

STEPHANIE BALIS  
Where Summer is Really Summer  
A Journey to the Mountains of Kurdistan

The author, a German student, describes how she could not believe what her Kurdish friend had told her about his home village in Eastern Turkey being like paradise, until she learned the truth: of the pitch-black nights with brilliant stars, and the deep contrast between western towns, with their wealth and the poverty of eastern villages, the tanks on Turkish streets to oppress the Kurdish people and the checkpoints to periodically inspect the young men because of a »danger of terror«.

ARMIN BERNHARD  
Education as a Commodity  
The Bio-Piracy in Education  
and Its Social Price

A growing pressure is placed on an educational system that must produce the qualities of the individual in ever faster cycles, as required by the market system, the author says. But this »bio-piracy« annihilates every objective set by a complex education aimed at instilling responsibility, as well as, the capacity for self-determined action and independent participation in the moulding of society.

WOLFGANG BITTNER  
The Culture of Reading against Violence  
Literature for Children and Youth  
as Prophylaxis

Discussing the perpetual tradition of violence, the author characterizes the fight against this phenomenon as a Sisyphean chore and analyses the role literature can play in aiding this ceaseless effort. He criticises the lopsided concentration on materialistic values in the society, while pleading for the promotion of reading, as an indispensable civil necessity.

HARALD WERNER  
Five Questions Concerning a Modernized  
Curriculum in Political Economy

The call for a literacy campaign in economics (Bourdieu), says the author, is growing louder but no one responds. The reason is, the alphabet is undergoing a general revision. Today's media, information and knowledge society is no longer capitalism, and therefore the economic laws cannot simply be applied to it.

## WILHELM ERSIL The EU at the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Treaty of Rome

Fifty years ago – March 25, 1957 – the Treaty of Rome was signed by six countries, thus forming the foundation for, what has become, the European Union (EU). The author discusses the deep crisis the EU, of 27 countries, is confronting today and gives a broad review of the proposals that the United European Left Party and the Left Party.PDS have developed to overcome the dominance by capital interests in the European unification process.

## ANDREAS HEYER Origin and Meaning of Karl Mannheim's Idea of Utopia

In 1929, Karl Mannheim published his book »Ideologie und Utopie« (Ideology and Utopia). This placed him on a continuum with Peter Kropotkin and Gustav Landauer, but Mannheim turned their socialist undertaking into a conservative one. By overthrowing Landauer's verdict that sociology could not be regarded as a science, he presented his ideas as a contribution of sociology to the research of utopia.

## GOTTFRIED OY Tracking The New Left The »Sozialistisches Büro« and its Magazine »links«

There seems to be but limited knowledge in the public concerning the New Left – one of the most important currents of the post-war left movement, not only in West Germany but also world-wide. The author opens a window onto this historical subject by looking into the history of the »Sozialistisches Büro« (Socialist Bureau) – one of the important West German left organisations of the 70s and 80s – and its magazine »links« (Left).

## In memoriam THEODOR LEIPART (1867-1947)

Sixty years ago, on March 23, 1947 Theodor Leipart, one of the founders of the German Trade Unions, died in Berlin. Today, his name is nearly forgotten. »UTOPIE kreativ« publishes here the obituary and an article written by Leipart's long-time comrade-in-arms, Fritz Tarnow, an outstanding protagonist of Fritz Naphtali's concept of economic democracy.

## CHRISTEL HARTINGER »Not Against My Conscience« Conversations with Felicia Langer

The author reviews two books permitting insights into the life of the Israeli lawyer, Felicia Langer, who for decades has fought for the human rights of Palestinians: Karl-Klaus Rabe's »Felicia Langer. Die Frau, die niemals schweigt« (The woman who is never silent) and Hans-Dieter Schütts »Gespräche mit Felicia Langer« (Conversations).