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# 17/05: occupy
# 18/05: block
# 19/05: demonstrate

16th – 19th May
european days of action

Resisting the austerity politics of Troika and governments:
for international solidarity and the democratization
of all areas of life
Crises, crises, nothing but crises

*Fordism* enters a crisis in the 1970s

*Neoliberalism* as apparent „solution“ emerges, leading to an expansion of fictitious capital and the financial sector and an explosion of debt

*Capitalism* is inherently crisis-prone

>> The current crisis can not be resolved within capitalist social relations
Crisis? Which crisis?

*Capitalist crisis* – used as a tool for intensifying neoliberal policies and further income redistribution from the bottom to the top

*Social-ecological crisis* – capitalist appropriation and destruction of natural resources

*Crisis of political representation* – an authoritarian crisis regime has taken charge, democracy is being undermined

Germany takes a leading role in imposing disciplining measures

*Nationalism and racist slogans* are gaining ground
What do we want?

Democratization and **socialization of the financial sector**

>> Transcending capitalism!

**Democratization of all areas of life**

>> Replacing government by elites with a radical, real democracy!

**International solidarity!**

>> Opposing social services cuts as well as racist and social-chauvinist agitation!
Struggles all over the globe

Tunis
Tahrir Square
Occupy Wall Street and Oakland
Madid and Barcelona (May 15)
Tel Aviv
Greece
Frankfurt
What is happening in Germany?

Despite an overall tense situation, the neoliberal consensus in the ruling class continues to exist.

Nationalists mobilize.

The dynamics of the crisis and of resistance becomes urgent.

>> People feel the need to act.

>> Protesting in Germany is a vital necessity.
What’s happening now?

Struggles over wages

March 31: European day of action against capitalism

May 1: international Labor Day

May 12: global change day of action

May 19-21: G8 and NATO summit in Chicago

>> Powerful actions as a starter for more …
Who is BLOCKUPY?

> Groups and activists from the Occupy movement
> Jobless initiatives and crisis action groups
> Trade unionists and Attac activists
> Activists from environmental and peace movements
> Anti-racist, immigrant and anti-fascist initiatives
> Groups and organizations of the radical Left
> Youth and student organizations
> Activists from diverse local struggles
> Left parties
Why Frankfurt?

As international financial center, it epitomizes capitalism
Frankfurt and Brussels are where decisions to impose massive spending cuts are taken
Frankfurt is the meeting place for the Troika of ECB, IMF and the Commission of the EU, as well as for the “Group de Francfort”
Why the Banking District?

*Capital fractions and financial players* in the banking sector profit from the crisis, receive billions of bailouts, and continue to profit.

In 2010, *fictitious, interest-bearing capital* amounted to 212 billion US dollars — over against a global gross domestic product of only 59 billion dollars.

*Speculating investors, commercial banks, investment funds and the ECB* are situated in the banking district.
Why the ECB?

The European Central Bank isn't a commercial bank
Per its constitution, the ECB's policies are neoliberal: it's beholden to monetary stability only
It's undemocratic because ...
... it's independent – including from democratic control
... its austerity policies are imposed in a dictatorial manner
As part of the Troika, the ECB is an agent of the ongoing authoritarian transformation

>> The ECB serves as a political tool for implementing the neoliberal doctrine
What are we going to do? Occupy!

**Wednesday, May 16:**
Meeting of the ECB‘s Governing Council – actions in the city
First assemblies on the city‘s squares
Night-time program: Rave against the Troika

**Thursday, May 17:**
Starting in the morning: take the squares!
Until 2 p.m.: arrival – waves of city square occupations
Asambleas, debates, entertainment, action training
8 p.m.: Large delegate assembly for the blockades
What are we going to do? Block!

**Friday, May 18:**

Starting at 6 a.m.: Blocking the ECB

Theme-oriented blockade points of interest (for instance immigration, city)

The banking district is blocked and full of activists

Possible branching out with creative actions

At night: Parties on the squares and in the parks
What are we going to do? Demonstrate!

**Saturday, May 19:**

International demonstration through Frankfurt's city center
Joint demonstration of all groups and individuals involved in the action days
Tens of thousands of participants from Germany and Europe will take a stand for solidarity
In the evening: Asambleas and international networking meetings
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