

Conference

Pluriverse of Peace

Emancipatory movements in Europe and beyond have either lost momentum or are facing unprecedented repression. Meanwhile, private sector elites (and their political allies) have taken off their white gloves, pursuing profit, power, and prestige in ways that are increasingly barbaric. Given the current situation, in which short-term progress seems more out of reach than ever, it is time to explore the root causes of our dire predicament and what it will take to create a radically better world for everyone. To this end, the Berliner Gazette's Pluriverse of Peace conference focuses on the (im-)possibilities of peace and environmental politics.

"The endless accumulation of capital" (Immanuel Wallerstein) through market-driven mass production, financialization, etc. has depleted resources and polluted the planet. This has made ecosystems more vulnerable and unstable, which also affects markets and economies. Competition for resources and control of supply chains leads to territorial conflicts. War has become an increasingly common means of defending 'national economies'. Meanwhile, the resource-intensive rise of the global war regime creates a disastrous ecological footprint that exacerbates environmental collapse. At this juncture, various forms of environmental warfare are emerging, involving the use of extreme weather, pollution, or terraforming as weapons.

To break this vicious cycle, it is necessary to ask and discuss the deeper questions about the polycrisis and rethink strategies and alliances to articulate our shared desire for liberation and just transition. Tackling the structural dimension, the conference addresses the class interests behind the resurgence of militarism and the increasingly reactionary responses to the climate crisis.

Scholars, activists, and cultural workers are invited to discuss the following questions: How should we address the increase in armed aggression and the mounting, disastrous consequences of the climate crisis? How can we tackle these issues at the structural level and across national borders? How can an emancipatory politics centre on the struggles of the impoverished, dispossessed, and exploited — that is, of those who are most affected by militarism and environmental disasters, yet often neglected by peace and climate movements?

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Thursday
16 October 2025
14:00-20:00

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Location: ICI Berlin, Christinenstr. 18-19, Haus 8, 10119 Berlin

- 14:00 **Introduction**
Magdalena Taube + Krystian Woznicki
- 14:15 **Performance Lecture** by Shuree Sarantuya
Eco-Wars on Nomads:
The Making of 'Hostile Environments' in Mongolia
- 14:45 **Talk** by Svitlana Matviyenko
Elemental Warfare:
How Russia Weaponizes Environmental Destruction in Ukraine
- 15:15 **Wrap up**
- 15:30 **Coffee Break**
- 16:00 **Talk** by Debora Darabi
No Plan B?
Capitalism, Climate Crisis, War, and Class Struggles
- 16:30 **Talk** by Enikő Vincze
'ReArmEurope':
Saving Capitalism, Abandoning Life
- 17:00 **Wrap up**
- 17:15 **Coffee Break**
- 17:45 **Talk** by Raúl Sánchez Cedillo
Beyond Collapse:
Rethinking Emancipatory Politics
in the Age of Global War and Climate Crisis
- 18:15 **Talk** by Sandro Mezzadra
Proliferating Transitions:
New Beginnings at the End of the World as We Know It
- 18:45 **Wrap up**
- 19:00 **Reception**

Free entry, limited seats,
registration by 13 October 2025 required.

Friday
17 October 2025
19:00

Conditions of War, Fairytale About Love, fixDisputedCities, Total Metrics, Factory of the Map, Minimum Wage May Be Denied

Location: ZK/U Berlin, Siemensstraße 27, 10551 Berlin

This intervention by the artist collective eeefff explores how war, ecological collapse, and colonial infrastructures infiltrate daily life through invisible systems. Cyberwarfare, digital mapping, algorithmic assistants, and coded instructions quietly reshape reality, embedding militarization into homes, bodies, and imaginations. Extractivist fairytales, productivity regimes, and even hidden comments in code reveal how violence becomes normalized and stabilized at the infrastructural level.

Moving images based on recently leaked Yandex code – a window into the extractivist machinery of geographies and intimacies – trace how Russia's colonialism is extending through algorithmic systems and technological platforms. Sound, projection, and embodied action reveal how digital architectures reproduce the logic of control, territorial domination, and resource extraction, creating digital fascism, which fuses imperial violence with technological standardization.

Free entry, limited seats,
registration for the Multimedia Intervention at the ZK/U required by 15 October 2025.

Saturday
18 October 2025
19:00

Make Love, Not War

Location: ZK/U Berlin, Siemensstraße 27, 10551 Berlin

Step into inner space, where people can explore and reflect on their feelings. The wars and environmental crises happening outside our walls also take place inside, manifesting as grief, anguish, and fear – emotions that often engender isolation and a sense of disconnection.

DJ Pepe Dayaw will perform an original ambient 'live set', inviting participants to rest and ponder their connection to human and other-than-human life on this planet. They will blend musical styles, spoken words, and live and recorded sounds, including local colors, exotic motors, and nomadic journeys. Here, for a brief moment, we can listen and move within the spaces between us.

Free entry, limited seats,
registration for the Planeta Lounge at the ZK/U required by 15 October 2025.
Registration Link for all events: <https://berlinergazette.de/projects/pluriverse-of-peace>