

Arrival



By public transport, the “Versöhnungskirche“ in Kaiserslautern, can be reached via the stations “Kaiserslautern Mail Line” and “Galgenschanze”. From there, visitors can use the bus, which drives to the station “Bännjerrücke, Leipzigerstraße”, near to the church, where the congress will take place. Who will arrive by car, can reach the church via the highway A6, exit “Kaiserslautern West”.



The International Congress about Military Bases is part of the project „Stopp Air Base Ramstein“. Visitors, who are explicitly interested in the congress, are also welcomed. The congress will be carried out in german and english.

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International Congress about Military Bases And their importance for global wars

8 and 9 September 2017

**Versöhnungskirche, Leipzigerstraße 5,
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Topics and aims

Without global Military Bases it would not be possible to conduct wars. For that reason, the closure and conversion of these Bases, for example to civil production places, is a rudimental aim of the international peace movement.

US-Military Bases are predominant in foreign countries and legitimize their presence through statuses of forces agreement. Those contracts can be terminated successfully, as examples in Latin America and Central Asia have shown. The German government as well, could cancel the agreement on US-Ramstein.

Friday 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.

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Opening Speeches

- Welcome Speech (Connie Burkert-Schmitz, Karl-Heinz Peil)
- Global Military Bases and their geostrategic importance (Ann Wright)
- The importance of US Ramstein as Military Base (Fee Strieffler/ Wolfgang Jung)

Moderation: Pascal Luig, Cooperation for Peace

3.30 p.m. until 5.30 p.m.

Working Groups

- Global Military Bases (Karl-Heinz Peil)
- The relevance of US Ramstein (Fee Strieffler/Wolfgang Jung)
- Military Bases within the global NATO-Strategy (Klaus Hartmann)
- Social and ecologic effects of Military Bases, regarding the gender aspect (Kristine Karch)

5 p.m.

Poster Session to present the mentioned Military Bases

With this congress, we want to critically examine the geostrategic role of military bases and to illustrate the demands and chances of movements within the realm of civil society.

We want to reactivate this cooperation. We are pleased about the participation of numerous international guests, who are able to give an overview of the current developments in their home countries and with whom we are planning to establish a new cooperation in terms of an international resistance.

Saturday, 9.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m.

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Panel Discussion:

- Examples for local resistance, i.a.:
 - Okinawa, Japan: Ikuko Ueno (Secretary General of Nago City Peace Committee)
 - South Korea: Hohyun Choi (People's United Party)
 - Shannon, Ireland: Michael Youlton, John Lennon (IAWM)
 - USA: Ann Wright (Codepink)
 - Great Britain: Dave Webb (CND)
 - Estonia
- Presentation of planned local activities: for example at Büchel, Jagel, Ramstein, Eucom, Kalkar

12 p.m. until 1.30 p.m.

Final Round

- Strategic considerations
- Concept of networking, i.a. with Claudia Haydt (IMI), Anne Rieger („Bundesauschuss Friedensratschlag“), Ann Wright, Michael Youlton, Ikuko Ueno.
- Closing Words: Reiner Braun

