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Disarm! For a Climate of Peace

Creating an Action Agenda

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EDITORIAL

Dear readers, dear participants of the IPB World Congress,

- Monday, 29 August 2016: 18 killed and 120 wounded in clashes with Islamic State terrorists in Sirte !!
- Sunday, 28 August 2016: 15 Abu Sayyaf terrorists killed in Sulu clashes, Philippines !!
- Saturday, 27 August 2016: 9 killed in Mogadishu beach restaurant attack claimed by al-Shabaab !!
- Friday 26 August 2016: Iraq forces retake key town of Qayyarah south of Mosul !!
- Wednesday, 24 August 2016: Syrian government forces fight Kurdish militias over Hasakah !!
- Tuesday, 23 August 2016: Israel launches air strikes over Gaza in response to rocket attack !!
- Monday, 22 August 2016: Al-Shabaab suicide bombers kill at least 20 people in Puntland !!

Almost every day, we hear about war, terror and deaths. According to the website of 'Wars in The World', 67 countries and 719 Militias-guerrillas and terrorist-separatist-anarchic groups are involved in wars and ongoing conflicts, 42 regions and autonomous provinces are struggling for independence.

The conflict in Syria is in its 5th year and still there are houses and bombs crashing together, refugees standing with raised arms in front of fences, provisional ambulances rushing to provisional hospitals to unload their dreadful cargo. In Ukraine, almost three years after the Maidan Revolution, two and a half years after the Annexation of Crimea, one and a half years after the signing of the ceasefire agreement Minsk II, the fighting continues. In June and July more civilians have died than during the entire passed year. A conflict which was seen as falling asleep awaked again in these days. And Turkey? A policy of business as usual – especially after the Coup – in order to save the refugee deal between the EU and Turkey will not improve the human rights situation. A faulty Western war policy in regards to the conflicts in the Middle East has led to a collapse of the societies in Iraq, Libya and Syria, and to a spread of Islamic fundamentalism worldwide. War policy and foreclosure promote terror which is responded to by war policy and foreclosure. This tactic promotes the division of societies.

Resonance, democracy, rule of law and human rights can only develop when they are practiced and not merely hypocritical declared. To achieve this, we need innovative, peace-based alternatives to the current politics of force. We have to determinedly strive to end this kind of extreme violence and promote dialogue and common peaceful approaches. We ask you to adopt our demilitarization goals and promote a strong, practically feasible Action Agenda for Peace. No more sales of weapons to terrorists, no more dirty deals, no more acts of aggression, no more politics of interventionism by Western powers. It is a peaceful, socially just world we all work for. And therefore, come and join the IPB World Congress 2016 on disarmament for peace.

We kindly ask everyone to register now under www.ipb2016.berlin. Please spread the word and give a forceful signal in the direction of disarmament, peace, security and social justice! With our 4th and last newsletter before the congress, we would like to inform you about the latest news on the congress and its organizational process.

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20 things to do in Berlin

Are you attending the IPB World Congress and also want to take the chance to discover the German capital, its sights, its history, get to know its people and lifestyle? Walk the Wall, step back into the past and hang out with the avant-garde while you are here. In the following we have 20 tips for you how to enjoy the city to the fullest...

- 1. Take a stroll in the Grunewald forest:** Grunewald is Berlin's largest forested area and easily accessible via S-bahn. Pack a picnic and head down here for a day of tranquil respite from the bustle of the city. Venture through the woods by foot, bicycle or on horseback or take a dip in the clean waters of Schlachtensee or Wannsee...
- 2. Spend a day on Museum Island:** At the eastern end of Unter den Linden is Museum Island, a UNESCO-listed World Heritage Site lying in the middle of the Spree. It's home to five of Berlin's most important museums. Within it you walk through a series of astounding structures, from a partial recreation of the Pergamon Altar to the two-storey Roman Gate of Miletus and the Ishtar Gate of Babylon...
- 3. Hunt down bargains in Mauer Park:** Berliners embrace their green spaces. The long strip of grass along the middle of Prenzlauer Berg's Mauerpark is best known not as a relaxing spot but a mecca for energetic market-lovers. The park hosts a sunday flea market, with vendors selling bargain bicycles, clothes, food, souvenirs, records, pianos and furniture...
- 4. Ascend to an iconic vantage point:** Berlin's architecture has a fascinating range. The roof of the Reichstag allows a panoramic view of the city. Alternative views can be found by taking Europe's fastest elevator to the Panoramapunkt on the 24th and 25th floors of the Kollhoff Tower in Potsdamer Platz. In the east of the city is Fernsehturm, rising over 200 metres above Alexanderplatz...

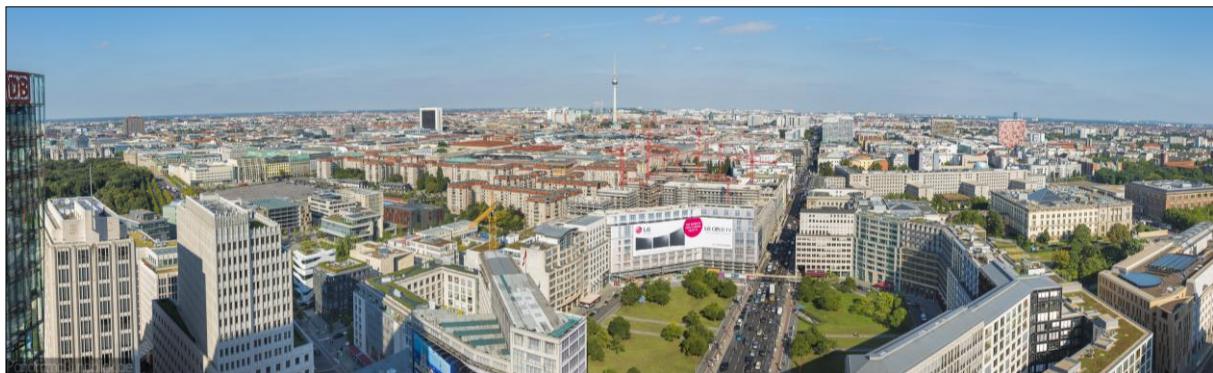


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- 5. Indulge in some DDR 'Ostalgia':** Soviet occupation of East Berlin ended in 1990. Today, the DDR Museum offers a snapshot of life in the old days. The interactive museum allows visitors a truly hands-on experience. Out on the streets you can take a unique tour of the city by renting a Trabant, the classic car produced in former East Germany...

6. Explore Berlin's Jewish history: The Jüdisches Museum presents the story of Berlin's Jewish population through the Museum's own architecture. Its newest section was designed by Daniel Libeskind. Across Oranienburger Straße you will find the Neue Synagogue with its golden dome. For more of an emotional way into history, walk night or day through the Holocaust Memorial...

7. Walk the Berlin Wall: The Wall was mostly demolished between June and November 1990 although a restored stretch remains along the southern border of Wedding and Mitte. Visit Checkpoint Charlie, the famous east-west border control during the Cold War. Take a walk along the Wall by the Spree – the one-mile stretch known as the East Side Gallery is dedicated to art and preserves the paintings made when the Wall was brought down...

8. Take a Photoautomaten selfie: Posing for four shots in Berlin's Photoautomaten is an almost obligatory activity. These black and white photo booths are open all hours and scattered across the city. The photos only take a few minutes to print and provide a brilliant souvenir of your time in the city...

9. Peruse the Bauhaus Museum: Everyone can be a designer at the Bauhaus Archiv, which offers a total insight into the development of the utilitarian art school that came out of Weimar Germany. Walter Gropius was the school's founder and architect of the elegant white building that now houses the museum. Its permanent exhibition displays furniture, ceramics, prints, sculptures, photographs and sketches...

10. See the sights by bike: If you're hard-pressed for time, get on two wheels for a quick tour of the must-do sights, starting at the Reichstag, head across to the leafy paths of Tiergarten, up to Brandenburg Tor, the Holocaust Memorial, Potsdamer Platz, Checkpoint Charlie and end with the Topography of Terror – an outdoor museum on the site of the wartime SS and Gestapo offices...

11. A shopping tour through Berlin: North Mitte is counting scores of boutiques and independent retailers. Those in search of vintage clothing should venture further north to Prenzlauer Berg. Pay for the contents of your basket according to weight in a number of outlets: at Garage at Nollendorf Platz, or at the vast and musty Colours Kleidermarkt on Bergmannstraße...

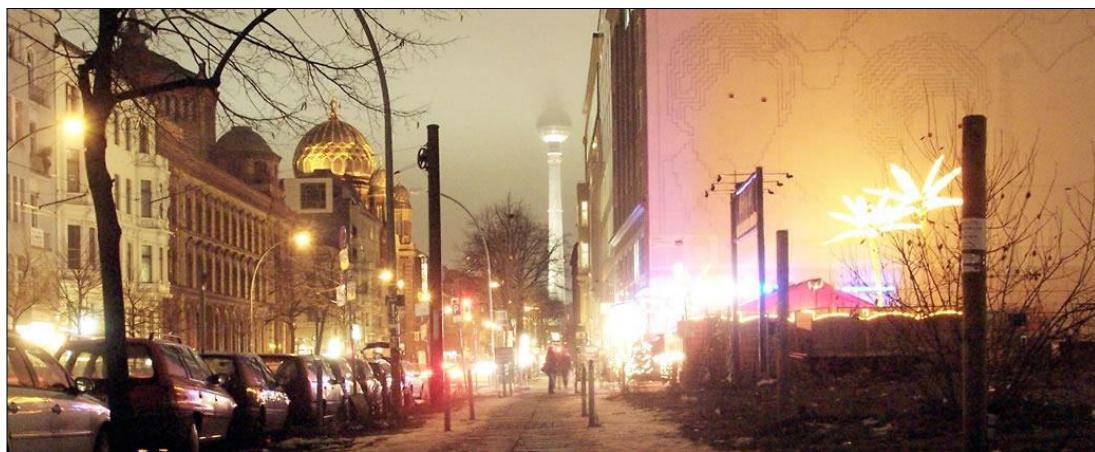


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12. Dance until sunrise: When it comes to partying, Berlin is more of a 48-hour than a 24-hour city, with weekends stretching well into weekdays. Head to Berghain/Panorama Bar, the bedrock of European techno, to Salon Zur Wilden Renate or to Watergate – with its panoramic view from the Water Floor over the Spree and the floating deck terrace ideal for watching the sunrise over Kreuzberg...

13. Immerse yourself in Berlin's art scene: The Kulturforum is a low-rise museum complex south of Tiergarten housing world-class galleries. The biggest draw is the Gemäldegalerie with a collection of early European painting. A short stroll along from the Old Masters is the bold glass cube of the Neue Nationalgalerie...



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14. Delight in the Berlin Philharmonic: The Berlin Philharmoniker is widely regarded as one of the world's foremost symphony orchestras. The Philharmoniker are currently conducted by Britain's Sir Simon Rattle, whose artistic license means that the programme bristles with contemporary and classical choices...

15. Relax by the Spree: Berliners make the most of their glorious sunshine summer after the notoriously snowy winters. Bars such as Yaam and Chez Jacki line the banks of the Spree to the north while Club der Visionäre sits on stilts on an inlet to the river on the border of Kreuzberg/Treptow. You can take a plunge in the swimming pool of Badeschiff or get a drink from the bar as DJs play out the evenings...

16. Get set for the Olympic Stadium: The Olympiastadion exemplifies fascist taste in architecture. It became famous during the 1936 Olympics, which had been intended by the National Socialist government to be a showcase for Aryan triumph. Instead, black American athlete Jesse Owens won four gold medals, emphatically disproving Hitler's ideas about racial superiority in front of the world's media...

17. Wolf down a classic currywurst: Currywurst is the idiosyncratic combination of pork sausage, cut into slices, smothered with a mixture of ketchup and curry powder and served with a bread roll or fries. In Berlin it's a culinary institution, to be seen being scoffed by commuters, students, boozers and tourists alike. Try it at Konnopke's Imbiss, Schönhauser Allee...



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18. Anthropomorphise at Berlin Zoo: Situated in a beautifully landscaped area with plenty of spots for picnicking, Europe's most popular zoo is an important scientific resource, containing almost 14,000 creatures. The aquarium with its dark corridors, liquid ambience and colourful illuminated tanks is as absorbing as any art exhibit...

19. Enjoy a film at dusk: Kulturforum Potsdamer Platz or Friedrichshain Open Air Cinema, which often show original language versions of films in English. Refreshments are usually available and evening shows normally run from sunset into the dark...

20. Discover Charlottenburg gardens: The charming palace and garden complex of Schloss Charlottenburg has the look of a mini-Versailles. It was built as a summer retreat for Queen Sophie-Charlotte by her husband Friedrich I. Highlights are the Neue Flügel (New Wing) and the outside gardens, modelled on the decadent style of Louis XIV of France...

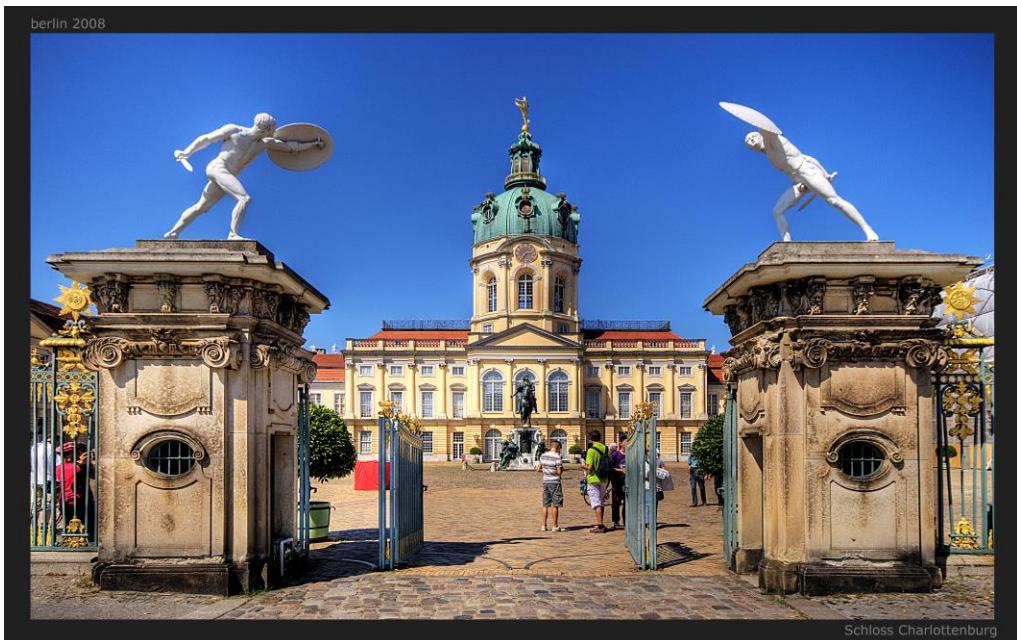


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Our new Supporters

ISDRS

The IPB World Congress 2016 Committee welcomes its new supporter: ISDRS – International Sustainable Development Research Society is a global network of professionals to achieve a fair and clean sustainable society. It aims at a worldwide close collaboration and a maximum exchange of knowledge by linking researchers in academia and implementation practice from all continents to each other. The organization, founded in 2005 by Professor Richard Welford, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand and Dr. Jouni Korhonen, organizes yearly conferences, with in 2016 the 22nd conference in row. With working groups it wants to exchange and disseminate knowledge and educate others about sustainable development.



For more information please see: <http://isdrs.org/>

GEW



We also want to say a big Thank You to GEW for its support. GEW (Gewerkschaft Erziehung und Wissenschaft) is the education and science union of the German Trade Union Federation. It has a strong team of over 270,000 women and men who work in educational and scientific professions: In schools, daycare centers, universities and other educational institutions. Even students and unemployed educators are equal members at GEW. They want to fight for good working conditions, fair charges, unlimited employment contracts and safeguard jobs in the education sector.

For more information please see: <https://www.gew.de/>

Iipe Partnership

The International Institute on Peace Education (Iipe) will conduct peace education workshops and panels within the main congress and a full day of side events. Iipe's participation is intended to infuse educational perspectives, including formal and non-formal, public and community-based learning strategies, into the policy & citizen action recommendations generated at the Congress. Iipe is also encouraging educators to participate in the Congress to learn from the experience and perspectives of activist and policy-maker counterparts. Please register on the Iipe Website: www.i-i-p-e.org.

Special Iipe organized events during the main Congress

Global Perspectives on Disarmament Education – with the Global Campaign for Peace Education (Saturday, 1st October, 2:30-4:00 pm)

Members of the Global Campaign for Peace Education will share practical and theoretical considerations and approaches to disarmament education from the local to the global. It will be focused on aspects of non-formal, community based disarmament education that foster civic engagement oriented toward personal, social and political change and transformation. Speakers include: Tony Jenkins, moderator (USA), Alicia Cabezudo (Argentina), Cora Weiss (USA), Amada Benavides de Pérez (Colombia)

Introductory workshop: “Disarmament Education: Imperative for Peace” (Sunday, 2nd October, 10:45am – 12pm)

The workshop, intended for activists, policy-makers and formal educators, will explore the role of peace and disarmament education in the transformation of society toward a culture of peace. In dialogue, a prescriptive “Declaration of Educational Principles for Disarmament and Social/Political Transformation” will be compiled.

Iipe organized side events on Monday

½ day Workshop: “Disarmament Education: Imperative for Peace” (Monday, 3rd October: 9am – 1pm *times are approximate)

The workshop will engage participants in the process of ethical reflective inquiry regarding paradigms of security and world order, and its implications for disarmament. This engagement will model a pedagogy of ethical reflective inquiry that can be replicated in a number of different educational contexts.

Working Group on Peace Education: Building a Platform for Strategic Disarmament Education and Action (Monday, 3rd October, 2:00 – 6:00pm *times are approximate)

The Iipe, in partnership with the Global Campaign for Peace Education, will convene a working group to explore and illuminate regional and global efforts and strategies for peace education. Participants will consider their own spheres of activity as well as our peace education collective network to develop practical strategies and actions based on the “Declaration of Principles for Alternative Security” and the “Critical and Constructive Alternatives Platform for Action.”

Special honor at the IPB Congress

H.E. Archbishop Dr. Nikola Eterović

On Friday, 30th September 2016, we will be hearing words of greetings from the Holy See and encouragement from Pope Francis by H.E. Archbishop Dr. Nikola Eterović, Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See in Berlin. Nikola Eterović (born 20th January, 1951 in Pučišća) is a Croatian Titular Archbishop of the Catholic Church, and Apostolic Nuncio to Germany, since 21st September 2013. He has worked in the Apostolic Nunciatures of Côte d'Ivoire, Spain and Nicaragua. Pope John Paul II gave him several honors, before making him Titular Bishop of Sicia and Nuncio to the Ukraine on 22nd May 1999. Under the Presidency of Pope Benedict XVI, he coordinated the preparation and celebration of three Ordinary General Assemblies of the Synod of Bishops and organized two Special Assemblies, that for Africa, in 2009, on the topic of The Church in Africa in Service to Reconciliation, Justice and Peace; and that for the Middle East, in 2010, on the topic of The Catholic Church in the Middle East: Communion and Witness.

Jerlan Idrissow

For our Plenary Session during the analytical approach of our Congress, on Saturday, 1st October 2016, we are welcoming Jerlan Idrissow, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan. Before, he was Kazakh ambassador to the United Kingdom starting in 2002 and Ambassador to the United States starting in 2007. Western Analysts widely view his appointment to foreign minister as a sign of President Nazarbayev's intent to maintain strong relations with the west. As Foreign Minister, Idrissow has sought to improve relations with states in the South and Central Asia region. Idrissow chaired the meetings in Almaty of the P5+1 talks with Iran over the country's nuclear program, embodying Kazakhstan's foreign policy and desire to act as a mediator in regional disputes, as it did during the 2010 conflict in Kyrgyzstan. Idrissow visited the offices of the European Commission in Brussels in January 2013, as well as with NATO Secretary General Anders Fog Rasmussen at the organization's headquarters in Brussels to discuss key issues regarding security and the withdrawal of international forces from Afghanistan.

Sharan Burrow

Sharan Burrow is one of the speaker at the IPB World Congress. She is well known for her international advocacy on labor standards, corporate responsibility, climate change, investment in infrastructure and the green economy, global migration and employment.

Burrow was born in New South Wales, Australia, into a family with a long history of involvement in unions and the struggle to improve the lives of working people. She graduated from University of New South Wales in 1976 and started to teach in high schools in the early 1980s. In the meantime, she became an organizer for the NSW Teachers' Federation and was President of the Bathurst Trades and Labour Council.

Burrow was elected President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) in May 2000. She played a critical role in resolving industrial disputes and led union negotiations on major economic reforms and in labor rights campaigns. The most significant public event of her term of office was the ACTU's 'Your Rights at Work' campaign against the Howard Government's 'WorkChoices' industrial relations legislation in the lead up to the 2007 Australian federal election. At the time of her presidency with ACTU, a PPL (Paid Parental Leave) policy program was successfully passed in Australia, for which she said; this would give dignity and respect to women workers.

In June 2010, she was elected General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) at its Second World Congress in Vancouver. Prior to this, she held the honorary position of ITUC President since its Founding Congress in Vienna (November 2006) and the position of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions President since its 18th World Congress in Miyazaki (November 2004). She is the first woman to have held any of these positions. Recognizing the significance of her election, Burrow underlined the necessity of female participation in organized labor: "I am a warrior for women and we still have work to ensure the inclusion of women in the work place and in our unions. The struggles for women are multiple – too often within their families for independence, then in the workplace for rights and equal opportunity, in their unions for access and representation and then as union leaders. But the investment in and participation of women is not only a moral mandate it is an investment in democracy and a bulwark against fundamentalism and oppression. Organizing women is and must continue to be a priority for the ITUC."

Sharan Burrow has also represented workers and civil society groups in global policy discussions in United Nations bodies, including ECOSOC, the ILO, at the G20, World Bank and International Monetary Fund. She has served as a member of the Stakeholder Council of the Global Reporting Initiative and the UN Global Commission on International Migration and has participated in the World Economic Forum for the past 10 years. Sharan Burrow was re-elected General Secretary of the ITUC at its 3rd Congress, in Berlin, May 2014. She maintains close working relations with civil society organizations across a range of areas in promoting social justice, human rights and development.



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Congress APP

Solely for the IPB World Congress 2016, our media partner Pressenza has developed an App which will be available for Android and Apple smartphones and tablets. It will help you to find your way around the congress and not to miss out on your favored panels, workshops or side-events. It contains information about all aspects of the congress – from accommodation over cultural events and speakers to the youth gathering. News, videos and images will be updated throughout the Congress. With the map of interest you will find your way around the Technical University of Berlin. Additionally, you can **connect** with other participants of the congress, **chat, meet up** and explore the congress together or continue to collaborate on the important subject of disarmament for a climate of peace. So, don't miss out and download the App!

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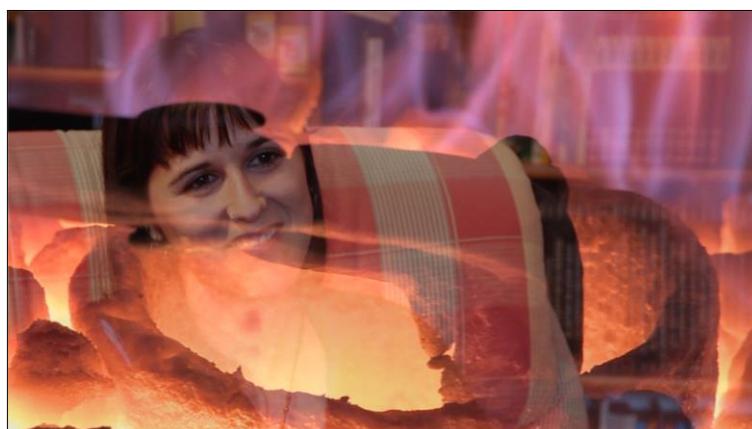
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Beyond Revenge

World Premiere on IPB Conference in Berlin of the documentary film

“Beyond Revenge” is a novel treatment on an arcaic and at the same time a red-hot topic of the vengeance; relating the personal with the social and the historical experience. Immerge in the history of western culture to find the way how vengeance became institutionalized and how it was possible to become a constitutive part of our actual culture, including art and religion. But the impacting force of the documentary lies in the testimonies of people who became aware of how vengeance was affecting them profoundly in their lives. They courageously share with us their experiences and their comprehensions. The identification with the interviewed people offers us the possibility to see and understand the vengeance in our own lives – from the big traumas to our daily living together. We submerge with the protagonists in the obscurities of our feelings to emerge with the possibility of reconciliation. “Beyond Revenge” is essentially a positive and promising documentary and a call to consciously take a step forward towards the overcoming of violence.



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