



Crossover, Social and Ecological: Agenda and Workshop.

What is the Institut Solidarische Moderne?

The Institut Solidarische Moderne (ISM) is a think tank for producing new leftist political ideas. We wish to develop innovative concepts through dialogue and we want to build bridges between policy and science, civil society and social movements. We define crossover as the overcoming of various social barriers and a commitment to developing emancipatory ideas based on solidarity between people with various political backgrounds, including those who come from different parties or organisations. We founded the ISM in January 2010 in response to our evaluation of the profound programmatic and strategic deficits of the

political and social Left in Germany and in Europe. Our goal is to contribute to the efforts to overcome these deficits. The ISM brings together different political approaches and seeks to raise various social contradictions to a political level. Our efforts aim to unite a variety of approaches into a broad-based project that is focused on the development of a comprehensive social alternative. Such an alternative is necessary for the Left if it is to strengthen its strategic capabilities, create real potentials for leftist politics, and bring about a new political and social hegemony. The concept “Solidarische Moderne“ stands for this alternative.

www.solidarische-moderne.de/ism

www.solidarische-moderne.de/founding-statement



Solidarische Moderne will succeed as a broad alliance of all those that want to implement social and ecological progress.“

Sven Giegold (Chairman of the Executive Board)

What we do.

Our annual Summer Factory brings together several hundred participants to discuss, during weekend long workshops, a range of political topics from multiple perspectives. These Summer Factory workshops provide a forum, as well as a method, for collective knowledge production. During our last Summer Factories participants addressed the solidarity issues of education, social-ecological transformation and Europe. In addition, the ISM organises roundtable discussions on current issues via conference call during which participants can exchange views with members of our board and other experts. The ISM is also developing a long-term research project on “Solidarity and Working Conditions” in cooperation with

leftist scholars and politicians. This project will explore the possibilities of establishing working conditions based on solidarity. Further project orientated working groups on issues such as democracy, financial policy and social-ecological transformation are also underway. Our journal, “Denkankstöße“ (Food for Thought) publishes articles on topics ranging from the European Monetary Union, the crises of capitalism, democracy or lobbyism, to the welfare state and the relationship between policy and culture, and promotes political and economic discussion.

Up-to-date information on our projects can also be found in our newsletter.

www.solidarische-moderne.de/newsletter

„The ISM does not focus on simple parliamentary majority. It is rather a battle for minds to establish new social hegemonies.“

Katja Kipping (Member of the Executive Board)



How we work.

Everybody who wants to participate in creating the programme of the ISM is encouraged to get involved. The skills and knowledge of our members provide an essential resource for our work. We believe that collaboration enables us to produce new ideas with real social impact and collective participation forms the basis of our work. All members of the ISM can assume responsibility for producing texts or organising projects on their own initiative. Crossover is

central to our work, and for this reason, all of our projects, texts and events are planned inclusively, integrating the visions of different left-wing protagonists and ensuring the balanced participation of all (including disagreements and oppositions). We do not seek to homogenize; instead, we recognize diversity as a positive contribution to our work and as the basis for developing new ideas.

 www.solidarische-moderne.de/mitmachen



„The institute creates space for new discussions about courageous and comprehensive political concepts beyond established party structures.“

Andrea Ypsilanti (Chairwoman of the Executive Board)

What can I do?

If you are interested in our work and would like to support us or if you wish to participate actively in developing new leftist political concepts at the Institut Solidarische Moderne there are several things you can do:

Stay informed!

Our newsletter, our Facebook page or our Twitter account provide up-to-date information on our work, including our recent publications and events.

www.solidarische-moderne.de/newsletter

www.facebook.com/solidarische.moderne

twitter.com/ISM_e_v

Support us!

Individual donations enable us to maintain financial independence.

www.solidarische-moderne.de/spenden

Get involved!

The skills and the knowledge of our members are important and necessary resources development of Modern Solidarity. Get involved in producing new leftist concepts!

www.solidarische-moderne.de/mitmachen

Talk about our project!

Help us inform people about our ideas! Talk with your friends about what we think and what we do!

„We neither deny nor smooth down the differences within the heterogeneous left; we want to make strategic use of the productive potential of diversity.“

Dr. Thomas Seibert (Chairman of the Executive Board)



Who is already involved?

„I am working with the Institut Solidarische Moderne because it is the framework we need to cultivate a social-ecological perspective against the desert that has been created by so called neo-liberalism.“ (Dr. Hermann Scheer)

More than 1,500 people have already become members, helping us cultivate this social-ecological prospect, as Herman Scheer has put it. This list of our members demonstrates the diversity of people that work with our project.

Katrin Altpeter MdL, Prof. Dr. Elmar Altvater, Dr. Franz Alt, Jan Philipp Albrecht MdEP, Prof. Dr. Dr. Günter Altner, Rasmus Andresen MdL, Prof. Dr. Johannes Angermüller, Prof. Dr. Ulrich Brand, Dr. Jürgen Borchert, Prof. Dr. Michael Brie, Dr. Sonja Buckel, Marco Bülow MdB, Annelie Buntenbach, Peter Conradi, Prof. Dr. Joseph Dehler, Harun Demircan, Servan Deniz, Katja Dörner MdB, Prof. Dr. Klaus Dörre, Rudolf Dressler, Dr. Franziska Drohse, Ario Ebrahimipour Mirzaie, Petra Fuhrmann MdL, Annegret Falter, Prof. Dr. Andreas Fischer-Lescano, Sven Giegold MdEP, Prof. Dr. Frigga Haug, Clara Herrmann Mda, Prof. Dr. Benjamin Hoff, Thilo Hoppe MdB, Reinhard Kahl MdL, Dr. Ute Kalbitzer, Susanna Karawanskij, Ska Keller MdEP, Prof. Dr. Fabian Kessl, Sven-Christian Kindler MdB, Katja Kipping MdB, Dr. Dieter Klein, Volker C. Koehnen, Daniela Kolbe MdB, Sebastian Krumbiegel, Detlev v. Larcher, Sabine Leidig MdB, Prof. Dr. Stephan Lessenich, Helge Limburg MdL, Ulla Lötzer MdB, Damian Ludewig, Prof. Dr. Birgit Mahnkopf, Agnes Malczak MdB, Dr. Anke Martiny, Hilde Mattheis MdB, Christian Meyer MdL, Regine Müller MdL, Dr. Katrin Mohr, Prof. Chantal Mouffe, Wolfgang Neskovic MdB, Lukas Oberdorfer, Prof. Dr. Michael Opielka, Michael Pachmajer, Marei Pelzer, Jutta Roitsch-Wittkowsky, Gerold Reichenbach MdB, Astrid Rund, Prof. Dr. Thomas Sauer, Paul Schäfer MdB, Dr. Nina Scheer, Dr. Gerhard Schick MdB, Friedrich Schorlemmer, Dr. Thomas Seibert, Thomas Spies MdL, Dr. Wolfgang Strengmann-Kuhn MdB, Dr. Axel Troost MdB, Dr. Wolfgang Uellenberg-van Dawen, Barbara Unmüßig, Dr. Hans Jürgen Urban, Dr. Ludger Volmer, Dr. Wolfgang Wodarg, Andrea Ypsilanti MdL, Stefan Ziller Mda, Robert Zion



„Our work makes a contribution to another than the dominant Knowledge.“

Prof. Dr. Stephan Lessenich (Chairman of the Board of Trustees)

Become a member.

It's time for new ideas! With your membership you will support the Institut Solidarische Moderne in its efforts to establish new political concepts and a better understanding between leftist activists. Unlike many other institutes we are not supported by financially strong interest groups. Instead, our Institute is characterised by its financial independence and funded by the membership fees of 1,500 members. Become a member of the Institut Solidarische Moderne and join our project.

Yes, I want to become a member

Last name

First name

Address

Street, Street Number

Postal Code / Place

E-Mail

Place, Date, Signature

My member fee

- I agree to pay a member fee of 8.33 EUR per month or 100 EUR per year.
- I have no or low income, therefore I pay a reduced fee of 2.50 EUR per month, or 30 EUR per year.
- I want to pay a higher membership fee, EUR per year.

Member fees are collected annually.

Direct Debit Mandate

We have more important things to do than book keeping, therefore we kindly ask you for a direct debit mandate.

Account holder

Bank

Account Number

IBAN / BIC

- I hereby authorize the „Institut Solidarische Moderne“ e.V. to debit my/our fee from the following bank account (for German accounts only!):

Place, Date, Signature



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