Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues,

As capital is increasingly operating transnationally and in view of global challenges such as climate change, social and economic crises, the question of international solidarity poses itself time and again, both for trade unions and for other social movements. Whereas social transnationalisation processes increase the opportunities for cross-border collaboration, obstacles persist that have always impeded practical international solidarity.

The conference focuses on the opportunities for and challenges to international solidarity in the context of globalisation and social transnationalisation. In particular, it aims to close the yawning gap in the theoretical debate on the importance of international solidarity and on its foundations, prerequisites and obstacles. The discussion will take place among doctorate candidates, guests from trade union and social movement studies, as well as representatives from the world of politics. The conference will also focus on differences and similarities of trade unions and social movements, the potential and limits of coalition building, North-South solidarity and the challenges of solidarity in global production networks.

Your are invited by:
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Dr. Bettina Roß
Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences

Wednesday, 2nd April 2014

9 am
Welcome

9.30 am
Opening: International solidarity reloaded.
A comparison of trade unions and other social movements

International labour solidarity:
opportunities and obstacles
Prof. Dr. em. Richard Hyman, London School
of Economics and Political Science

International solidarity in autonomous
and non-institutionalised movements
Dr. Cristina Flesher Fominaya,
University of Aberdeen

Moderation: Dr. Catharina Schmalstieg

11.30 am
Coffee break

12 pm
Panel 1: Collective identity and emotions.
Theoretical approaches to the foundations
of international solidarity

Solidarity and emotions. The British NGO
War on Want’s Nicaragua campaign in the 1980s
Matthias Kuhnert, Ludwig Maximilian University
of Munich

Identities fostering solidarity and transnational
collective bargaining
Fabian Klein / Justus Dreyling, Free University
of Berlin

The emotional foundations of international
solidarity: injustice, oppression and the Other
Kasper Brasken, University of Turku

Prerequisites for international solidarity –
social movements as potential for trade unions
using the example of the protest movement
against Stuttgart 21
Sabine Vogel, University of Frankfurt/Main

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Space, class and worker praxis  
Prof. Dr. Andrew Herod, University of Georgia  
Does everyone die on his own? Prerequisites for und obstacles to international solidarity  
Dr. Heiner Dribbusch, the Hans Böckler Foundation’s Institute of Economic and Social Research  
Plant egoism revisited: on the prerequisites for trade union solidarity on the corporate level  
Dr. Nina Knirsch, Free University of Berlin  
Moderation: Jenny Jungehülsing |                                                                            |
| 4.30 pm | Coffee break                                                          |                                                                            |
| 5 pm  | Panel 3: The importance of the institutional context, national patterns of behaviour and common interests  
„We shall overcome“: conflicts of interest during the shipbuilding crisis of the 1970s/80s in the International Metal Workers’ Federation  
Johanna Wolf, University of Leipzig  
What opportunities? European integration as a challenge for trade unions  
Martin Seeliger, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne  
The global strike wave since 2008. An international comparison relating to transnational solidarity  
Dr. Jörg Nowak, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai  
Moderation: Dr. Susanne Schedel |                                                                            |
| 5 pm  | Panel 4: International campaigns as a strategy of trade union revitalisation  
Union revitalisation and the role of international solidarity: the case of the All Transport Workers Union in Turkey  
Barış Erdem Gürkan, Revolutionary Bank and Insurance Employees’ Union  
International solidarity as a strategy of trade union revitalisation using the example of the transnational T-Mobile campaign  
Sarah Bormann, University of Jena  
Union legacies, union choices: global and local perspectives on why unions join international MNC campaigns  
Matthew Lloyd-Cape, Central European University Budapest  
Opportunity, capacity and power: drawing on social movement theory to improve international union campaigns and build union power  
Dr. Donna McGuire, DMC – Independent Research and Communications / Wilfried Schwetz, IG Metall Strategic Development Projects department  
Moderation: Sebastian Voigt |                                                                            |
| 6.30 pm | Dinner                                                                |                                                                            |
| 9.30 am | Panel 5: From Rana Plaza to H&M? On the challenges of trade union solidarity in global production networks  
Keynote  
Mapping networks: labor, space, and globalization  
Prof. Dr. Andrew Herod, University of Georgia  
Transnational union networks: the challenges and opportunities in a new arena of global labour relations  
Dr. Michael Fichter, Global Labour University  
Is international solidarity ‘better’ than local solidarity? Dichotomies in the debate on labour in transnational value chains  
Dr. Stefanie Hürtgen, Institute for Social Research, University of Frankfurt / Main  
Moderation: Sarah Bormann |                                                                            |
| 11.30 am | Coffee break                                                          |                                                                            |
| 12 pm  | Panel 6: International solidarity in global production networks in practice  
Rana Plaza one year later – initial successes in implementing the Bangladesh Fire and Building Safety Agreement  
Alke Bössiger, UNI Global Union  
For the right to go and the right to stay. Anti-racist, climate and agricultural policy networks between Europe and Africa  
Dieter Behr, University of Vienna  
Grass-roots international solidarity – workers organising along the textile, clothing, retail value chain  
Dr. Heiner Köhnen, TIE Transnational Information Exchange  
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Countertopographies of migrant women: transnational families, citizenship and labor as solidarity
Dr. Valerie Francisco, The City University of New York

Transnational migration as an opportunity for international labour solidarity? On the role of migrant workers' transnational ties in cross-border union collaboration
Jenny Jungehülsing, University of Kassel
Moderation: Julia Hofmann

11 am
Coffee break

11.30 am
Conclusion: Global Union Federations or grass-roots internationalism? On the difficulties in creating embodied solidarity

Keynote
Actors in international solidarity: trade unions, NGOs and their difficulties in creating embodied solidarity
Prof. Dr. em. Bodo Zeuner, Free University of Berlin

Learning from the past and present to use in the future: how the KMU builds international labour solidarity
Dr. Kim Scipes, Purdue University

Transnational trade union action in the port sector – from the old to the new labour internationalism
Dr. Hugo Dias, University of Coimbra
Moderation: Gisela Neunhöffer

1.30 pm
Snack lunch and end of the conference

followed by
Internal window by the Hans Böckler Foundation's doctorate candidates

English and German are the conference languages. Translation available.