

Empty stomachs don't like studying – social improvements immediately!

demonstration across the universities of hamburg



Studying is not a privilege but a productive activity for the humane development of society and a basic human right. Socially acceptable living conditions for students are a necessary condition for the socially responsible development of education and science.

They create leisure and sovereignty for critical thinking, productive disputes and cultural development to increase the common good. They enable the urgently needed, democratic participation in shaping the community and in this respect are at the same time a contribution to overcoming the social crisis.

This applies equally to all people. The German constitution is based on the maxim: "Human dignity is inviolable" (Article 1). Derived from this, every person has the right to a state-guaranteed subsistence level.

However, the social reality is different. While a few are reaping record profits, more and more people are struggling with poverty, exclusion and socio-cultural impositions of all kinds.

A representative social survey among the students of the University of Hamburg recently showed: More than two thirds live with an income below the poverty line, almost 40% state that they are not able to make unexpected larger expenses, 15% live with their parents for financial reasons.

This needs to end now. Nobody deserves hardship. Social wealth enables social welfare development for all.

To do this, it must be redistributed in such a way that it benefits those who essentially create it.

We - students and members of the universities of Hamburg- therefore demand in solidarity with other people committed to social justice and fully funded, public educational, cultural, health and social institutions:

- The BAföG must be available to all students for an unlimited period, as a full subsidy, regardless of age, parent and origin, in the amount of the real cost of living, adjusted for inflation and permanently available to all students. That's how it was fought for in 1972. This is now both more possible and necessary.
- The Studierendenwerk must be publicly financed for all of its services as required in order to be able to expand the student housing complexes, reduce rents and canteen prices, expand the advisory services and provide appropriate staffing at reasonable public tariffs. At the same time, this means a scale-setting social improvement for the entire city.
- The 49€ ticket must be immediately converted into a socially reduced 19€ ticket, which is also valid for students - as a first step towards free public transport. Mobility means participation and the turnaround in traffic is a central component of ecologically sustainable development. Everyone is important in order to enforce this socially. Fighting together makes life brighter. It's time. Therefore: come to the demo!

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Friday - June 30, 2023 - 3 p.m.

starting points: **Dammtor** (University of Hamburg, TU & HfMT) / **Berliner Tor** (HAW, HCU & HfBK)
uniting at **Hauptbahnhof** - final rally **Gänsemarkt**

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