

poetry ohne slam

Call for poets

Migration, war and climate crisis - How can, how do we want to live together?

Migration, war and climate crisis - all three terms move our societies in different ways and are interrelated in many places. We want to bring together many different voices at the University of Wuppertal who want to address one or the connection between the three topics of migration, war and climate crisis.

The globalised present is characterised by flight and displacement, whereby we are all affected differently. This also applies to the climate crisis and the war in Ukraine. It seems all the more important to us to think about a common life: about how it is and how it could be - about diversity, needs and also suffering. And also to pursue the question of what "us" or "together" actually means.

The university is not only the place of teaching and research. It is a public living space of different people acting, thinking and relating to each other and therefore it is also an important place for all those who want to freely exchange ideas about scientific and socially relevant topics. For this purpose, we want to create an open and creative space in which the encounter of many different perspectives and voices is made possible.

With this in mind, we are organising the ***poetry ohne slam*** event for the first time at the Bergische Universität Wuppertal with the focus on ***migration, war and the climate crisis - How can, how do we want to live together?*** We call this event "poetry ohne slam" because we are not interested in having the speakers compete, as is the case with the usual poetry slams. We want to combine aesthetics and commitment without the pressure of competition, and we want to make it possible to try out different ways of expression. We want to encourage a common exchange of ideas beyond the regulated and usual forms of communication of everyday university life. If the topics move you and you feel like sharing your thoughts with others in an unusual form, we cordially invite you to contribute to the event!

Participation formalities:

- There are no restrictions on the form of the contribution: different types of texts can be presented, such as essays, poems, pamphlets, dialogues, etc. Music, photographs/pictures, art objects or artistic performances are also welcome. Also welcome are musical contributions, photographs/pictures, art objects or artistic performances. Thematically, there should be a reference to the question "How can, how do we want to live together? Whether all three or only one of the three key words (climate crisis, migration, war) is/are addressed is up to the contributors.
- Contributions can be submitted and presented by individuals as well as by several persons or also associations, initiatives, etc.
- Up to 10 minutes are planned for the contributions. However, depending on the form of the contribution, the time frame can be adjusted. Submitted pictures/photographs etc. can be exhibited and presented in the event room.
- If the texts are not written in German, it would be good to indicate whether there is also the possibility of a translation.
- If there is interest, it will be possible to publish the contributions afterwards.

Everyone is cordially invited to join in!

Deadline for participation:

until Wed, 11.05.
(extended!)

Entries can be submitted ~~until Mon, 02.05.~~ by email at metzger@uni-wuppertal.de. If you miss the deadline, you can ask by email whether it is still possible to participate. Everything else can be found in the participation form.

The event itself will take place on Tue, 17.5. at 7pm on the AStA level (ME.04). If the event cannot take place on site due to Corona, an online format will be used. We are looking forward to creative contributions and an exciting first poetry ohne slam!