

**Invitation Letter for a Workshop meeting:
Solidarity and Cooperation with the Peace Academics**

Dear colleague, we are writing this mail to invite you to a meeting with the Academics for Peace Germany, an organization that was founded in October 2017 by those who signed the well-known 'Peace Petition' in Turkey and those who support their cause. AfP-Germany is trying to support awareness but also organize support for those threatened, persecuted and dismissed from their academic jobs in Turkey. As academics now working or aiming to work at German university and research institutions, we would particularly like to strengthen collaborations with German and Germany-based colleagues and think about involving them in joint activities. The aim is not only to support colleagues in and from Turkey, but to think and act on topics that concern us all: the neoliberalization of university systems, racism and sexism in academia, the threats to academic freedom emanating from right-wing populism, the shoring-up of national and EU borders against refugees, the responsibility of academics for addressing these problems and the urgent need for building international solidarity networks. At a workshop in May of this year at Goethe University Frankfurt that was attended mainly by Peace Academics from Turkey, we discussed that there was an urgent need to reach out to German and Germany-based colleagues to gather not simply support, but to move toward transnational alliances where we can all learn from each other. We have identified you as a supportive colleague with whom we would particularly like to engage in this process. Therefore, we would be happy if you would accept our invitation to meet with us in Berlin on **Saturday the 13th of October**, in the rooms of the *aquarium*, Skalitzer Str. 6 in Kreuzberg, very close to the subway station Kottbusser Tor. We will start welcoming people at 10AM, and start the first session at 11 AM, with a lunch break at 1 PM, and an afternoon session from 2 to 4 PM.

Please let us know by email if you will be able to join us.

Best wishes,

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