

Venue

The European Action Conference will take place at Studierendenhaus (Students House), which is located on the Campus Bockenheim of Frankfurt University. The address is Mertonstraße 26-28, 60235 Frankfurt/Main. The nearest Metro station is „Bockenheimer Warte“. Take U4 from Frankfurt Central Station to get there.

Accommodation

We will try to arrange as much solidarity accommodation as possible for those who register in advance until November 16th (please bring sleeping bags and mattresses). Please contact penn.platz@notroika.org. At www.blockupy-frankfurt.org you will also find a list of affordable hostels/hotels.

Translation

Given that the Action Conference is an European event language is an issue. We will ensure that all plenary sessions are translated from English to German and vice versa. Since this is a self organized event we kindly ask everybody to think about the language issue for the various workshops. We will help wherever possible so that English and German is provided everywhere. For other languages, we ask for support and self-responsible organization from inside the groups.

Anyway please let us know your translation needs in advance (with your registration), so that we can help to organize whisper translation.

People who volunteer for translating please let us know via e-mail at peters@attac.de (which language, email address/phone number, time slots).

Travel expenses / Travel funds

We have allocated limited funds to support travel expenses for people coming from outside of Germany. Please note, you have to register for the funds beforehand (so we know what we can distribute and how to arrange refunding).

You therefore NEED to write to international@blockupy-frankfurt.org with travel dates, approximate costs, group/country and a contact email/telephone number until Nov 11th.

Not all applicants can be fully refunded.

Food

Vegan breakfast, hot meals, coffee and tea will be provided by activists on a non profit basis. However it cannot be distributed totally free, we ask for a contribution of EUR 15 per person for the whole conference.

Registration

Please help us with your registration! We need to know beforehand how many people will participate in the conference, how much food is needed, how many people need accommodation.

There is a registration form on blockupy-frankfurt.org.

For all other questions, suggestions or comments please write to international@blockupy-frankfurt.org

Actions on Friday

All guests are invited to join the protests against the Euro Finance Week (18.-22. November) already on Friday: On November, 22th at 2 p.m. we will have a noisy manifestation in front of the Alte Oper. Afterwards we offer a city walk to some stakeholders of the crisis, including a visit of the site of the new EZB building.



Frankfurt, November 22nd to 24th 2013

EUROPEAN ACTION CONFERENCE

Against the European austerity regime, against the rule of the EU-Troika, for the transnationalisation of our resistance, for real democracy!



- Workshops and plenaries about disobedient resistance for democracy without capitalism
- How to create strong and European Blockupy actions in 2014?

Public Opening / Eröffnungsveranstaltung

You are leaving the democratic sector

Interim reports about five years of crisis. Activists from different countries speak about their lives and struggles.

FRI, 22.11.2013, 6:00 p.m.

Studierendenhaus, Campus Bockenheim,
Mertonstr. 26, 60325 Frankfurt / Main



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22nd to 24th of November 2013:

BLOCKUPY'S EUROPEAN ACTION CONFERENCE

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On May 31st and June 1st, the European Central Bank was effectively blockaded by thousands of protesters against the politics of troika. The central commercial zone of Frankfurt was blocked and stores had to shut down, there were loud protests at the airport against deportation, financial and real estate firms were marked and the right to the city was claimed, a care mob called attention to the increased burden on women in the European crisis. Blockupy 2013 brought about intense and powerful days of collective action and resistance. Our many disobedient actions highlighted the ways in which the politics of crisis and impoverishment affect our lives and the lives of millions of people around the world.

Blockupy will return to Frankfurt in 2014 to resist the opening of the ECB's new headquarters. Yet much remains open. We want to make plans together.

Blockupy 2013 has been one step on the path towards becoming part of a huge, common European and global movement. We want to continue down this path together with you. Therefore we invite you, our friends, colleagues and comrades from all over Europe and beyond, to the Blockupy European Action Conference from November 22nd to November 24th 2013 in Frankfurt.

The Blockupy European Action Conference will be the last of multiple European meetings of movements, networks and organizations this autumn – in Barcelona, Amsterdam, Brussels, Rome. All these meetings aim towards finding ways to transform Europe from below, towards further exchanging and debating practices and strategies and towards forming transnational movements.

During the Blockupy European Action Conference we hope to exchange our different experiences of protest and resis-

tance towards creating a different Europe. One core of the Blockupy idea and practice since 2012 is to link alliance building with disobedient, confrontational actions aimed towards mass participation for scandalizing the violent austerity measures and politics of impoverishment. Now we want to create a space to discuss Blockupy and other struggles up to now, to talk about possibilities for the future, and to sketch out a more transnational Blockupy for 2014.

Our goal with the conference is twofold:

- To engage in strategic debate about the commonalities and gaps in our struggles, and
- To find out together how Blockupy in 2014 could be successful as a platform for transnational resistance against the troika and politics of crisis.

The questions we have

- How do we best create powerful connections between our struggles? How can we push together for a dynamic shifting of forces?
- How do we relate disobedient forms of action (mass blockades, social and general strikes, taking and squatting public spaces, preventing evictions and many more) to alliance-building?
- How do we connect the struggles in the European south and north? What are the needs of different struggles throughout Europe in crisis? How do we relate these to the aims and imaginations for common resistance in countries like Germany, headquarter of the EU crisis regime, where recent elections have shown voters casting ballot to continue these capitalist politics?
- What role can Blockupy 2014 play within European crisis and the protests against it?

Conference Program

Friday, Nov 22nd:

- 2:00 p.m. Noisy Manifestation against Euro Finance Week, Alte Oper
- Afterwards City Walk to the new ECB building site
- 6:00 p.m. „You are leaving the democratic sector“, Public Opening Meeting, Studierendenhäuser
- 8:30 p.m. „Get together“ of conference participants

Saturday, Nov 23rd:

- 9.30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. „Disobedient Resistance for Democracy without Capitalism“, Plenaries and Workshops about transnational counter-power
- 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. „How to create strong and European Blockupy actions in 2014“ Evening Plenary
- Party

Sunday, Nov 24th:

- 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Debates and decisions about dates, common structures and action concepts for 2014



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