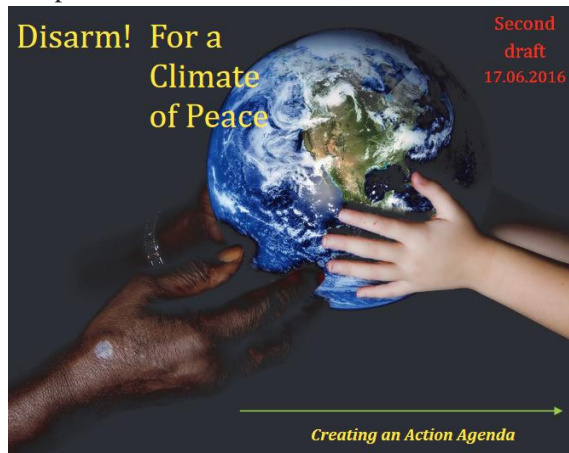


To participants and interested partners of the workshop A15 on October 1, 2016

## "Military Research and Responsibility of Scientists"

within the World Peace Congress "Disarm For a Climate of Peace - Creating an Action Agenda"  
on September 30 to October 3, 2016 at the TU Berlin



Dear colleagues, ladies and gentlemen,

Bremen is known as a major Arms production location in the EU, and also through a civil clause for research at the main University of this German federal state. Already in 1986, the University supported research for peace and denied involvement in Ronald Reagan's SDI program. After 2011, there was renewed dispute about a major funding from a defense contractor, which entailed the risk of an abolition of the Civil Clause. At that time, a new initiative for the protection of the Civil Clause was established. The result of another long discussion was the confirmation of the Civil Clause at the University, and the adoption of a Civil Clause for the other universities/polytechnics/colleges in the City-State of Bremen through the political adoption of a legal Civil Clause in the state law for higher education.

But again and again, there are attempts to break or undermine the Civil Clause: in 2013, there were Pentagon-funded projects uncovered, disguised as civilian. Recently, the German armed forces ("Bundeswehr") succeeded to win the direction of the "Hochschule Bremen" (University of Applied Sciences/Polytechnic) to establish a computer-science study program for military purposes (cyber war), which is a clear violation of the Civil Clause. A growing student and teaching staff protest against this perversion arose in August 2016. The result was the public appeal "**Protecting the universities' Civil Clause by developing it into a proactive Peace Research Conception**" (see next page).

We would like to ask you to read and distribute the appeal. It has a similar intention as the Professors' appeal of 2011. Developing innovative Civil Clause conceptions for each university is the new important aspect. This then would serve as a stronger counterpoint to any military research and teaching, designing research and teaching for concrete peaceful purposes. The "**proactive peace-oriented Research, Teaching, and Study Conceptions**" will supplement the Civil Clause with pro-peace content -- a good reason to sign and disseminate the call. Please turn over for the call text for your information, also asking for your signature.

September 16, 2016.

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URL <http://www.stattweb.de/files/civil/Doku20160916ds.pdf>

**Public Appeal**  
**Protecting the universities' Civil Clause**  
**by**  
**developing it into a proactive Peace Research Conception**

The undersigned are scientists, students and citizens, mainly from the City-State of Bremen, Germany, who are engaged in a peaceful development of our planet. They call out on protesting against the plan of the direction of the Hochschule Bremen (the University of Applied Sciences/College/Polytechnic) to annul the letter and spirit of the Bremen Civil Clause for academic research. This is intended through a contract with the German Army on the establishment of a study program on cyber-war related informatics for women. The Civil Clause was fought into the Bremen Law on Higher Education only in recent years.

Against this background, the Civil Clause now has to be protected and defended. This is to be done by further developing it into a proactive shaping of a non-violent and peaceful future – in the areas of research, teaching and studying – against any threat of violence, military destruction, and intervention wars.

Therefore, we demand, and call for supplementing the Civil Clause through

**proactive peace-oriented Research, Teaching, and Study Conceptions\*),**

to be drafted by all Bremen Universities until mid-2017, to be publicly discussed thereafter, to be passed by the State Parliament early 2018, and to be financed from the Universities' budget.

On this background – the legal Civil Clause plus the Research, Teaching, and Study Conceptions for Active Peace –, contracts of any Bremen University on military-related research, or study programs for military professions or related to arms production, will be infeasible.

**Undersigned ♦ Signatures please as E-Mail to: [hartmut\\_drewes@web.de](mailto:hartmut_drewes@web.de)**

\*) Aspects of the development of these Conceptions may be:

- In research: analyses of causes and hazards of war, and of non-violent conflict resolution; research on improving the economic, educational and general living conditions in former colonies; developing steps towards de-militarization and arms conversion ...
- In teaching: integration of disciplinary themes of peace research in teaching courses; interactive development in course of conditions for sustainable peaceful regimes and their implications for social progress ...
- In studying: developing programs and courses for peace education; learning and trying out social competences of conflict resolution and prevention; assignment and awarding of peace-relevant course homework, BA-, MA- and PhD-theses ...

**♦ Status of Undersigned at Sept. 15, 2016: 110, among them 55 University Scientists**  
**Please send your signatur with Titel, Name (Function, Location) per Email to Hartmut Drewes, where you may get the list of all signatures**