



Wednesday

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Vive la révolution... sexuelle ! Long live sexual revolution ! Viva la revolucion sexual ! Viva la rivoluzione sessuale !

For many years we've been told that feminism is something of the past and that equality between men and women has been achieved.

Yet being a woman today means suffering violence in many different forms. First of all physical violence : insults, unwanted touches on our butts, harassment, beatings and rape. There's also mental violence : being scared at night, feeling too weak and helpless because we've been taught to be that way, having to fight for the right to speak and be listened to, the right to have an opinion and make our own choices. Being a woman also means having models imposed on us by society, by men, by the media...

For our generation the rights that have been won through

years of womens' struggles (abortion, contraception,...) are exceptional gains. Yet they are constantly threatened by our our leaders and their far right accomplices who argue for a return to the old moral order. We need to continue to struggle for gender equality, for womens' rights to control our bodies, against sexism in all aspects of society (the media, high schools, universities, workplaces...) as well as fight for new rights. The capitalist system takes advantage of these inequalities in order to divide us and bring down own living conditions. Women are used as a free labor force in the family, instead of there being public services, and also as a reserve army of cheap labor at the workplace. For us, only the end of the current system can truly change women's conditions.

Our struggle against women's oppression is part of the struggle for another society free from all types of exploitation and oppression, free from inequality and injustice. We need to support and participate in all struggles that go towards this aim. We stand in solidarity with women from all over the world.

We're feminists because we're fed up with fear and violence, whether it be physical or economical. We want to defend the gains of previous generations and win new rights, and we want to do it together. We are feminists because we think that women have nothing to lose and everything to win by standing in solidarity and fighting shoulder-to-shoulder against all oppressions. We're feminists because we think that women are not free today, neither in Europe nor anywhere else. We will not be free as long as patriarchy and capitalism exist. We're feminists because we want to be able to be prudes or whores, lesbians or hetero, mothers or not, workers or not, sexy, vulgar, thick, hefty, curvy, long-haired, short-haired, in skirts, in shorts, or naked, and be able to say « shit » to anyone who comes along and tries to tell us that a « real » woman isn't like that...

Rencontres
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de jeunes
révolutionnaires

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youth Camp

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de jóvenes
revolucionarios

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rivoluzionari

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Jugendcamp
revolutionäre

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jongerenkamp
revolutionair

Internacional da
juventude campo
revolucionário

Today's program

8h-9h30 : Breakfast

9h-9h30 : Delegation meeting

9h30-10h15 : **Forum Gender oppression**

Patriarchy and gender oppression

Women and crisis

LGBTI struggles

10h15-10h30 : Short break

10h30-12h : **Education**

Our strategy for women's liberation

12h-13h30 : Lunch

12h30-13h30

LGBTI / Women : Gender identity

13h30-14h30 :

Permanents Workshops

14h30-16h30 :

Workshops :

1. How women's entry into the labour market is used to impose part-time, casualisation, etc.

2. roots of sexual oppression, how the family organise sexual oppression ?

3. women and LGBTI rights in the Arab revolutions

4. Queer theory

5. Which rights for LGBTI ?

6. History of feminist struggles

7. Sex, money and power, the berlusconi example

8. Building a non-western feminism (family, religion, care responsibilities in the family)

9. Antisexist awarness groups, what they are

10. Sex Work

11. Heteronormativity and heterosexism

12. Different experiences of LGBTI movement

16h30-18h : Interdelegations

18h-19h :

Women space : Preparing the party

19h-20h30 : Delegation meeting

20h-21h30 : Dinner

22h-23h : **Feminist Meeting**

23h-3h : Women party

Mexican delegation

To the 28th Fourth International Youth Camp participants :

Comrades, the mexican delegation participating in this camp warmly greets you.

The enthusiasm generated by the camp, the debates and the educational is not proportionnal to the size of the mexican delegation (1 comrade). The multidimensional crisis of the capitalist system determines the political situation. The camp is a great place for revolutionary education and thinking. It is also a laboratory for experimenting respectful human relations. In Mexico, the political situation is State violence and attacks against workers' social conquests. But the unrest and rage accumulated might lead to massive struggle. A struggle in which two radically opposed projects of society : on the one hand the neoliberal right-wing's project, on the other hand our project of imperialism-free national liberation. In this struggle, our task as communist revolutionaries is try and put forward anticapitalists and revolutionary demands. It is the perspective that the Worker's Revolutionary Party (PRT , Partido revolucionario de los trabajadores), section of the Fourth International in Mexico, has chosen, with its humble forces. We think the camp is ideal for understanding the world we want to change and to collectively elaborate what means we need. A special greeting to the French comrades who made this camp possible and allowed me to feel at home in the camp. Comrades, during a time when reality shows that revolutions are possible, urgent and necessary, we still think of these revolutions with the enthusiasm they provoke, in the Fourth International Camp.

Austrian delegation : Marxist*in

The full name of Marxist*in is Marxist Initiative for Socialist Youth of Vienna. After having worked for many years within the Social Democratic Party we began to become all-to-familiar with the functioning and mechanisms of the party, its youth organization and its role within social movements. We realized the need for a radical left that acts on behalf of the majority of society but has no illusions in reformist logics. We decided to create a space that still benefited from the resources of social democracy. In most cases this space enabled us to exist in an autonomous way and intervene in struggles in our own name. Our goal is to organize youth and workers thanks to our capability of independent action.

We still depend quite a bit on the resources of social democracy. This can be explained by the fact that social democracy has always been quite effective in preventing any independent force to its left from emerging. This is also why we work a lot with other forces on the radical left since our creation. We intervene with these forces in many sectors of society, such as in movements against expulsions. These expulsions are of course only possible because the government, in which the Social Democratic Party participates, has passed restrictive laws concerning refugee and residency rights. We also intervene in university and high school struggles by trying to organize people in Marxist*in. Feminism is important in our political activity. We try to learn from experiences

of past movements, particularly non-white and non-bourgeois feminist struggles. Marxist*in is almost the only organization on the radical left in Austria that has many more women than men. LGBT work is also a very important part of our activity.

Marxist*in is a very young organization, and is made up of very young activists. We are in a process of construction and structuration and we want to work and clarify our strategic and theoretical orientation.

Spanish State delegation

Born from the gathering of activists from Espacio Alternativo (« Alternative Space »), Izquierda Anticapitalista (« Anticapitalist Left ») is created in 2008 as a revolutionary project, with the goal of regrouping the activists and militants from the social movements and the trade-unions. Aware of the different oppressions fuelled by a system that benefits from them, we believe in a feminist and ecologist anticapitalism that truly projects itself towards a new society, built by each and everyone of the oppressed.

Last year, the call for a general strike by the main unions on September 29th, against the labor reform, made us suppose that a cycle of struggles could open. Nevertheless, the silence from the union bureaucracy, which resulted

into signing a new social agreement, supposed one more blow against the interests of the working class. After this new defeat, we couldn't expect that, in spring, the youth would take to the streets, and that the « March 15th Movement » would trigger a growth of the struggles, and a growth in the conscience of a people believed to be asleep. Along with this, resistances in Greece, struggles in France, revolts in the Arab world show that those from below have much to say.

Of course, there's a lot left to do and we must seize the occasion of this camp to discuss and analyze the period. Before a global crisis, only an internationalist answer, that coordinates workers' struggles around the world, can take us to overthrowing this system.

This year, with the youth from Izquierda Anticapitalista, students as well as workers, we organized our presence in the camp with the awareness of the importance of both the moment in which we meet, and of our responsibility as revolutionary activists. With a delegation of more than 65 people, from 15 to 30 years old, uniting experienced activists from the struggle against the marketization of education, and a whole new generation for which the « March 15th Movement » was the first struggle experience, we know that this is one more experience in building the struggles of the new period that awaits us.

All to the women's party !

Every day women suffer male domination in all aspects of capitalist society. The patriarchal family constructs the female gender by teaching women, from a very young age, to adopt calm attitudes, not to take initiatives and to be passive. Parties are places where sexism is shown in a quite specific way, where aggressive, macho and violent attitudes are often displayed by men. Sexism is also visible, though sometimes less conspicuous, through extremely gender-biased seduction attempts, where the man is active and hits on the woman very heavily. Or dancing, which, in the common way it takes place, reproduces norms of domination.

Although we are trying to put our ideas into practice throughout this week, and are therefore limiting as much as possible oppressive behavior, the camp is still within capitalist society, and norms are still ever-present. The women's party allows us to spend an evening away from the eye of men. It lets us have fun and let go without having to ask ourselves if we are dressed well enough or if we're dancing sexy enough. It's also a place where we can escape the obligatory heterosexual norms of society and where becoming aware of new seduction techniques is possible. Games are organized to enable women from different delegations to share more easily.

The party is a very important moment in reaffirming the place that women occupy. It is preceded by a feminist demonstration that tries to make women visible—a central aspect to reinforcing feminist solidarity in the camp.

Class struggle and autonomous movements : uniting the exploited class

Autonomous movements are not meant to divide our class but to unite our class. The strength of these movements is that they allow self-organisation of the oppressed against oppression. Historically, specific demands have not been spontaneously taken into account by the workers' movement and its leaderships because we are not out of reach of the capitalist system and the dominant ideology on which it relies to divide and submit us. They are important elements of our strategy to end capitalism and its domination systems because they can make the oppressed take to action and advocate the demands of the oppressed inside workers' movement.

Autonomous movements (women's, LGBTI, antiracist) are not disconnected from the social movement. Even if these movements gather the oppressed struggling for their de-

mands and against a specific oppression, their dynamics must not be analysed as separated from the struggle for the emancipation of the working class and the workers in general. For example, during the 70s in France and Europe, the acceleration of the balance of forces between classes favoured the emergence of women's liberation movement, while the workers' movement's will to fight regression in the 80s led to a regression of women's struggle. Thus, our intervention in the autonomous movement must be guided by an orientation linked to class struggle and we must advocate autonomous movements claims within more traditional organisations of the workers' movement.

In this perspective, past experiences show how autonomous movements can shift the balance of forces between

classes and let class conscience progress. For example, during the British miners' strike of 1984-85, gays and lesbians showed solidarity by participating to the demonstrations, which strengthened the strike. Even if there was some defiance, miners globally warmly welcomed this support. These links were helpful both for weakening homophobic prejudices and uniting the struggles against Thatcher antisocial government and for homosexuals minors to get more acceptance among their coworkers.