



Alumni-Network Conference:
Social Change not Climate Change
4th August 2018

INVITATION

The Alumni-Network Conference in advance to the Global Health Summer School will open its doors to the public again. The Summer School is IPPNWs Academy for Global Health Activism, where young students and professionals from the health sector are trained to become proactive changemakers. As every Summer School has a different focus, the Alumni Conference on its first day connects last year's topic "Global Health & Climate Change" to this year's issue "Health between Ethics and Economisation".

Our global society is in desperate need of a radical social transformation as we start experiencing the dramatic impacts of ecological destruction. Climate Change is not the change we need, but the peak phenomenon of human impact on earths ecosystems.

In a globalized and highly economized world like today, our dependence on one another even over big distances is more intense than ever before. Economic mechanisms are not under tight democratic control and often seen as unchangeable 'laws of the markets'. Their effects on human and environmental health offer a possibility to criticise them in a scientific and ethical but nonetheless radical way.

In this event we will both analyse some of the root causes of environmental destruction, it's impact on human health and different ways forward. Therefore we are setting up a diverse event with different perspectives (various fields and forms of activism, scientific research, perspectives of affected people) that are communicated through talks and workshops. We invite you to join us in this participatory event on **August 4th** from **9:00 am** at **ESBZ** (Evangelische Schule Berlin Zentrum). For questions please contact us: globalhealth@ippnw.de

Please register until July 27th through this link:

<http://www.health-and-globalisation.org/index.php?id=104>.

There is no fee for this event.



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PROGRAMME

9:00 am	9:00 – 9:30 Meet & Greet			
9:30 am	9:30 – 10:30 Keynote Climate Change & Health? What is the context of this event? Rosa Emrich AG Klimawandel und Gesundheit – kritische Mediziner*innen			
10:30 am	10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break			
11:00 am	11:00 – 1:00 Workshops			
	Daniel Hofinger AusgeCO ₂ hlt	Rebecca Gibbs Centre for Sustainable Healthcare, UK	Louisa Chan Boegli medical peace work	Vijoleta Gordeljevic HEAL
1:00 pm	1:00 – 2:00 Lunch – Bantabaa Community			
2:00 pm	2:00 – 3:30 World Café Discussion on the workshop topics			
3:30 pm	3:30 – 4:00 Coffee Break			
4:00 pm	4:00 – 5:30 Panel Discussion How do we best catalyse radical transformation? Daniel Hofinger, Rebecca Gibbs, Vijoleta Gordeljevic			
5:30 pm	5:30 – 6:00 Refection of the day			



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SPEAKERS

Rosa Emrich

Rosa is a medical student at the University of Dresden and founding member of the [AG Klimawandel und Gesundheit](#) - Kritische Mediziner*innen Deutschland. This group of young activists bridging health and environmental movements emerged as a result of last year's summer school and is connected to a bigger group of health care workers criticising the fast economisation of the German health care sector. Since then they organise workshops and give talks predominantly in the health sector to sensitise people for the interactions of climate change and health and to promote a systems perspective that calls for collective action rather than individual lifestyle changes.

Louisa Chan Boegli

Louisa has 20 years of experience in international development and conflict management, working with communities, governments, multinational companies, the WHO, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and NGOs in Asia, Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Through groups like the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue in Geneva or the Non Official Group of Friends of Sri Lanka she engages in finding solutions to conflicts in Indonesia, Myanmar or Sri Lanka. As founding member of the [Rugiagli Initiative](#) (tRI), she leads their activities in capacity building of health professionals for peace work.

Rebecca Gibbs

Rebecca is a trained nurse with an MSc in social policy from the London School of Economics who now works at the [Centre for Sustainable Healthcare](#). She has Whitehall and UK Parliamentary policy experience in sustainable development, including time as a sustainability policy advisor in the UK Department of Health. Before working in policy Rebecca spent time as a community worker in London and has lived in two eco communities in the south of England and in Spain.

Vijoleta Gorgeljevic

Vijoleta is [HEAL](#)'s (Health and Environment Alliance) Health and Climate Change Coordinator - she is responsible for linking the use of fossil fuels to the negative impacts on human health through air pollution and its wider contribution to climate change. Vijoleta is especially interested in the role government subsidies play in facilitating that process in Europe and beyond and coordinates the organization's engagement with international institutions such as the WHO and the UN as well as international member organisations. Vijoleta has been heading HEAL's high level health delegation to the UNFCCC COP negotiations.

Daniel Hofinger

Daniel is a member of [AusgeCO₂hlt](#), a grassroots organisation of climate activists calling for the immediate abandoning of coal power in Germany. They are convinced that capitalism has to be pushed back in order to limit climate change and to promote climate justice. Daniel and AusgeCO₂hlt are part of the Ende Gelände alliance pledging to more direct actions of civil disobedience carried out by broad, open, strong and affectionate social movements.