the climax of this war strategy is the installment of the nuclear first strike doctrine.

We do reject this new NATO strategy! 60 years of NATO are more than enough for us. We demonstrate in Strasbourg for a peaceful and just world.

Also we want to set an example of this new world and we want to show it to the world, despite the superiority of the police and security forces in Strasbourg. The budget of the police operation would suffice to eradicate malaria globally.

We are the representatives of this better world even if we might get provoked and intimidated. Martin Luther King's and Mahatma Gandhi's will for peace gives us peace, strength, and endurance to act tremendously, strikingly, and peacefully for our big aim.

Within the meaning of democracy we are the alternative to the bellicose poli-



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tics which has to hide in a armed fortress.

Peace always fights with an open visor, with arguments and a long breath.

In spite of it all we wish you eventful hours with lots of friends in Strasbourg; arrive back home strengthened.

Peace needs our commitment – in Strasbourg as well as everywhere in this world.

Greetings

Arielle Denis and Reiner Braun

Demonstration

Manifestation: 4th of April, 13 h

Starting Point: close to the Europe Bridge on the French side of the Rhine

Speakers:

Malalai Joya, Afghanistan

Leyla Zana, Turkey

Noam Chomsky, USA (Video)

as well as other speakers of the peace and social movements

Moderation: Arielle Denis und Reiner Braun

Cultural Program:

Konstantin Wecker

Hannes Wader

Margarita Theodorakis with three members of the Theodorakis Orchestra
Schröder Roadshow

Moderation: Diether Dehm

**Easter March BaWü 2009:
From Kehl to Strasbourg**

11 h Opening Manifestation, Marketplace, Kehl

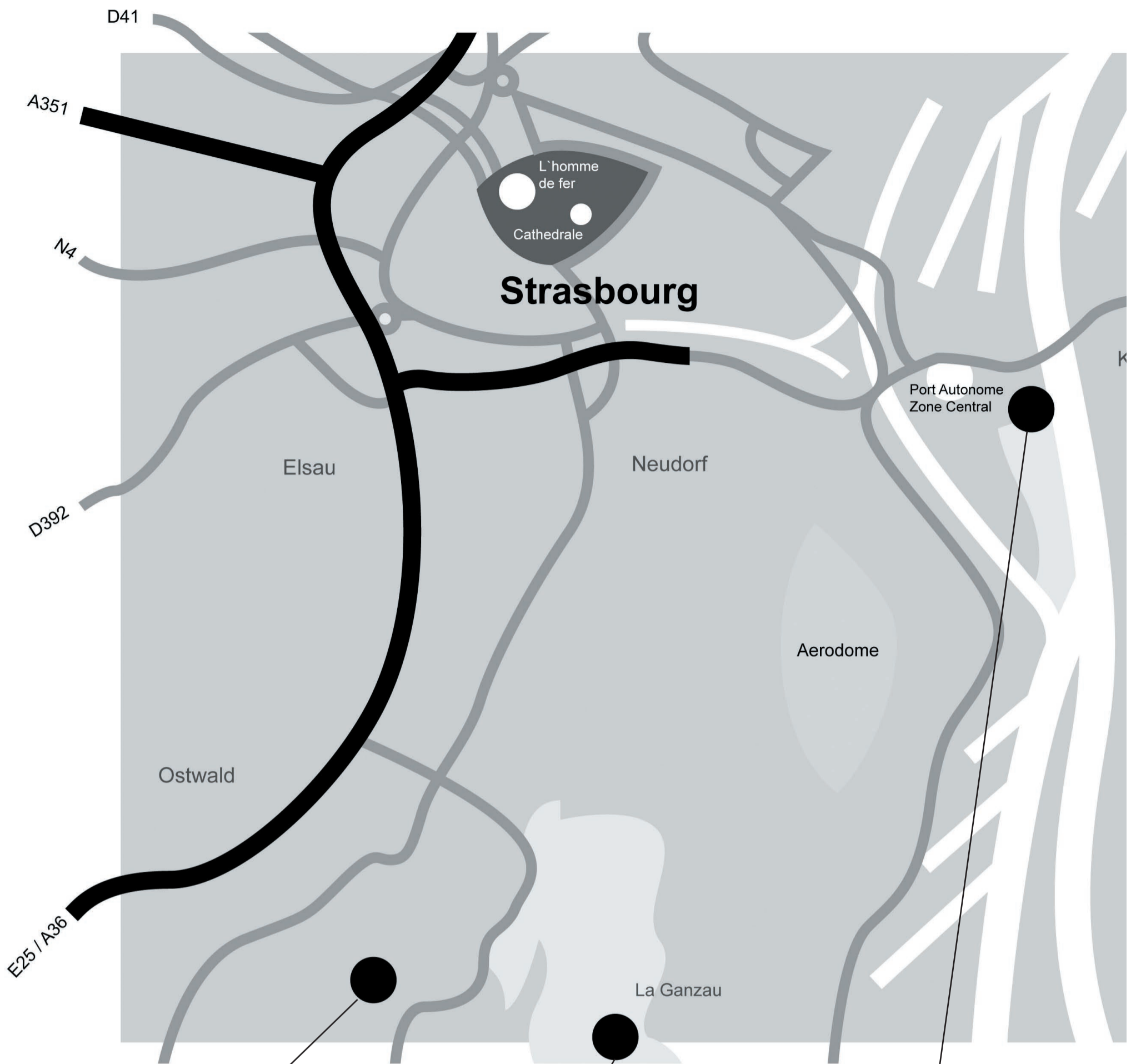
11:30 h Demonstration to the Europe Bridge

12 h Manifestation at the Europe Bridge "Friendship of the people, not military chumminess"

12:30 h Easter March to the Anti-Nato-Demo in Strasbourg

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Location of the actions and the protests

International Congress "No to NATO – No to War"

Illkirch-Graffenstaden, Centre Sportif,
24, Rue Lixenbuhl

Friday, April 3rd (from 10 h) and Sunday, April 5th

The international congress shall serve the analysis of the policy and strategy of NATO, the discussion on alternatives, and the long term planning of actions of the peace movement.

Initial infos: <http://www.no-to-nato.org/en/congress-3-5409/>

Contact/ Infos: IALANA, Reiner Braun, eMail of the Congress group: kongress@ialana.de, Registration: registration@ialana.de

International Camp / Village

207 Rue de la Ganzau,
Strasbourg-Neuhof

Monday, April 1st to Sunday April 5th

Opening ceremony on April 1st at 18 h

The international camp can accommodate up to 5000 people. Besides accommodation the Village will offer an extensive cultural program including cinema and music on several small stages.

Registration/ Contact: natogipfel2009@riseup.net

International Demonstration "No to War – No to NATO" in Strasbourg

Saturday, April 4th

Start: 13 h close to the Europe Bridge on the French side of the Rhine.

Bus parking available on Rue du Havre

The Easter March Baden- Württemberg leads from Kehl to Strasbourg on April 4th. Opening Manifestation: 11 h, Marketplace Kehl. Infos: <http://www.friedensnetz.de>

Afterwards: demonstration into the inner city of Strasbourg. The location of the closing ceremony and further details of the route are still being negotiated with the Prefecture.

Information, addresses, contacts

Practical suggestions

International Conference Registration

registration@ialana.de

Getting there

Illkirch-Graffenstaden, Centre Sportif, 24, Rue Lixenbuhl TRAM A, station: Campus Illkirch

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Camp / Village Registration

natogipfel2009@riseup.net

Getting there

207 Rue de la Ganzau (Strasbourg-Neuhof) TRAM C, Stop: Rodolph Neuss, continue with Bus 40 to Neuhof/Ganzau

Further information about the camp:

Charge for accommodation per night in the camp: 5 Euro

Contact

+ 49 (0) 160 951 80 651
camporga@riseup.net

Baden-Baden April 2nd, 18 h, in front of Festspielhaus

Manifestation of the Anti-Nato Coalition Baden-Baden with speakers of the international peace movement

Contact

info@antinatobuendnisbad.de

Demonstration April 3rd Opening Manifestation 11 h, Start 12 h,

Rheiner Landstr/Ooser Bahnhofstr.

Contact

Monty Schädel,
mail@montyschaedel.de

Blockades, April 3rd

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Getting there

www.attac.de/aktuell/nato/bus-boerse/

Bus parking available on Rue du Havre

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www.friedenslok.org/

Legal Team

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April 4th: Civil Disobedience against the NATO summit in Strasbourg

Block-NATO

It is intended to effectively block the NATO summit by seizing the access roads in Strasbourg in the morning of the 4th of April, thereby cutting off the summit's meeting place of its infrastructure. For this purpose there will be several blockade points in the form of different actions which can only be successful when enacted conjointly.

Info: info@block-nato.org

Web: www.block-nato.org

NATO-ZU

Non-violent organizations and groups from the peace movement have aligned in order to realize one of the planned blockade points on April 4th in Strasbourg.

Info: kontakt@nato-zu.de

Web: www.nato-zu.de

Please come to the Camp early (from 1st of April on) to be able to participate in action training sessions!

Cultural Program of the Camp in Strasbourg from April 1st to April 5th

Wednesday, April 1th 16-23 Uhr	Thursday, April 2nd 19-22 Uhr	Friday, April 3rd 19-22 Uhr	Saturday, April 4 th 21-24 Uhr	Every Day
Fidl Kunterbunt www.myspace.com/fidlkunterbunt	D'onderhand www.myspace.com/donderhond	Skwattack skwattack.free.fr/	Bobby Sixkillers www.myspace.com/bobbysixkillers	Samba-Group
Paul Geigerzähler www.myspace.com/geigerzaehler	Pebblestones www.pebblestones.de	egopilot profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewProfile&friendID=283489222	Laplacedukif www.myspace.com/laplacedukif	Open- Air Cinema
Guts Pie Earshot www.myspace.com/gutspieearshot	Skannibal Schmitt www.myspace.com/skannibalschmitt	putschversuch www.myspace.com/putschversuch	Chaoze One & Lotta C www.chaoze-one.de/ www.myspace.com/lottac	Street Artists
		Flying Donuts www.myspace.com/flyingdonuts	Mala Suerte www.myspace.com/lesmalas	Painters
			Indika www.myspace.com/indika67	Fire Performance
				Mobile Vans and Stages
				Percussion- Group
				Techno Tent

Appeal agreed to in Stuttgart, Germany, October 5th, 2008

No to war - No to NATO

On the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of the NATO military organisation, we appeal to all people to come to Strasbourg and Baden-Baden 2009, to protest against NATO's aggressive military and nuclear policies, and assert our vision of a just world free of war.

NATO is an increasing obstacle to achieving world peace. Since the end of the Cold War, NATO has reinvented itself as a tool for military action by the "international community", including the promotion of the so-called "war on terror". In reality it is a vehicle for US-led use of force with military

bases on all continents, bypassing the United Nations and the system of international law, accelerating militarization and escalating arms expenditure – NATO countries account for 75% of global military expenditure. Pursuing that expansionist agenda since 1991, designed to advance strategic and resource interests, NATO has waged war in the Balkans, under the guise of so-called "humanitarian war", and has waged seven years of brutal war in Afghanistan, where the tragic situation is escalating and the war has expanded into Pakistan.

In Europe NATO is worsening tensions, feeding the arms race with so-called "missile defence", a massive nuclear arsenal and a nuclear first strike policy. EU policy is increasingly tied to NATO. NATO's ongoing and potential expansion into eastern Europe and beyond, and its "out of area" operations are making the world a more dangerous place. The conflict in the Caucasus is a clear indication of the dangers. Each advance of the NATO border increases the possibility of war, including the use of nuclear weapons.

To achieve our vision of a

peaceful world, we reject military responses to global and regional crises – these are part of the problem not part of the solution. We refuse to live under the terror of nuclear weapons, and reject a new arms race. We must decrease military expenditure – directing resources instead to meeting human needs. We must close down all foreign military bases. We oppose all military structures used for military intervention. We must democratise and demilitarise the relations between peoples and establish new forms of peaceful cooperation to build a more secure and just world.

We call on you to spread this message in your communities and movements, to come to Strasbourg and Baden-Baden and to make this vision a reality. We believe that a world of peace is possible.

No to war - No to NATO. The activities during the anti-NATO protest will include a demonstration on Saturday 4th April 2009, an international conference from Thursday 2nd April to 3th Friday April, direct action and civil disobedience, and an international resistance camp from Wednesday 1st April to Sunday 5th April.

International Conference

3rd April, 2009, 10:00-13:00

60 Years of NATO – 60 Years of Threats to World Peace

A critical appraisal of NATO and the development of NATO strategies

Welcome: Lysiane Rollet and Reiner Braun

Speakers:

Phyllis Bennis, USA
Tariq Ali, Pakistan/UK
Jan Tamas, Czech Republic
Bianca Jagger
Sophie Zafari, France

Moderation: Hannelore Tölke, Germany

13:00 – 20:00 Workshops

5th April, 2009, 10:00-12:00

60 Years of NATO Are More Than Enough

Speakers:

Noam Chomsky, USA (Video)
Lidia Menapace, Italy
Joseph Gerson, USA

12:30-14:00

Overcoming NATO

**A challenge for politics and the peace movement –
Regarding the relationship of political parties
and social movements**

Political Parties:

Jeremy Corbyn, UK, Labour Party
Oskar Lafontaine, Germany, Die Linke (called)
NN, Frankreich

Peace and social movements:

Arielle Denis, France
Petros Constantinou, Stop the War Coalition, Greece
Jordy Calvo, Spain

Moderation:

Kate Hudson, UK / Tobias Pflüger, Germany

14:30-16:00

Anti-War Assembly

In order to discuss and plan activities and campaigns to achieve a world without NATO all participants of the Conference are invited to present the results of the workshop

Registration

For conference registration please contact registration@ialana.de
The conference is organized by activists for activists, we ask you to support our conference.

Voluntary conference fee: 10 Euro

For stall registration please contact: kongress@ialana.de
Stall fee: 10 Euro per 2 m table per day

Venue

Centre Sportif Lixenbuhl, 24, Rue Lixenbuhl,
67400 Illkirch-Graffenstaden, France

Workshops: 3rd April, 2009

13.00-15.00 Uhr

Resistance to the Military

Resistance in the Military. Anti-recruitment, conscientious objectors and deserters in Europe and resistance by soldiers on active-duty in the military

War Resisters International, War Resisters League, Deutsche Friedensgesellschaft – Vereinigte KriegsdienstgegnerInnen

Room: 1 C 1

Resistance in the Middle East

Bringing together anti-war activists from the west with those opposing imperialism in the region Israel and NATO. Which strategy in Palestine and in the Middle East?

Stop the War Coalition; NAP

Room: 1 C 2

NATO = Security? Gender Question

Militarization in EU and NATO countries adds to human insecurity and imposes heavy costs on women and on everyday life.

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; Women in Black against War; Women and Life on Earth, Germany

Room: 1 V 3

Reviewing NATO Nuclear Strategy

No Nukes Are Good Nukes. Different influences on the nuclear doctrines of the US and UK, strategic review and how it is likely to proceed, with a view to exerting our own influence on it as NGOs.

IPPNW, CND, INES and IALANA

Room: 1 V 2

60 Years of NATO Strategy

Continuity and change

Bundesausschuss Friedensratschlag, Germany

Room: 1 V 1

NATO, Russia and the Enlargement to the East

Round Table with speakers from Russia, Ukraine, Georgia and Armenia

Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, Deutscher Friedensrat, Peace Committee of Georgia, Armenian Association for Peace and Friendship, Deutsche Friedensgesellschaft – Vereinigte KriegsdienstgegnerInnen

Room: 1 R

NATO, European Union and the Lisbon Treaty

Informationsstelle Militarisierung, Germany; CAEUC, Ireland; Parti de Gauche, France; European Left

Room: 1 B

15:30-17:30

Ecology and War

Environmental problems as a reason for war and the impact of war on the environment

Grüne Jugend, Germany

Room: 2 C 1

Saying No to War and Occupation

Soldiers from NATO countries will describe the day-to-day realities of occupation in Iraq and Afghanistan

Americans Against the War; France; Iraq Veterans Against the War; Europe

Room: 2 C 2

Globalisation, Crisis and NATO

Die Linke SDS; Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Germany

Room: 2 V 3

US Aggression towards Russia in Europe

US missile defence bases and NATO expansion in the east

Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, UK; Mouvement de la Paix, France; Ne Zakladnam, Czech Republic; Stop Wojnie, Poland; Die Linke, Germany

Room: 2 V 2

Responsibility to Protect

A new justification for war deployments

Fellowship of Reconciliation, Germany

Room: 2 V 1

Collective Security versus NATO

New architecture of safety worldwide

Kooperation für den Frieden, Germany; International Peace Bureau

Room: 2 R

The NATO Bombing of Yugoslavia 1999

A precedent for the global imperialist role of NATO.

World Peace Council, Deutscher Friedensrat, Portuguese Council for Peace and Cooperation, European Peace Forum, Greek Committee for International Peace and Détente, Czech Peace Movement, Turkish Peace Association, Cyprus Peace Council, Canadian Peace Congress, US Peace Council

Room: 2 B

18:00-20:00

The NATO Bombing of Yugoslavia 1999

(Continued!)

Room: 3 B

NATO and the Protection of the Security of Energy Resources of the Member Countries

Surveillance OTAN

Room: 3 C 1

Capitalist Crises

NATO Strategies and the Revolutionary Struggle against Imperialism

Gruppe Arbeitermacht

Room: 3 C 2

Der Krieg der NATO in NATO's War in Afghanistan

Why is Afghanistan so important for NATO? A peace and women's rights' activist from Afghanistan will introduce the workshop together with activists from Europe

Bundesausschuss Friedensratschlag, Germany; Justicia i Pau Barcelona; Stop the War Barcelona; Die Linke BAG Frieden und Internationale Politik, Germany

Room: 3 V 1

Lobbying of Armies in Schools

Militaries using and supporting research results in public universities

European Network of Democratic Young Left, Linksjugend [solid]; Mouvement des Jeunes Communistes; Mlodzi Socialisti

Room: 3 V 2

Bye Bye NATO Bases

How to get rid of them: from referendums to civil disobedience, and much more

International No Bases Network, Netzwerk gegen Militärbasen und ihre Auswirkungen, Germany, Japanese Peace Committee, Stop the War Coalition, Greece

Room: 3 V 3