



# Monday Number 1

Rencontres  
internationales  
de jeunes  
révolutionnaires

International  
revolutionary  
youth Camp

Campamentos  
internacionales  
de jóvenes  
revolucionarios

Campeggio  
internazionale  
di giovani  
rivoluzionari

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revolutionair

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juventude campo  
revolucionário

The 28th International Youth Camp opens in the midst of an instable and contradictory political situation. The crisis of the capitalist system, far from being over, is enhanced in spite of the ruling classes' effort towards rescuing the bankrupting States. Austerity policies implemented in Greece, Italy and the Spanish State are only worsening the offensive against the exploited. However the ruling class encounters unprecedented resistances of the working class.

South to North of the Mediterranean Sea, youth and workers are trying to build a counter-attack. The unfolding revolutions in the Arab world are the first revolutions linked to the current crisis of the capitalist system. They spurred in dominated countries, considered as weak links

## Today's Program

**8h-9h30** : Breakfast

**9h-9h30** : Delegation Meetings

**9h30-10h15** : **Forum on International Situation**

The political situation in Europe : The fightback by youth and workers

The debt

The Crisis and racism

Against the war (Lybia and elsewhere)

**10h15-10h30** : Break

**10h30-12h** : **Educational The economic crisis and its consequences**

**12h-13h30** : Lunch

**12h30-13h30**

LGBTI Space : Presentation, round of countries

**13h30-14h30** : Permanent Workshops

**14h30-16h30**

Workshops :

1. Migratory flow

2. French Imperialism in Africa

3. NATO, UN, a policy of unlimited war

4. Where does racism come from ?

**Bienvenue au camp !**

**Welcome to the camp !**

**Bienvenidos a los campamentos !**

**Benvenuto al campo !**

of capitalist globalisation. These are both social and democratic revolutions : working class uprose to refuse to pay for the capitalist crisis and to get rid of dictatorships serving imperialism. These uprisings spread over like wildfire, giving hope again to millions of oppressed around the world. This wave has now crossed the Mediterranean Sea and reached Europe.

Confronted to austerity schemes of unprecedented violence, workers have massively reacted but did not yet stop the machine. Resistances have followed one another internationally without managing to coordinate.

The camp is a privileged time to gather revolutionaries and coordinate all struggles against the system, to discuss our

strategy in the light of the current revolutions. It will be the place to share our experiences about building parties and the role of youth in the context. This gathering is an opportunity for trying to implement our project of society, for experimenting new relations without oppression and try to radically change the world !

## All to the Women's Space !

A women's space is set up in the camp, accessible to women only. In the space, all women can express themselves equally, without the oppression and difficulties encountered in mixed spaces. The aim is to discuss among women about the political situation we encounter and the resistances we build. In the context of crisis of the capitalist system, women are the first hit by austerity policies, breakdown of public services and the return to moral order. Each delegation will give a report about the situation in their country in matter of women's rights and resistances. A women-only general assembly will take place Thursday during lunch time. The space will also serve for preparing the Women's Party of Wednesday evening.

The space is linked to the camp, not isolated. The struggle against patriarchy is inseparable from the struggle against capitalism and vice-versa. Of course all comrades in the camp must be concerned with feminist issues. The existence of a women's space does not release the rest of the camp from taking these matters in charge. But only a women's autonomous movement linked to the workers' movement will make the destruction of gender oppression possible.

That is why all women are welcome to the women's space, even the ones who do not agree with the principle of non-mixity.

No socialist revolution without sexual revolution, no sexual revolution without socialist revolution !

5. Crisis and political situation in Belgium

6. What is the capitalist exploitation ? (Marxist economy)

7. Situation in Venezuela

8. The debt, austerity policies, our anticapitalist answer

9. Balkans

10. The Arab revolutions, a first introduction

11. The instrumentalisation of feminism in increasing islamophobia, racism, law and order

**16h30-18h** : Inter delegation Meetings

**18h-19h**

Women Space :

Presentation, round of countries

**19h-20h30** : Delegation Meetings

**20h-21h30** : Diner

**22h-23h** : **Rally on international Solidarity**

Philippines - Tunisia - Egypt

**23h-2h** : Party

# What is the Fourth International ?

The International Youth Camp is organised by the Fourth International (« the Fourth »). It is an international organisation gathering the several parties affiliated to it in each country. Many delegations present in the camp are its members or observers. The aim is to internationally coordinate our analysis of the political situation and our tasks in the current period.

Capitalism is organised on a global scale : imperialists and capitalists know no borders for destroying the planet. We too need to organise the counter-attack on a global scale ! Allowing young members and sympathisers of each these organisations to debate and share about the struggles and resistances taking place in their countries is the reason for having an international youth camp.

But the Fourth is even more. An international bureau also enables the various sections to coordinate more regularly. Various seminars (feminism, ecology, global justice, youth...) are organised throughout the year in its headquarters in Amsterdam. The goal is to enable comrades from all around the globe, including extra-europeans, to come. In that aim, a new « antenna » recently opened to organise seminars in Manilla, Philippines, where there is a section of the international.

The Fourth International was founded in 1938 by Leon Trotsky, a

Russian revolutionary, after the failure of the Third International (the Communist International), undermined by stalinism. Comrades at the time founded a new International because they saw no way of getting the precedent one back on the right track.

During the second half of the 20th century, many debates agitated the Fourth International, provoking several scissions. Various groups are claiming its legacy today.

The Fourth International tries to gather more broadly than the « historical » sections, in order to rebuild conscience of the need to organise to overthrow capitalism throughout the globe. During the camp, several moments of debate about the history of the Fourth under various aspects will take place, notably on Saturday with the educational on « Building anticapitalist parties to change the world ».

Our struggles have no borders, let's organise internationally to overthrow the system !

## Self-organising in the camp

This camp, gathering young activists, is organised as a reflection of our project. The society we want to build will not have on the hand those who think and do politics and on the other hand those who execute tasks and manual work.

It is the meaning of a self-organised camp. Participants do the cleaning, serve at the bar, take security in charge without relying on the capitalist State's police.

Self-organisation in the camp is also fighting the in-built norms. For example, the norm that makes men take security in charge while women do the cleaning ! Self-organising is thriving towards equal repartition of the tasks. Of course the camp is not completely self-organised. An association (« Les Amis de la Fête de l'Huma ») is preparing the meals. We will not have ge-

neral assemblies of all comrades to decide upon which toilet paper to buy or how long should the shower curtains be ! Older comrades are there to ensure the coordination of all tasks.

Too bad for us, socialism cannot be build on one campsite. However, we shall try for a week to have a different way of life than what we are used to. For a week, cleaning the toilets will become a political act, choirs will become collective action.

And that's already a little revolution !

## All to the LGBTI Space !

The global crisis of the capitalist system manifested itself through attacks against our social camp, mass mobilizations, ideological struggles and the rise of reactionary ideas, notably patriarchy is highlighted and valued higher and higher. The struggle against gender and sexuality oppressions is full part of our program and orientation. We struggle for equal rights, for the right to choose not to marry. We advocate refugee rights for all LGBTI people and we fight against all forms of violence and discrimination. We also try to unbuild gender binarity and established norms.

The issues have a particular importance in a youth international camp. Youth has specific ways of apprehending matters of sexuality, and LGBTI oppression hits more brutally among youth.

The aim of the camp is to develop a better understanding of what is LGBTI oppression and a better intervention on those matters. We also try to implement our ideas. That is why we banish all sexist or homophobic behavior and try to experiment new practices.

The LGBTI space addresses these goals. That is why it is a space open to all genders, all sexes and all sexualities (even heterosexual). We consider that sexuality is not one and the same forever but is socially built and can evolve.

## Let's talk about sex

We do not think it possible to build socialism within a week on one stadium. However, the camp is the opportunity to try and put our ideas into acts. Sexuality does not belong to the private sphere. It is a political matter. Sexual relations are also a field of reproduction of domination and gender oppression. The camp is a place for meeting and sharing and it is most important that it is a space allowing no sexist behaviours (insistant « smooth-talk », hetero-normative remarks...) but only respect and fraternity.

The camp is also the place to unbuild the norms imposed by capitalist society and discover new things. The LGBTI Party gives us this opportunity, that is why hetero-normated behaviours are to be avoided in the space and time of the party. The camp is first and foremost a political space. We are here to debate

and learn, not to « have a blast » or let off steam on the comrades. We all retain the right to say No to a sexual relationship !

We are not moralists. The aim is not to reduce sexual relationships between comrades but to put down one condition : mutual consent and respect, without any pressure of one partner on the other.

Of course, do not forget to be safe ! This year, masculine and feminine condoms, latex gloves and dental dikes are available in the camp.