

End all colonialism!

Recognition, Resistance, Reparations

In countless places, people have risen up against oppression and communities have defended themselves against enslavement, serfdom, and exploitation—through disobedience, through the establishment of alternative forms of coexistence, politics, and economic activity, and through violent uprisings. Those in power have often compared this resistance to a many-headed hydra: no sooner has one head been cut off than two new ones grow back. According to the legend, the hydra was fought by Hercules, the same Hercules who towers over the city of Kassel as a landmark on the Wilhelmshöhe. In this sense, Hercules symbolizes the ruling classes, who try to crush and divide any resistance. The 40th BUKO Congress is intended to be a place of exchange and networking, where knowledge, criticism, and social struggles are brought together to strengthen the many-headed Hydra!

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Even though the era of colonialism appears to be over and anti-colonial struggles have led to formal independence in most countries, its impact continues to shape the world to this day. This is evident in the form of persistent global inequality and neocolonial exploitation, asymmetrical political power relations, and, not least, in thinking, knowledge hierarchies, as well as everyday and structural racism.

BUKO40 will not be an academic conference, even though academic actors are invited. In addition to lectures and workshops, there will also be a film program and spaces for informal exchange and debate. The congress aims to become an interface between academia and political activism. Networking will also play an important role. Since exchanges often take place between events, it is important to us to organize a setting in which we can all feel comfortable. We welcome any support for the realization of the BUKO40, both financial and practical. Ultimately, the BUKO40 will be what we all make of it!

- Would you like to attend the congress? You can find the registration form on the website: buko40.buko.info/anmeldung
- Do you need a place to sleep or can offer one in Kassel? Feel free to contact the Schlafplatzbörse: schlafplatzBUKO40@buko.info
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