

## **German-French peace meeting – first programme**

**Initiated by International Network No to War – No to NATO**

**Supported by Mouvement de la Paix (France), Collectif OTAN-Afghanistan - Non à la guerre – Non à l'OTAN (France) and Kooperation für den Frieden (Germany)**

**2013 January 19/20 in Berlin, Marienstraße 19/20, 10117 Berlin**

On January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013 the German Bundestag and the French National Assembly commonly commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Élysée contracts which constitutes the basis for the German-French friendship in the second half of the twentieth century through collective events including such in the German Bundestag in Berlin. 50 years later, this amity and peace should be solemnized. Amity between states and governments but after centuries marked by hatred and wars in the first place amity between nations. Peace and reconciliation between Germany and France is a historical achievement.

Still, there are questions, open issues and peace-jeopardizing developments at both sides that should not be forgotten nor perish.

Peace between Germany and France doesn't mean that Germany and France don't conduct war any more!

Considering the deep civilization crisis in Europe and the wars in which Europe is involved along with Germany and France, historical developments and actual challenges such as the Franco-German wars and the wars within Europe ought to be made subject of discussion.

Historically, one didn't come to terms with the role of resistance in Germany in the struggle against the barbarian German fascism; the French war of resistance (with the involvement of scattered Germans) against occupation and terror has been underexposed. German responsibility for two world wars should especially not be forgotten 50 years after signing these contracts.

We must not repress the memory of French misdeeds in the combat against the liberation and independence of Algeria and during the Indochinese war, as well as French military interventions in Africa. The peace movements of both countries stood up for peace and freedom despite being persecuted and discredited by their governments.

Latest, the greatest obstacle for peace and disarmament is the European militarization as stated in the Lisbon Treaty. The worldwide intervention policy of the European Union as in Afghanistan stands for war, sorrow and devastation all over the world. France is still a nuclear weapons power; Germany pursues policy of nuclear sharing against international law. The lesson from the world wars "war nevermore" hasn't been drawn in the government policy in Germany and France.

We must not forget: neoliberal government policy on both banks of the Rhine violates fundamental human rights at home and abroad on a daily basis.

Our event aspires to address issues which one has concealed and forgotten against dressed up festivity.

Therefore, German and French peace movement organization bid a Franco-German peace seminar.

For the first time after many years we attempt to a joint exchange of information and experience, to planning common deliberations and actions for the future which also refer to

the joint preparations for 2014, the centenary of the First World War. This event turns out to be a protest against official ceremonies. Peace, friendship between nations, disarmament and non-military conflict resolution must occupy center stage.

Saturday 19.01.2013

13:00 common small lunch

**14:00 Beginning of the Seminar**

Welcome by Lucas Wirl, Netzwerk No to war-No to NATO, International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility (Germany)

**14:10 - 17.30**

**1. Session of the meeting: 50 Years after the Elysee treaties – Challenges for the German and French peace movement**

Otmar Steinbicker, aixpaix (Germany),  
Aurélie Royon, Mouvement de la Paix (France)

17:30-18:00 Break

**18.00 -19.30**

**2. Session: Militarization of the EU and the Alternatives of the Peace movements**

**Introduction:**

Francis Wurtz, former Chair of the European Fraction GUE/NGL (France)  
Julia Pippig, International Network of Engineers and Scientists for Global Responsibility (Germany)

**20.00 Common (Buffett) dinner invited by the German Party "the Left"**

Dinner speech: Wolfgang Gehrcke (Member of Parliament, Die Linke), Jacques Fath, Head of the International Relations of the PCF (France)

Sunday 20.1.2013

**9.30- 11.30**

**3. Session**

**No to War: the preparations for the 100 years anniversary of the First World War**

**Short introductions about the discussions in the two countries**

NN Mouvement de la Paix (France), Jacques Fath, (France)  
Monty Schädel, DFG-VK (Germany), Ina Edelkraut, Friedensfestival Berlin, (Germany)  
General discussion

**11.45 -13.00**

**4. Session**

**No to War in Afghanistan: i.e. international conference in Strasburg October 2013**

Introduction: Claire Chastain, Collectif OTAN-Afghanistan - Non à la guerre – Non à l'OTAN (France), Karim Popal, Deutsch-Afghanisches Friedensnetzwerk (Germany)

Moderation: Reiner Braun, IALANA (Germany)

**13:00**

**5. Session**

**Common activities of the two movements: Conclusions and agreements**

Claire Chastain, Reiner Braun

13:30 End

Lunch

14.30 - 16.00 Sightseeing through the city of Berlin

**Organizational Details:**

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