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ROSA LUXEMBURG

Freedom only for the supporters

Rosa Luxemburg (1871–1919) continues to polarize the political landscape to this day: to some she is a Bolshevik terrorist, to others she is a left-wing icon. Rosa Luxemburg strove to create a society in which political freedom and equality would not be limited, but rather complemented by the principle of social freedom and equality – a demand which has still not been fulfilled today.

Rosa Luxemburg knew what it meant to be disadvantaged and to belong to an often-persecuted minority. This was partly due to an accident of birth and fate. She was Jewish, and although she was not at all religious, this did not protect her from anti-Semitism. But this was also due to her strong will to lead a self-determined life as opposed to abiding by the narrow-minded conventions and moral concepts prevailing at the time.

Rosa Luxemburg held a university degree and a doctorate at a time when few women had access to higher education. She was actively engaged in politics at a time when most people were prejudiced against women appearing in public – even in the left-wing parties. Rosa Luxemburg had a love life without being married at a time when illegitimate relationships were still a provocation. Rosa Luxemburg was an exile. Despite her German citizenship, in the eyes of her political enemies she always remained a foreigner, a Pole.

Rosa Luxemburg was a revolutionary Leftist, a crime punishable by death in her Russian-occupied Polish homeland, and in her chosen country, Germany, a reason for constant persecution.

Rosa Luxemburg's fate is inseparably bound up with the history of the German working-class movement, with the internecine battles between its various tendencies and its final split. She was a co-founder of the Spartakus group and later the German Communist Party (KPD). For Rosa Luxemburg, socialism was not something that emerged from political parties or party circles. She believed that an increase in the self-confidence of the masses, as well as their capacity for political action, was at the centre of the party's politics.

Rosa Luxemburg left no one indifferent. She was uncompromising and vocal in standing up for her convictions. Yet with human warmth and infectious enthusiasm she was able to win over all those who approached her without prejudice. It was those who felt they were no match for her that recoiled in fear.

Rosa Luxemburg was a successful journalist, and – a fact that is often overlooked – an important economist, whose accumulation analyses exhibited extraordinary foresight.

Rosa Luxemburg's irreconcilable struggle against war and her radical insistence on the connection between political freedom and social equality have lost none of their relevance.

Rosa Luxemburg was a martyr of the German November Revolution. On 15 January 1919 in Berlin's Tiergarten, the Polish Jew and socialist who abhorred all forms of terror died at the hands of rightwing terrorists in German uniforms. The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung upholds the legacy and ideals of this democratic socialist.



DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM

of the government, Democratic socialism arose from struggles against capitalist society, against exploitation, oppression and war. It calls for freedom, equality and solidarity for each and every one of us. According to Karl Marx, the categorical imperative of socialism is to "overthrow all relations in which man is a debased, enslaved, forsaken, despicable being". Socialism is formed as a universal human rights movement in solidarity from below. It joined forces with the movement of wage-earners, women and oppressed people in their struggle for liberation. Its goal is a society in which people exercise shared control over the economy and take their affairs into their own hands.

The 20th century saw a deep split in the socialist movement. On the one side, a communist wing developed which, under the impact of war and fascism, was prepared to implement a radical break with capitalism even by means of dictatorship and the suppression of dissent. In 1989, mass protests by workers and civil rights activists. as well as democratic reforms, led to the collapse of socialist states in Europe. Centralized state ownership in the end had proved to be an obstacle to its development. The social achievements could not be maintained in the long term. On the other side, social-democratic forces wanted extensive social reforms and a democratization of society. However, they were unable to overcome the dominance of profit in order to control the economy effectively. It thus proved impossible to prevent a neoliberal relapse into unfettered capitalism. The socialist Left in turn supported the formation of councils, workers' autonomy, economic democracy and cooperatives, but could not implement a comprehensive alternative.

The current crisis of capitalism and human civilization is giving rise to new socialist movements. Their basic position is: another world is not just possible, it is also urgently needed. This socialism of the 21st century fights capitalist exploitation, patriarchy, racism and environmental destruction. The objective is a world in which many different worlds can exist together, in which the free developments.

opment of each and every individual becomes the condition of the development of all. Subordinating property and power relations to this objective, a socio-ecological transformation of production and ways of life, a comprehensive democratization, a new internationalism, and an active peace policy are the basic elements of this new socialism.

With DIE LINKE (the Left Party), a political force has arisen in Germany that is committed to democratic socialism. The representation of the interests of wage-earners, the socially vulnerable, and broad sections of society is linked to a policy that seeks to comprehensively transform and overcome capitalism. It stands in the tradition of Rosa Luxemburg: equality without freedom is oppression; freedom without equality is exploitation. Solidarity is the basis for liberty and equality. The human exploitation of humans as well as nature must be brought to an end collectively.

The only kind of force that will lead to victory is the daily fight for political enlightenment.

ROSA LUXEMBURG AT THE STUTTGART CONGRESS OF 1898

THE ROSA LUXEMBURG STIFTUNG

only for members of one party

The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung is one of the six political foundations in the Federal Republic of Germany associated with political parties. The Foundation's main task is to provide political education. It is closely connected to the Left Party.

Since 1990, the work of the Foundation has been in keeping with its eponym, Rosa Luxemburg, and represents the main current of democratic socialism with an unwavering international focus. The Foundation considers itself committed to a radical perspective of enlightenment and social criticism. It stands within the tradition of the workers' and women's movements, as well as anti-fascism and anti-racism.

The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung is a registered non-profit organization, whose most important body is the General Assembly. Its work is supported by the dedication and commitment of a large number of volunteers throughout Germany.

With its work, the Foundation promotes a critical analysis of society and fosters networks of emancipatory, political, social and cultural initiatives. It is active internationally in development cooperation and advocates an equal dialogue between the North and the South. At the same time, with the help of the Archive of Democratic Socialism, it documents important events and the results of left-wing politics. Within the framework of its Scholarship Department, the Foundation also provides grants to young academics.

Like other political foundations, the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung seeks to further develop the classical concept of political education. However, the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung here emphasizes a critical analysis of society as its central task, a claim further underlined by its name.

Based on the assumption that social change requires a reflective confrontation with today's capitalist society as a whole, the Foundation strives to develop alternative concepts and approaches for a comprehensive process of transformation that will enable the creation of a more united and just society.

Education and training in socialist-democratic politics, analysis, information and policy advice are thereby the Foundation's basic tasks, which it pursues and implements at the regional, national and international level.

The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung comprises:

- The General Assembly, which elects the Executive Board and Scientific Advisory Council,
- Currently over 170 full-time staff (including apprentices), 16 of which work in the 13 regional offices,
- More than 50 employees and local personnel in the Foundation's international offices,
- Hundreds of volunteers who are active in the federal Foundation and the 16 state foundations on boards and advisory boards, as active members of local education organizations in the Rosa Luxemburg Clubs or in the Foundation's 22 discussion groups,
- About 130 tutors,
- Over 800 active and over 1,000 former scholarship holders.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly is the highest body of the association. At least once a year, the almost 100 active members come together for a meeting.

The Assembly's main tasks include determining the thematic focus of the association's activities, appointing the honorary board and the members of the Scientific Advisory Board, and electing the Executive Director. The General Assembly also receives the reports of the Foundation's Executive Board and decides on the admission of new members. Care is taken to ensure that at least as many women are considered as men. Currently, the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung limits its membership base to 100 active members. People who are directly or indirectly employed by the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung are considered passive members. The detailed rights and obligations of the General Assembly are regulated in the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung's statutes. The General Assembly includes active and former politicians of the Left Party, as well as scientists, those active in the regional foundations of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung and other individuals representing a democratic-socialist current which extends beyond the Left Party. An overview of the members can be found on the Rosa-Luxembura-Stiftuna's website.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung is elected by the General Assembly for a term of four years and consists of the chairperson, two vice chairpersons, the Executive Director, and at least seven – but not more than nine – other members. Currently the Board consists of 12 members.

The Executive Board of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung is a voluntary body. Only the Executive Director is employed on a full-time basis. A balanced gender ratio is also observed when selecting

the members of the Board. The Executive Board's main task is to manage the affairs of the association and to determine the basic course of the Foundation's work. In this sense, the Executive Board decides on the fundamental structure of the Foundation and the cornerstones of its financial and personnel development. Members of executive boards of political parties at a federal or state level may not sit on the Executive Board of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung. For the current structure of the Executive Board please consult the Foundation's website.

Chair of the Executive Board: DR. DAGMAR ENKELMANN Member of the German Parliament

Deputy: THOMAS HÄNDEL Member of the European Parliament

Deputy: DR. SABINE REINER

Executive Director: DR. FLORIAN WEIS

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

This honorary advisory committee of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung was established by a resolution of the General Assembly in 2008. The Scientific Advisory Board consists of at least six, and a maximum of sixteen members (As of March 2013: eight women and eight men). Association membership is not a condition for participating in the Scientific Advisory Board. In the same way as the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung's Executive Board, Advisory Board members are elected for a term of four years. The Scientific Advisory Board supports the work of the Foundation concerning aspects of a scientific and strategic nature. The Advisory Board members elect one of their number as chair.

Head of the Scientific Advisory Board: PROF. DR. IRENE DÖLLING

COUNCIL OF REGIONAL FOUNDATIONS

The 16 autonomous regional foundations are all members of the Council of Regional Foundations. Together with the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, they organize educational programmes and networking in all federal states. Similarly to the head of the Scientific Advisory Board, the spokesperson of the Council of Regional Foundations attends the meetings of the Foundation's Executive Board in an advisory capacity. More information is available on the website.

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DEPENDENT FOUNDATIONS

however numerous they may be

THE HERMANN HENSELMANN FOUNDATION

Founded by the lawver Dr. Andreas Henselmann, son of the architect Hermann Henselmann (1905-1995). The purpose of the Hermann Henselmann Foundation is to promote an examination of issues concerning architecture, urban planning and social urban development from a historical and current perspective. The Foundation wishes to remember the work of the architect Hermann Henselmann, but above all seeks to deal with the social and cultural aspects of urban construction in recent times. For example, in April 2011 the 7th Hermann Henselmann colloquium on "Urban (planning) history as history of society: The hidden reform discourse in the urban planning debate of the former GDR" attracted more than 100 interested visitors. Dr. Andreas Henselmann and Thomas Flierl chair the Executive Board. The foundation is advised by a scientific advisory board, and the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung has fiduciary responsibility for this legally dependent foundation, which in the framework of its statute acts independently on matters of substance.

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THE MAX LINGNER FOUNDATION

The Max Lingner Foundation seeks to maintain, represent and disseminate the work of the painter and graphic artist Max Lingner (1888–1959) and to remember the art of the 20th century, which was shaped by emigration, war, prison camps, and the cultural awakening in the post-war period.

The foundation has existed since 2007, and is based on an initiative of the art historian Dr. Gertrud Heider (1928–2007). Today, as Gertrud Heider decreed in her will, the foundation is managed in trust by the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung. Members of the board

of this substantively independent foundation are Dr. Thomas Flierl (chair), Dr. Stefan Hahne and Martin Groh. They are advised and supported by a board of trustees in fulfilling the foundation's aim. The foundation is located in the former home and studio of Max Lingner in Berlin-Niederschönhausen. From March to November 2010, the historic building underwent comprehensive modernisation and energy refurbishment in line with preservationist principles, with the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung as developer and with federal financial support. In 2012, the garden was restored with financial support from the State Conservation Agency of Berlin. The building houses the Max Lingner archive and serves as a space for political education. In July 2012, the Foundation released its first academic publication: on the Parisian newspaper "Monde" (1928–1935).

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THE CULTURAL FORUM OF THE ROSA-LUXEMBURG-STIFTUNG

The Cultural Forum of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung is not a fiduciary foundation, but very closely bound up with the work of the Max Lingner Foundation. It organizes projects, lecture series and publications on issues of cultural policy. The Cultural Forum promotes a systematic examination of the cultural dimensions of social development. The emphasis in recent years has been for example on aspects of the culture of remembrance and the politics of history. Michaela Klingberg is a full-time staff member of the Cultural Forum of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung.

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THE HERALD BREUER FOUNDATION

This trust foundation was established in 2006. Its objective is to promote political education, science and research, as well as international understanding and cooperation. Through its work it hopes to encourage the development of free thinking and solidarity in a humanistic, democratic and internationalist spirit. The foundation is active on a national and international level. Special emphasis is placed on development cooperation. One of its most important and successful projects, which is implemented together with INTACT e.V., and which will be continued in 2013, focuses on female genital mutilation in the region of Kolda in southern Senegal and neighbouring parts of Gambia and Guinea-Bissau. In 2010, the foundation also supported a project being carried out by the society Berliner Entwicklungspolitischer Ratschlag e.V. to erect a commemorative plague at the May-Ayim-Ufer to raise awareness of the issues of colonialism and racism in Berlin. In 2010/2011 it also financially supported the restoration of the monument to Patrice Lumumba in front of the Herder Institute in Leipzig to coincide with the 50th anniversary of his murder. The board is composed of Dr. Gesine Lötzsch (chair), Dr. Evelin Wittich and Dr. Arndt Hopfmann.

THE MICHAEL SCHUMANN FOUNDATION

The Michael Schumann Foundation was founded in 2006. The name. Michael Schumann, is in remembrance of one of the most prominent and respected politicians of the PDS, who lost his life in a tragic car accident towards the end of the year 2000. In December 1989, Professor Schumann gave a ground-breaking speech at the extraordinary party congress of the SED/PDS, demanding that the newly formed socialist party deliver a clear rejection of Stalinism. Michael Schumann also opposed "any superstitious belief in the potential of state instruments of force, which were deprived of all forms of democratic control". As a political intellectual, he embodied the "need to theoretically and ethically adjust the political practice of the party". He convincingly implemented his demands through his conceptual influence and work as a member of the regional parliament of the PDS in Brandenburg. In his memory, the Michael Schumann Foundation aims to promote political education, science and research, international understanding and cooperation. The foundation aims to relate Schumann's theoretical considerations to current political processes and decisions. For example, a comprehensive study on the turnaround in energy policy in Brandenburg and its potential for socio-ecological transformation processes was published in 2012. It contained numerous references to his work. In 2007, the Michael Schumann Foundation purchased the publishing house Dietz-Verlag. On the 10th anniversary of the death of Michael Schumann, a reading was organised at the regional parliament in Brandenburg in cooperation with the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Brandenburg and the Brandenburg regional parliament faction of the Left Party. The aim of this was to appreciate Michael Schumann's qualities and political work.

The board of the foundation is composed of Heinz Vietze (chair), Prof. Dr. Dieter Klein and Dr. Lutz Brangsch.

THE ERIK NEUTSCH FOUNDATION

This foundation was established in May 2006. It seeks to encourage science and research, art and culture as well as international understanding and cooperation. As its founder, Erik Neutsch, a renowned writer and author in the former GDR, also hoped to contribute to the development of free thinking and solidarity in a humanitarian, democratic and internationalist spirit, with a special focus on literature and art. The artistic legacy of its founder is preserved and cared for under the trusteeship of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung. In addition, the Erik Neutsch Foundation also supports academic events, provides research funding, and assists talented critics and authors. To commemorate Erik Neutsch's 80th birthday on 21 June 2011, the foundation organised its first authors' competition. All German-language authors under the age of 30 whose literary texts deal with "human fate in social processes at the turn of the millennium (between 1990 and 2010)" were invited to participate. The board is composed of Dr. Evelin Wittich (chair), Klaus Höpcke, Annelies Hinz-Neutsch and Frik Neutsch.

ACADEMY FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION

is no freedom at all.

The main task of the Academy is to promote and implement an emancipatory political education geared towards participation, which, in the spirit of democratic socialism, deals with critical social conflicts. This not only entails a range of methods and the monitoring of educational processes – which undergo continuous reflection, particularly in groups – but also involves the task of consciously creating and designing a dedicated educational space. We aim to empower those participating in our educational programmes to engage in political action by enabling the acquisition of knowledge.

The Academy offers different courses and training, as well as consulting services. It designs and organises conferences, workshops, series of events and weekend seminars. It creates educational materials and produces publications. It engages, within and outside the Foundation, in a wide range of networks and projects. Politically committed art is also understood to be an integral part of the type of political education that it promotes.

The Academy's fields of activity and tasks include:

- Politics communication management and providing the basics of adult education. The Academy participates in theoretical debates on emancipatory political education, in particular via the "Political Education discussion group".
- Basic workshops and seminars organized by the Kommunalakademie (Municipal Academy), which also publishes the "Crashkurs Kommune" series addressing issues of local politics, such as participatory budget policy, privatisation, remunicipalization, and urban policy in metropolitan regions.
- Youth education. The Jugendbildungswerk (Centre for Youth Education) organizes nationwide events, supported by the Academy and on the basis of promoting projects and organizations connected to the Foundation's network.

It works with a view to criticizing societal conditions, discovering alternatives, strengthening resistance, and creating free spaces.

The areas of social conflict that are dealt with by the Academy include:

Social inequalities and the dimensions of economic and ecological crises, sustainability and regional development, the confrontation with neo-Nazism and ideologies of inequality. Gender inequality and migration – as causes of inequalities in society, politics and everyday life – are interdisciplinary issues. We offer a space to discuss gender equality in areas such as economics and (new) work, the public and private spheres, distribution and participation, and the acceptance of different lifestyles (body and sexuality). We take part in discussions concerning left-wing feminist values. Issues of contemporary history, for example, are tackled with the help of contemporary witnesses and biographical studies. We discuss the processes and consequences of globalized production and reproduction, new international developments and social movements, and participate in social fora at a national, European and international level. In this connection, "educational elements on Europe" were developed in cooperation with our Brussels office. Educational opportunities dealing with the life and work of the Foundation's eponym are also among the central tasks of the Academy.

The equal participation in society of black people, migrants and people of colour of both sexes is one of our guiding principles.

The basic courses offered by the Academy include:

- "Basics of political education",
- "Capital" reading groups and the annual Marx autumn school,
- Training course in "Politics, Communication, Management",
- Education against right-wing extremism.

The work of the Academy on political education is supported and complemented by the discussion groups of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung on the topics of "right-wing extremism", "women and politics", "sustainability and regional development", "history for the future", "political education and migration" and "rural areas".

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INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL ANALYSIS

Freedom always means

Founded in 2008, the Institute for Social Analysis (IfG) is committed to the critical analysis of modern capitalism and the technological, social, economic, political and cultural upheavals it has caused. The focus of its work is on the development of approaches that incorporate socialist transformation and radical Realpolitik. The Institute for Social Analysis continues in the tradition of a critical, Marxist and feminist critique of capitalism and domination, while at the same time drawing on both empirical and theoretical studies in other modern social sciences. Its goal is to conduct social research that is focused on emancipation and intervention.

The IfG's work focuses on the following areas:

- Analysis and critique of capitalism, approaches to socio-ecological transformation and just transitions to a democratic socialist economic and proprietorial order,
- History and theory of socialism and communism,
- Transformation of the economic system, the welfare state, and ownership and power structures on the basis of solidarity,
- Left-wing strategies for restructuring the European Union, for a different peace and security policy, and for fairer forms of international cooperation,
- Political, social and cultural practices of emancipatory movements and the emergence of subjective solidarity.

The Institute adopts an independent conceptual approach to socialist transformation and seeks to develop respective principles. We invite you to join them in debating transformational perspectives within Germany and internationally.

By means of workshops, conferences and publications, the Institute contributes to an important discussion process within the Left in Germany and abroad. It supports scientific projects organized by the Left Party and provides teaching and training on left-wing

theory, politics and socialist perspectives. The Institute hosts doctoral and postdoctoral candidates as well as fellowship holders. Important results of the Institute's work are published in the periodical LuXemburg and the blog Mehring1 (www.ifg.rosalux.de). In the spirit of a radical Realpolitik, the Institute analyses and develops entry-level projects concerning a solidarity-based transformation. The deep crisis of neoliberal financial market capitalism and capitalist civilization is seen as a new historical situation, which, besides harbouring new risks of society's relapse into barbarism, also creates opportunities for a politics of solidarity. Analysing these opportunities and risks and then developing alternative proposals together with other left-wing actors is considered by the staff to be the main task of the Institute.

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CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE

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The main concern of the Centre for International Dialogue, which coordinates the international work of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung, is to contribute to social and democratic development and strengthen socio-political educational opportunities and possibilities for communication together with international partners.

The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung funds projects aimed at providing as many people as possible with access to basic social goods and rights, such as democratic participation, education, health, employment, social security, peace and non-violence, and an environment worth living in. For this purpose, the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung works abroad primarily with trade unions, women's organizations, social movements, advanced research and educational institutes, and international organizations and parties.

Key areas of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung's international work are today's neoliberal globalization tendencies, the creation of a caring and peaceful Europe, democratic and social participation at the national, regional and local level, the prevention of violence and peace, equal rights, and the integration into society of marginalized social groups.

Inspired by the ideas and concepts of democratic socialism and cooperation based on solidarity, the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung works internationally in order to:

- Secure the rights of democratic participation and guarantee co-determination,
- Defend access to the goods of public services and lay the foundations for a self-determined life,
- Strengthen the networks of civil society actors and develop alternatives to the neoliberal economic model, and
- Solve conflicts peacefully, and shape the present and future in the light of historical consciousness.

Currently, the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung has 17 international offices, which work together with about 200 partner organizations in over 50 countries. It has offices in the regions of central, eastern and southeast Europe, Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, South and Central America, and in the eastern Mediterranean. In 2012, offices were opened in the US and Greece. Offices in Tunisia and Turkey (Istanbul) will be opened in 2013. Projects in these regions are funded from the budget of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and the Foreign Ministry.

The supervision of international cooperation projects takes place in the regional departments in Berlin. More information about its work, along with current analyses from partner countries, is available on the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung's website.

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THE SCHOLARSHIP DEPARTMENT

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The scholarship department awards scholarships to highly qualified students and postgraduates at home and abroad with a strongly developed social commitment. We aim to compensate for social, political and gender discrimination. Preference is therefore given to applications from women, students from non-academic backgrounds, those with a history of migration, the socially needy and people with disabilities who demonstrate comparable achievements and commitment. Applications are actively encouraged from students and postgraduate students from scientific and technical disciplines and graduates of technical colleges.

The selection and sponsorship criteria are as follows:

- Very good professional qualifications (proof of above-average academic achievement either at school and/or university),
- Political and social and/or social commitment in keeping with the ideals of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung,
- Personal/family background.

The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung's Scholarship Department works on the principle of direct application. Information on grant eligibility requirements and application forms for the scholarship programmes can be found on the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung's website (www.rosalux.de) on the scholarships page. These documents will not be sent by post.

DEADLINES FOR APPLICATIONS

For grants starting in the winter semester: 15 April of the same year For grants starting in the summer semester: 15 October of the previous year

THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMMES

LUX LIKE STUDIUM

Lux like Studium is the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung's new scholarship programme that supports and accompanies schoolchildren without an academic background in their efforts to gain admission to and complete a degree course. Schoolchildren without an academic background are less likely to begin a degree course and are thus under-represented in universities. The provision of funding from the first semester onwards is intended to facilitate access to institutions of higher education.

STUDY SCHOLARSHIPS

Funding is available to students from all disciplines and all state-approved institutes of higher education who meet the requirements sets out in §8 of the German Federal Law on Education and Training (Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz, BAföG) (students holding a German passport, and students with a history of migration who have prospects for permanent residence in Germany). Limited funding is also available for students from other EU states. The duration of the grant and the amount of funding are based on BAföG regulations. Funding is possible from the second semester.

PHD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Department awards grants to domestic and foreign PhD students from all disciplines (except medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine). As a rule, funding lasts for two years; this may be extended twice for a period of six months in justified cases.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FOREIGNERS

The Scholarship Department awards grants to foreign students and PhD students who are temporarily resident in Germany for study or research purposes.

Application requirements

- For undergraduates: Matriculation at a state or staterecognized institution of higher education in Germany. Completion of a BA or undergraduate course.
- For PhD students: Supervision by a university lecturer in Germany.

STUDY OR PHD SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung's Scholarship Department offers their scholarship recipients a wide range of support, consisting of political education events and summer schools, workshops at home and abroad, symposia and educational trips. It also organizes practical training, such as on rhetoric, conflict management and other key skills; time management and self-management; the strengthening of scientific qualifications; text and writing workshops; and specific seminars on methodology. Particular importance is given to the self-organization of scholarship recipients and to their working groups. The work of the Scholarship Department is assisted by about 130 tutors together with the staff and network of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung.

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PROJECT SPONSORSHIP

of "justice", but Project sponsorship is an important form of cooperation with other institutions of political education. Within the limits of its financial means, the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung supports specific individual projects of political education and cooperates in their organization as far as content is concerned. It thus contributes to presenting the broad spectrum of left-wing issues to the political public. The projects that are facilitated by project sponsorship complement the Foundation's political education programme as regards topics, regions and target groups.

Besides major scientific studies, the results of which are an indispensable element of the Foundation's tasks, the spectrum of activities funded ranges from conferences, seminars and workshops, through to book publications, exhibitions and documentary films and DVD productions.

The variety of topics covered corresponds to the focal areas of the Foundation. At present the subject area of crises, alternatives and sustainable social development is gaining importance. For years we have been supporting external activities on the issues of migration and the fight against right-wing extremism. We also assist projects dedicated to left-wing theory and practice, based on the current treatments of historical problems.

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ARCHIVE AND LIBRARY

because the enlivening, can orient themselves. In the Archive of Democratic Socialism (Archiv des Demokratischen Sozialismus - ADS) and its library, the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung is establishing a collective memory of the basic political current of democratic socialism. In this context, the specific task of the ADS is to collect, develop and document sources on the development of Germany's Left Party and the two former parties it developed out of the Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS) and Arbeit & Soziale Gerechtigkeit - Die Wahlalternative - WASG (Labour and Social Justice - The Electoral Alternative), and make these available to the public (especially for research purposes). In keeping with its objective, the Foundation also takes on legacies and deposits. The ADS provides documents for publications, exhibitions, political education events, as well as for radio and television. The ADS is the youngest of the archives of Germany's partyaffiliated political foundations, being established in mid 1999. The archives of the ADS currently amount to a total of approximately 850 running metres. As a result of intense acquisition efforts, the records of the parliamentary group the PDS and the Left Party in the Bundestag today make up over 50 percent of the entire holdings of the ADS. These include both records of the parliamentary group as well as documents of the members of the Bundestag such as Eva Bulling-Schroter, Dr. Gregor Gysi, Professor Christa Luft or Dr. Heidi Knake-Werner.

Organizations and movements require a memory from which they

For research purposes, there is a collection of about 300 small newspapers from the PDS or the Left Party and its immediate political milieu.

In accordance with the terms of protection, the archives are usually open to anyone with a legitimate reason after 10 years. Legitimate interests include scholarly, journalistic or personal interests. Desks are available for users.

The Foundation's library linked to the archive was designed as a reference library, its main focus being the PDS and the Left Party.

The library currently houses some 36,000 media items and more than 130 different newspapers and periodicals. The extensive stock now includes approximately 1,000 monographs on the PDS and the Left Party and 250 titles on Rosa Luxemburg. Literature published by foundations and associations for political education close to the Left Party is also available. The library also houses literature on political education and on the theory and history of left-wing movements in Germany.

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LIBRARY

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NATIONWIDE WORK

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The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung is active throughout Germany, operating in all 16 federal states. Events, publications and other projects are an important part of our political education programme. These activities take place in close association with legally independent regional foundations. Regional offices can be found in the following cities: Stuttgart, Munich, Berlin, Potsdam, Bremen, Hamburg, Frankfurt on Main, Rostock, Hanover, Duisburg, Mainz, Saarbrücken, Leipzig, Magdeburg, Kiel, Erfurt and Jena. These offices work closely together with the various regional foundations. They constitute the link between the Foundation's work at the regional and federal level. Like most other party-affiliated foundations, the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung and its regional foundations are not institutions in the sense of foundation law, but rather registered associations.

This close cooperation has enabled the annual organization of more than 2,000 events involving about 75,000 participants across Germany. This has enabled the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung to address the immediate constituency of the Left Party, as well as members of a broader public interested in a sound and innovative political education. The regional offices and foundations provide points of contact for a pluralist Left that is not confined to the Left Party. They work together with other initiatives and social movements, trade unions, other educational institutions, and municipal politicians.

In the larger federal states, such as Lower Saxony, North Rhine-Westphalia, or Saxony, the Rosa Luxemburg Clubs organize numerous learning opportunities. In addition, friendship associations (Mecklenburg-Vorpommern), liaison offices (Brandenburg, Hesse, Rhineland-Palatinate), or even just educational circles in various – sometimes smaller – localities have developed into important co-operation partners. Via these agencies, educational projects are carried out "on the ground", mainly in the form of organized lectures and discussions, workshops, day and weekend

seminars, meetings, conferences, exhibitions and excursions. The majority of the work in the federal states is performed on a voluntary basis. The work of all regional foundations is financed by the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung (from federal funds), and by capital resources (donations, membership fees) and, finally, in some federal states (currently in Brandenburg, Berlin, Bremen, Hamburg, Hesse, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Lower Saxony, North Rhine/Westphalia, Saxony, Sachsen-Anhalt and Thuringia) by state funds of varying amounts and on the basis of vastly differing state regulations. On the basis of this material and organizational foundation, the educational work in the federal states will continue to be expanded in future. The forms of political education continue to be varied, comprising - in addition to the range of events mentioned above - print and, increasingly, Internet publications, discussion and study groups, as well as individual research activities.

In all federal states, topics concerning economic, employment and welfare policy enjoy great popularity. Widespread interest is also enjoyed by events on peace and security policy, social theory and philosophy and – traditionally – contemporary history and policy. In states like Baden-Wurttemberg, Bremen, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Schleswig-Holstein and Thuringia, issues concerning antifascism and anti-racism carry particular weight. In states like Brandenburg, North Rhine-Westphalia and Saarland, the focus is on educational and science policy. In addition, in most federal states, there is a wide range of municipal educational events. Many of these events are organized and implemented in association with a wide range of partners (independent agencies, libraries, museums, theatres and other cultural institutions).

In January 2011, the "Nationwide Work" section was founded to improve the coordination of federal and regional foundations' activities. This creates an important organizational foundation to

meet the growing demands placed on the work of political education in the 16 federal states.

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HEAD OFFICE

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The Head Office and its Executive Director, who is elected by the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung's General Assembly, perform tasks for the Foundation as a whole and the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung's network of foundations. Here, both internal aspects and a perspective oriented to external needs are of particular importance. Accordingly, administrative, political and representative tasks are carried out by the Head Office and its Executive Director. In addition, internal auditing and personnel are considered staff departments of the Executive Director.

The most important areas include:

- Maintaining contacts with the Left Party and its political groups, other political foundations, the Federal Administrative Office, and the federal ministries that grant funding,
- Managing the Foundation's conceptual and financial overall planning,
- Responsibility for personnel and managing personnel development,
- Responsibility for the nationwide political education programme,
- Responsibility for internal organizational processes,
- Looking after the members of the association,
- Keeping the Executive Board of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung informed and cooperating with it,
- Supporting the supporting members of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung,
- Overall responsibility for the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung's discussion groups,
- Planning and implementing the programme of international parliamentary scholarships of the German Bundestag on behalf of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung.

A key concern of the Head Office is to support the work of the various levels within the Foundation and ensure that processes and structures remain transparent: Strengthening contacts and close cooperation with internal and external partners is another essential aspect of its work.

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FINANCES, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, CENTRAL TASKS

essential fact and fails in its The FIC (Finances, Information Technology, Central Tasks) with its five units is the Foundation's central liaison agency for financial, infrastructural and organizational matters concerning political education. The FIC ensures the Foundation's structural ability to act by controlling effective financial, administrative, informational and organizational processes while observing all relevant legal guidelines and funding provisions.

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ACCOUNTING

The unit ensures the proper use and accounting of funds received by the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung from the various federal budgets. These include specifically:

- Keeping accounts, bookkeeping, issuing annual reports, providing proof of expenditure,
- Supervising the cash flow within the Foundation's network and cooperation with business partners at home and abroad,
- Monitoring and controlling the proper economic use of funds in keeping with funding and fiscal guidelines.

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BUDGET

This unit is in charge of the overall budgeting planning needed to secure the material and technical basis, as well as personnel planning, in coordination with the staff department.

- Annual planning, liquidity planning and control over expenditure of funds,
- Medium-term financial planning as a basis for defining the parameters of the political and professional work of the Foundation,
- The development of centralized instruments to control and support the work of the Head Office and Executive Board,
- Planning, management and accounting of externally funded projects (research projects, events and publications of other political education institutions).

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- Appropriate provision of required equipment and material as well as consumables according to funding provisions,
- Facility management (ensuring appropriate accommodation and technical conditions in the Foundation's Berlin Head Office as well as in the regional offices of the federal states),
- Cost-effectiveness calculations, contract management and accounting control.

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IT - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

This unit ensures and optimizes the use of state-of-the-art information and communications technology

- Planning and provision of the entire IT infrastructure,
- Procurement and provision of all components of information and communications technology in accordance with funding principles,
- Supporting staff in the efficient use of information and communications technology,
- Ensuring a continuous IT development that moves with the times,
- Data security of IT resources and their proper maintenance and use.

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EVENT MANAGEMENT

This unit creates the organizational and logistical conditions in Berlin and nationwide for coordination meetings and internal consultations.

- Accommodation management/planning, including furnishings and renting of external accommodation,
- Catering, equipment, facilities,
- Organizational (and substantive) support for events (coordination of interpreters/auxiliary staff, hotels, etc.),
- Creation of planning and organizational aids,
- Conceptual assistance for large-scale events and cultural projects.

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POLITICAL COMMUNICATION

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The Political Communication Department is responsible for print and online publications, the Foundation's website, press and media relations, canvassing suitable target groups for the Foundation's activities and safeguarding the corporate design. In consultation with all other departments, it sets priorities while ensuring that the variety and range of the Foundation's activities are kept in the public eye. The department also takes initiatives on current topics of political relevance. Examples of this are the thematic dossiers on the Internet, educational materials on the most important political issues of the day, or video documentary interviews. The department plays a key role in presenting the Foundation's activities in the fields of education and research by using both traditional and state-of-the-art means of communication.

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SERIES

ANALYSEN: Works on social issues that provide background information and situate the topic in its historical and theoretical context.

LUXEMBURG ARGUMENTE: Educational brochures that question or refute established prejudices and myths on current topics.

MANUSKRIPTE: Collection of articles with contributions from conferences or meetings, or compilations of essays on a specific topic.

PAPERS: Working materials for educational events in more limited editions.

STANDPUNKTE INTERNATIONAL: Analyses of international topics.

STANDPUNKTE: Analyses used by the Foundation to comment on current debates.

STUDIEN: Results of research into specific issues.

PAPERS

ROSALUX: The Foundation's internal journal is published quarterly and focuses on current political topics as well as news and information from the national and international work of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung.

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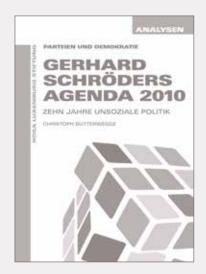
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CRASHKURS KOMMUNE: Publications by the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung's Municipal Academy concerning local political issues.

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Overleaf: The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung stand at the World Social Forum in Tunis, March 2013.

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Your "order" is built on sand. Tomorrow the revolution will "rise up again" ... and to your horror it will proclaim with trumpets blazing: "I was, I am, I shall be!".

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