Food Sovereignty and Conflicts  
29th March 2013  13h-1530h  
Soutenance 1

Conveners:  
Bread for the World, INES/VDW.

Speakers:  
Francisco Mari (EED)  
Kristine Karch (INES)  
N.N South

Moderation:  
Reiner Braun (VDW)

Description:  
Workshop about the challenges which the world faces concerning the global food crisis and the related threat to peace.

Numerous international reports and experts are warning against a conflict-prone and crisis-ridden future, sketching it in most drastic scenarios: water scarcity, droughts, declining biodiversity, soil degradation and erosion, fishery and ocean, unpredictable climate changes – especially the future threats to food production are manifold and producing thousands of migrants, leaving their homelands hoping to find better conditions for surviving in other regions, which are not able to provide them jobs and secure survival. Precarious social conditions increase the conflict potential, lead to exclusion, discrimination, racism and violence.

Disarmament for Sustainability  
27th March 2013  13h-1530h  
Revision Espace 2

Conveners:  
Bread for the World, INES/VDW, IPB

Speakers:  
Aurelie Royon (Mouvement de la Paix)  
Reiner Braun (VDW, IPB)  
N.N (Bread for the World).

Moderation:  
Lucas Wirl (INES)

Description:  
Workshop activity concerning the challenges for the world peace and the connection between disarmament efforts and sustainable development.

Nothing good for humankind has ever derived from military and war. Yet armament increases while human kind faces global crisis: environmental changes threaten the survival capability of our planet, immense imbalance of the distribution of resources and prosperity threatens the lives and the peaceful coexistence of many. A shift towards sustainability is needed.

The actual debate on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be presented.
“Brot für die Welt” (“Bread for the World”) is a programme of help initiated by the protestant churches in Germany. It was set up in Berlin in 1959 and since then has been the responsibility of the “Diakonische Werk”, the Social Service Agency of the Protestant Church in Germany (EKD). It works jointly with local churches and partner organizations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe on over 1,000 projects, all of which are aimed at helping people to help themselves. The motto behind our work is “justice for the poor”. Our main areas of work therein include Food, Education and Health, Violence and Democracy and HIV/Aids “Brot für die Welt” regards itself as the advocate of disadvantaged people in the countries of the Southern hemisphere.

IALANA is an international association working for the elimination of nuclear arms, the strengthening of international law and the development of effective mechanisms for the peaceful settlement of international disputes. Founded in 1988 in Stockholm, it has grown into a fully-fledged international citizens' organization with consultative status with the United Nations. IALANA has also expanded its scope of action to include efforts to abolish all types of inhumane weapons and to control the international arms trade - advancing concepts of security based on the application of law and legal mechanisms, development of non-offensive defense and implementation of confidence building measures.

INES is a multidisciplinary independent professional non-profit organization dedicated to fostering peace and sustainability. It represents scientists and engineers worldwide, either as individual members or through its member organizations. The primary aims of INES are to facilitate discussions, organize and support campaigns, organize conferences, run projects and offer critical, fact-based evidence in support of international peace and security, sustainability and – as a crucial element of it – intra- and international justice. The Federation of German Scientist (VDW) is a member organization of INES.
International Peace Bureau
www.ipb.org

The IPB was founded in 1891-92, as a result of consultations at the Universal Peace Congresses, large gatherings held annually to bring together the national peace societies that had gradually developed, from the end of the Napoleonic Wars onwards. The 300 member organizations in 70 countries, bring together expertise and campaigning experience in a common cause. They try to link different experts and campaigns working on similar issues in order to create strong civil society movements. IPB has had Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council since the 1970s. They are a Nobel Peace Laureate (1910); over the years, 13 of their officers have been recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Mouvement de la Paix
www.mvtpaix.org

Mouvement de la Paix was created in 1949 to oppose all wars and nuclear weapons and to promote a kind of international relations based on justice, democracy and cooperation between peoples. Since then, Mouvement de la Paix has acted for disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, but also against the trade and transfer of weapons and the reduction of military expenditures. Mouvement de la Paix is officially registered as ‘Youth and Education National Association’. It opposes war and it supports a global conception of peace-building through the promotion of peace culture. In 2000 one hundred twenty-eight young people together with Mouvement de la Paix brought the signatures gathered in France on the Peace Culture and Non-Violence Act at the United Nations.

No to War – No to NATO
www.no-to-nato.org

The international network No to War - no to NATO was found under this motto in Stuttgart in October 2008. More than 650 organizations from over 30 countries signed the establishing call, the “Stuttgart Appeal”. They prepared and executed the international congress, the great demonstration, the camp village and other actions of civil disobedience in Strasbourg and Baden-Baden in April 2009 against the 60th anniversary of NATO. The summit of NATO should not go along without protest, because NATO stands for war and armament, for nuclear weapons and intervention, not only in Strasbourg, also in Lisbon 2010 and in Chicago 2012.
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For almost 70 years humans are able to multiply destroy themselves and their planet. More than 20,000 nuclear warheads exist even though since almost 30 years the nuclear weapons states have the obligation to negotiate on their abolition (Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty). This workshop will inform on different arguments and actions for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

Global military intervention policy is the basis of the most expensive dinosaur of humanity - NATO. Africa plays an important role, either protecting resources and trade routes, other enforcing "regime change" in favor of Western-oriented governments. The military intervention in Libya or in Mali would not have been successful without NATO. Export of armaments and arms trade in destitute countries complete the warring engagement. An african headquarter is still searched on the continent - Stuttgart (Germany) is too far away. It is time for war-critical forces to deal more effectively with NATO policy and strategy in Africa.