

REGISTRATION

Registration until 01st March 2016:

<http://anmeldung.menschen-wuerdig.org>

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Participation is free of charge.

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LEARNING HOW TO LIVE?

THE PRACTICE OF HOUSING REFUGEES AND
OPTIONS FOR SELF-DETERMINED LIVING



**LEIPZIG, SATURDAY,
12TH MARCH 2016**

Geisteswissenschaftliches Zentrum,
Beethovenstr. 15, 04107 Leipzig

THE PRACTICE OF HOUSING REFUGEES AND OPTIONS FOR SELF-DETERMINED LIVING

The housing of Refugees in collective accommodations is regulated by law since the eighties and is, since then, politically and socio-pedagogically not scrutinized with a few exceptions. And yet, especially for the affected, this practice of housing means constrains of self-determination. It leads to isolation and blocks participation in social life. This current practice is socio-politically borrowed from the support work and assistance to the homeless. In contrast stand US-American and European projects of assistance to the homeless: those operate already successfully according to the principle *housing first*.

Accordingly, the aim of this symposium is – besides an analysis of the current housing and living situation of Refugees – to confront the current practice of housing Refugees with US-American and European projects in assistance to the homeless and to discuss them.

The first part of the symposium will provide indicative insights for the matter. In 5 talks, the collective accommodation will be examined, based on the situation for Refugees and the asylum policies' answers on the European, German federal and regional level, as a consequence of specific marginalization and control policies against Refugees. Furthermore the systematic deprivations of rights of Refugees within the practice of housing in Germany will be analyzed from a power critical perspective. New developments in the field of social work will be taken into consideration and by introducing the concept *housing first* a starting point will be set for a substantiated discussion about it. Ultimately the „Welcoming Culture“ for Refugees will be debated as a proving ground for future solidary urban development.

In the second part of the symposium workshops led by activists with and without refugee experiences and researchers will deepen this first insights. Here, the workshop attendees will get to the bottom of possible societal reorientation beyond contemporary mental stereotyped blockades and narrowing of perspectives.

In exchange with activists with and without refugee experiences, researchers and actors in the housing markets, the attendees will negotiate aspects of societal participation and the (im-)possibility of solidary and participatory urban development along the question about self-determined living.

PROGRAM

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| 09.00 – 09.30 | Coffee & Tea |
| 09.30 – 09.45 | Welcome by <i>Initiativkreis: Menschen. Würdig & Bernd Mesovic (Pro Asyl)</i> |
| 09.45 – 10.20 | Housing of Asylum Seekers in Federal Comparison <i>Kay Wendel</i> , Refugee Council of Brandenburg |
| 10.20 – 11.00 | The Camp („das Lager“). A place of exclusion. <i>Napuli Paul</i> , Human Rights Activist; Activist of Protest Camp Oranienplatz, Berlin <i>Henrik Lebuhn</i> , Humboldt University, Berlin |
| 11.00 – 11.35 | The Examination of „Housing Readiness“ („Wohnfähigkeit“) as an Illegal Exclusion from Social Participation <i>Alexander Klose</i> , Humboldt University, Berlin |
| 11.35 – 11.50 | Coffee & Tea |
| 11.50 – 12.25 | Assistance to the Homeless as a Model for Accommodation of Asylum Seekers? Housing First – Empowerment as Paradigm of Modern Social Support <i>Sam Tsemberis</i> , Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University Medical Center & Pathways to housing, NYC, USA |
| 12.25 – 13.00 | „Welcoming Culture“ („Willkommenskultur“) as Proving Ground for Social Urban Development <i>Jan Kuhnert</i> , KUB Kommunal- und Unternehmensberatung GmbH; former confidant of the Berlin referendum of rents |

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| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch break |
| 14.00 – 18.00 | Workshops #1 Self-Determined Living/Housing of Refugees <i>Women in Exile, No Bunker (Genf), Wij zijn hier (Amsterdam)</i> #2 Housing First: Lessons Learned from Homelessness <i>Klaus Maurer (Volkshilfe Wien) & Sam Tsemberis (Columbia University)</i> #3 The Struggle for Recognition & Participation <i>Women in Exile & Philipp Schäfer (Universität Konstanz)</i> #4 Welcoming Culture & Solidary Urban Development <i>Kulturbüro Sachsen e.V. & Stadt für Alle</i> During the workshops: Coffee & Tea |
| 18:00 – 18.30 | Break |
| 18:30 – 19.30 | Final Discussion |