

MOBILIZE!

International Activism Conference

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International Workshop Conference

Energize, Polarize, Mobilize! Human Rights. Participation. Activism. Internet.

Fr, March 22nd, 2013, 9.30 – 9.00 pm, Berlin

The spread of digital technologies has given new opportunities to activists around the world. At the same time they can also be the cause of new threats to activists and people using digital media for political communication or mobilization.

Successful campaigning and political action requires knowledge of digital technologies and social media, as well as skills in communication strategies and creative forms to express a message.

Together with our main partners Digitale Gesellschaft e.V., Reporters without Borders e.V. and Mädchenmannschaft we will attempt to answer the question: «What are the tools and trends, the opportunities and challenges for activism in 2013?» both on a theoretical and practical level and also both online and offline.

A one day conference will deal with the central issues of online and offline activism in 2013 as well as introduce the current debate on the three main issues:

- Human Rights and Freedom of Expression
- Internet Freedom vs. Regulation
- Gender Democracy, Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation

Expert speakers and the invited activists will present these topics in presentations and panel discussions. The conference will be open to the public and press.

Guests will be activists from **Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Jordan, Kenya, Palestine, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Sudan, Thailand, Tunisia, Ukraine and Yemen.**

Speakers:

Reem Al-Masri, 7-iber — **Markus Beckedahl**, Digitale Gesellschaft e.V. — **Robert Dürhager**, Oxfam Deutschland e.V. — **Vera Franz**, Open Society Foundations — **Ralf Fücks**, Heinrich Böll Foundation — **Barbara Lochbihler**, Member of the Green Party / EFA group — **Christian Mihr**, Reporters without Borders e.V. — **Borka Pavicevic**, Centre for Cultural Decontamination — **Nanjira Sambuli**, New media strategist and consultant — **Matthias Spielkamp**, irights.info — **Maya Indira Ganesh**, Tactical Technologie Collective — **Barbara Unmüßig**, Heinrich Böll Foundation — **Jillian York**, Electronic Frontier Foundation — **Jérémie Zimmermann**, La Quadrature du Net

A live stream of the conference will be available on our website: <http://www.boell.de/stream>

- 9:30 Opening for registration
- 10:00 **«The Hungarian Orange»**
Installation by Artur van Balen, Tools for action
- 10:30 Opening of Conference
MC's Geraldine de Bastion & Christian Römer
«The singing pool», Musical action with
Pascal von Wroblewsky, Germany
- 11:00 Key Note: Jillian York, EFF
- 11:30 **Translating Activism into political Action**
How to transport online protest into real political action.
Panel:
Markus Beckedahl, Digitale Gesellschaft
Ralf Fücks, Heinrich Böll Foundation
Katarzyna Szymielewicz, Panoptykon Foundation
Moderation: Julia Scherf, Heinrich Böll Foundation
- 12:30 **Barriers and Dangers: How to deal with repression, censorship and surveillance**
A brief overview of the current techniques and tools used for surveillance and censorship will be presented. Ways for activists to protect themselves against these techniques will be discussed.

Panel:
Christian Mihr, Reporter ohne Grenzen
Jérémie Zimmerman, La Quadrature du Net
Maya Indira Ganesh, Tactical Technologie Collective
Reem Al-Masri, 7iber.com, Jordan

Moderation: Geraldine de Bastion
- 13:30 Lunch break
- 14:30 **Freedom of Press**
What is the global state of press freedom? How do countries rank and where are journalists under threat?

Key Note:
Matthias Spielkamp, irights.info

Commentary by:
Norbert Pálfi, Hungary
Nuriya Fatykhova, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Russia
Orapin Yingyongpatthana, iLaw, Thailand
- 15:15 **Economy of Activism**
Independence vs. need of money. What are the limits in terms of sponsorship, crowdfunding and other fundraising trends? How do activists deal with the need to stay independent but also raise money?

Panel:
Robert Dürhager, Oxfam Germany e.V.
Barbara Unmüßig, Heinrich Böll Foundation
Vera Franz, Open Society Foundations

Input & Fishbowl:
Márton Gulyás, Kretakör, Hungary*
Ahmed Asery, 3 meters away, Jemen
Tamar Gurchiani, ISFED, Georgia
Aleksandra Sekulić, CZKD, Serbia

Moderation: Cengiz Barskanmaz, HU Berlin
- 16:30 Coffee break
- 17:00 **Feminist Alliances across borders**
Global and local issues connected to gender (in)justice, women and LGBTI rights. The panelists will discuss their experiences, addressing the topic of collaboration between organisations and individual activists.

Panel:
Elizabeth Ngari, Women in Exile
Sheena Gimase Magenya, Sister Namibia, Kenya
Miss Kaewmala, thaiwomantalks.com, Thailand
Arevik Martirosyan, heghaforum, Armenia*

Moderation: Sabine Mohamed (Mädchenmannschaft)
- 18:00 **Generations of Activists**
How does a life time of activism change a person? What is the long term perspective on topics such as political impact, changes in topics, methods and effects of activism? Three women from three different generations will talk about their views on life as an activist.

Panel:
Borka Pavicevic, Centre for Cultural Decontamination, Serbia
Nanjira Sambuli, Kenya
Barbara Lochbihler, European Parliament, Brussels
- 19:00 Conference Poetry
Slamolutions!
A new way to relive the conference and let the minds fly.
MC Jabber, UK
Irina Bondas, Ukraine
Sarah Bosetti, Germany
Plus the one and only
Pascal von Wroblewsky, Germany
- 19:30 Evening programme:
Activist Chill Out & Music + Reception

Curator: Geraldine de Bastion

Project Directors: Christian Römer, Michael Stognienko, Jana Mittag, Heinrich Böll Foundation

Language English

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