



NATO Counter Summit in Lisbon, Portugal, November 19 th - 21 st 2010

At the next NATO summit meeting in Lisbon from November 19th to 21st 2010, the new NATO strategy will be adopted. The new strategy should “lead NATO through the uneasy and dangerous times at the beginning of the 21st century”, as formulated in the contract for the development of the new strategy at the summit of heads of states and governments in Strasbourg in April 2009. The expert group set up for designing the strategy, placed under the direction of former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, made its recommendations in May for the new NATO strategy, entitled “NATO 2020”. “The alliance must be versatile and flexible in this time period of uncertainty in the 21st century”, said Madeleine Albright at the presentation of the report. If a (first) conclusion of this document is to be drawn, than it can only be: pure militarism, continuing of the wars, especially in Afghanistan and, above all, further nuclear armament. The words are more cautious and vague, but the reality is brutal and war-like. Approaches for greater political cooperation, e.g. with Russia, are foiled by aggressive armament policy (including the missile defence system).

The critique of the peace movement, which we have formulated in connection with the 60th birthday of NATO, is still necessary and correct: NATO is a dinosaur that should be abolished.



NO to the new NATO-Strategy! Getting Active for Global Peace, Disarmament and the End of NATO

Location: Liceu Luís de Camões, Lisboa

11/19/2010 - Friday

11.00-11.15 Welcome Natália Nogal (for PAGAN), Reiner Braun (for ICC)

11.15-13.00 Lectures / Moderation / Chair: Arielle Denis, Mvt. Paix / Andreas Speck, WRI

- § War and Peace (Sandra Monteiro, Le Monde Diplomatique, Portugal)
- § The new NATO Strategy and Global Crisis (Vitor Lima, PAGAN, Portugal)
- § Nuclear weapons in the new NATO-Strategy (Joseph Gerson, AFSC, USA)
- § Relations between Russia and NATO (Vitaly Merkushev, Eurasian Network of Political Research, Russia)

- § NATO and Missile Defense (Jan Majicek, No BASES Network, CR)
- § NATO's War in Afghanistan (RAWA, Afghanistan) (TBC)

14.00-22.30 Workshop Blocks

14.00-16.30 Workshop Block I: Discussion of the NATO Strategy

- § NATO and Nuclear Weapons (convenor: Dave Webb, CND)
- § NATO, War and Global Crises (convenor: Jacques Fath, PCF)
- § NATO and Afghanistan (convenor: Reiner Braun, INES / Joseph Gerson, AFSC)
- § NATO and EU (convenor: Michael Youlton, IAWM / PANA)
- § History of NATO (convenor: Erhard Crome, RLS)

short coffee / snack break

17.00-19.00 Workshop Block II: War, Militarization and Peace

- § Feminism and Militarization (convenor: Kristine Karch, INES)
- § Portugal and Militarization (convenor: Nuno Moniz, PAGAN)
- § The Military Industrial Complex and the Privatization of War (convenor: Rae Street, CND)
- § NATO and Bases (convenor: Elsa Rassbach, DFG-VK – GIs and U.S. Bases / Jan Majicek, NO BASES Network)
- § Youth and Militarization (convenor: Nuno Moniz, PAGAN)
- § From neutrality to NATO – Scandinavia in Partnership for Peace (convenor: Agneta Norberg, Swedish Peace Council)

one hour dinner break

20.00-22.30 Workshop Block III: Peaceful, Just and Social Alternatives

- § Alternative Security Systems (convenor: Erhard Crome, RLS)
- § Actions for Peace (convenor: Monty Schädel, DFG-VK / Lucas Wirl, INES)
- § Human security and other concepts (convenor: António Dores, PAGAN / Tobias Pflüger, IMI)
- § Nuclear Weapons Convention (convenor: Reiner Braun, IALANA Europe)
- § Disarmament for development (convenor: Ben Cramer, IPB)
- § Non violent resistance (convenor: Andreas Speck, WRI)

22.30 Peace Party

11/20/2010 – Saturday

10.00-12.00 Public Event in the City of Lisboa: NO to War – NO to NATO

With Politicians and Activists:

- § Willy Meyer, Member European Parliament GUE/ NGL, European Left, Spain
- § Jeremy Corbyn, Member of Parliament, Labour Party, GB

- § Colonel Mario Tomé, PAGAN, Portugal
- § Arielle Denis, Mouvement de la Paix, France
- § Christine Hoffmann, pax christi Germany, Germany

15.00 International Anti-NATO demonstration
Location: Av. Da Liberdade

11/21/2010 – Sunday

10.00-10.45 Introduction Lectures: Lessons Learnt

§ Portugal and NATO (Ricardo Robles, PAGAN)

§ NATO and Latin America (Eduardo Melero, UAM, Spain)

Peace Assembly – Anti-War Assembly: How to continue acting for a world without war and NATO

Moderation: Arielle Denis, Dave Webb, Tobias Pflüger

10.45–11.15 Reports from the Working Groups

Reports of anti-NATO-activities in Lisboa

short coffee / snack break

11.45–14.00 Open Microphone: 3 min. reports and discussion on activities and future plans against NATO

Agreements on common activities

14.00 Presentation of the Declaration of the ICC and Conclusions

Registration:

For further information about and to register for the conference, please send an email to: Kongress@IALANA.de

Registration starts on October 18th and is necessary for a successful preparation and arrangement of the conference.

Conference donation:

The conference is organized by activists for activists, we ask you to support our conference. Voluntary conference fee: 10 Euro which may be paid at the conference

Accommodation:

For private accommodation, please contact: accommodation.lisbon2010@gmail.com

Cheap hotels and hostels close to the counter summit:

<http://www.pensaoportuense.com/default.aspx>

<http://www.lisbonloungehostel.com/>

<http://www.lisboacentralhostel.com/index.php>

<http://www.costta.com/>

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