

UNDERSTANDING AND TACKLING THE CLIMATE CRISIS AS A MATTER OF JUSTICE



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An online seminar for German and Polish civil-society actors

25-27 NOVEMBER 2021

The climate crisis is affecting everyone - but not equally. Those who globally suffer most are the least likely to contribute to it - and often do not get to decide on measures and strategies against the crisis.

In Poland and Germany, like in other countries of the Global North, the challenges of the current climate crisis lead to demarcation and a desire to defend privileges. This encourages the growth of racist attitudes and social divisions – a challenge for civil society actors who strive for climate justice in Poland as well as in Germany.

In this seminar participants are going to get deeper insight into the historical and current connection between the climate crisis and racism. They will get the opportunity to learn - and to unlearn – different perspectives on climate justice and exchange experiences and advice for their own work or engagement. We invite civil society representatives, activists and multipliers, engaged in the field of climate crisis and/or social justice, who wish to reflect more on the topic of climate crisis and racism in a Polish-German group.

WHAT ARE GOALS OF THE SEMINAR?

- Deepen a critical reflection on climate crisis, climate justice, racism and anti-racism – both on the societal, organisational and personal level
- Gain understanding of different dimensions of racism in the climate crisis narrative and develop approaches to work further with these topics in everyday work
- Exchange experiences with the topic in Polish and German context.

**REGISTRATION UNTIL
18 NOVEMBER 2021**

Please register:

- Participants from Germany:
<https://bit.ly/3ATqKrw>
- Participants from Poland:
<https://kurzelinks.de/1fnv>

If you have any questions please contact:

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The seminar is organized in cooperation with:
The Foundation for Polish-German Cooperation
& The Heinrich Böll Foundation in Warsaw



PROGRAMME:

01 THURSDAY, 25.11.2021; 16.00-19.30H

- Welcome session & getting to know each other
- Opening up the topic of Climate Justice – experiences, relations and expectations

18.00-19.30H PROF. VANESSA ANDREOTTI (PUBLIC STREAMING!)

lecture "Gesturing towards decolonial futures"

Prof. Andreotti will talk about the interface between the questions of historic and systemic violence (e.g. racism, colonialism) and questions related to our unsustainable habits of being (e.g. exponential growth and consumption). This open lecture will be based on the work of the Gesturing Towards Decolonial Futures collective and the book "Hospicing modernity -Facing humanity's wrongs and implications for social activism".

02 FRIDAY, 26.11.2021; 16.00-20.30H (INCL. BREAK)

Workshop with facilitators from Black Earth Collective: Samie Blasingame & Nene Opoku:

We will explore the history of environmental racism focusing on specific examples of its roots & manifestations, & discuss how this it underpins the struggles for climate & environmental justice around the world. Through a critical lens, we will be asked to commit to unlearning worldviews that have enabled oppressions in all its forms, & imagine new possibilities for an equitable and resilient future.

03 SATURDAY, 27.11.2021; 10-15.30H (INCL. LUNCHBREAK)

- Reflection of the lecture & workshop & relating to the context of climate struggles in Poland and Germany: What is similar, what is different, what can we learn from each other?
- Presentation "Central European Exception? Or: From Iron Curtain to Green Curtain?" by Ondřej Slačálek. Short input on the global discourses in Eastern European countries: the semiperipheral position and different than Western narratives
- Marta Górczyńska from Grupa Granica. Short input about the situation and activist experiences from the border crisis in Poland
- Collegial advice session to transfer findings of the seminar to the particular work & engagement of the participants.

BY WHOM?

Vanessa Andreotti - Full Professor in the Department of Educational Studies at the University of British Columbia and a Canada Research Chair in Race, Inequalities and Global Change.

Barbara Bernsmeier - cultural and project manager with a focus on Russia and the Eastern Partnership

Samie Blasingame & Nene Opoku- Black Earth is an environmental and climate justice collective with a focus on decolonial perspectives.

Anna Dańkowska – trainer, researcher and project coordinator in the field of transformative & global education

Magdalena Klarenbach - researcher and educational expert from Open Plan Foundation - Polish ngo that specialise in ecological and climate education

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