

Intervention

Who we are and what we want. An introduction to our Foundation.

The Heinrich Böll Foundation

- is an agency for green visions and projects, a thinktank for policy reforms, and an international network
- is closely affiliated with Bündnis 90/Die Grünen (the German Green Party)
- promotes the development of a democratic civil society at home and abroad
- stands up for equal rights and equal opportunities for all people, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, or nationality
- supports cultural projects as part of our civic education activities
- assists gifted, socially and politically active students and graduates in Germany and abroad

- cooperates with 16 state foundations in all German federal states
- is financed almost exclusively through public funds (currently around 43 million euros annually)

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Our namesake is the writer and Nobel Prize winner Heinrich Böll, who personifies the principles to which we are committed: the defense of freedom, civic courage, militant tolerance, and the value of art and culture as independent spheres of thought and action.

Photo: Toni Richter



Training workshop about the causes and effects of climate change in Nigeria.

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In Berlin, and around the World

The primary objectives that guide the work of the Heinrich Böll Foundation are:

- safeguarding democracy and human rights
- combating environmental destruction
- ensuring that all members of society have a voice
- supporting non-violent conflict resolution, and
- defending the rights of the individual

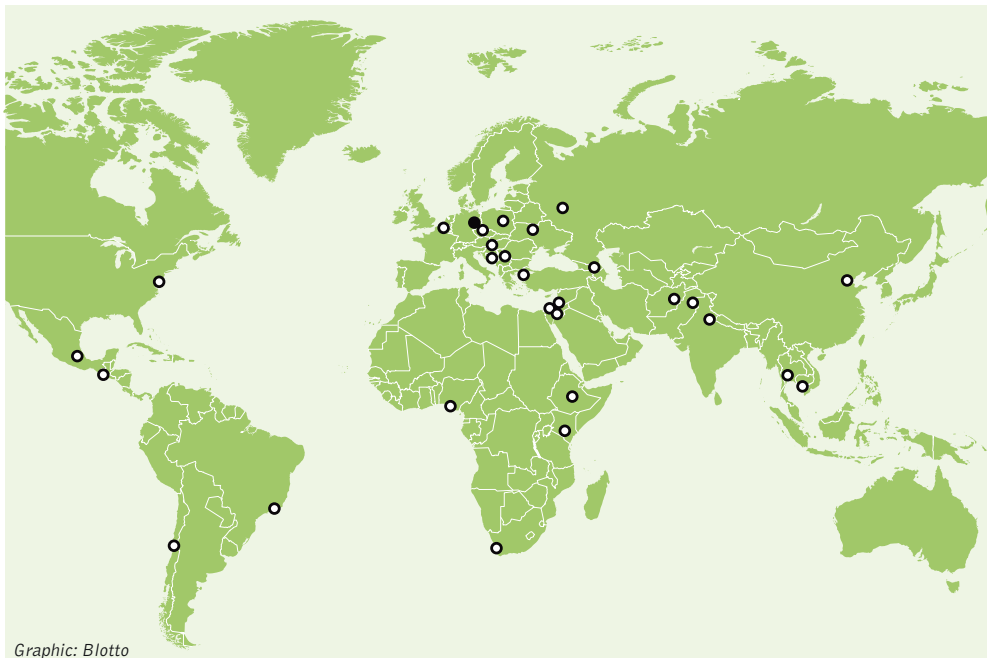
We work together with 160 project partners in over 60 countries and maintain international offices in 28 countries. Our foundation is financed almost exclusively through public funding, and almost half of this money is targeted to projects abroad.

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Active across the Globe

- We promote ecological policies and sustainable development
- We strive to reinforce fragile democratic transition processes, focusing on the issues of democracy, gender, environment and crisis prevention
- We cooperate with human rights groups, women's rights associations, journalists, and environmental groups to strengthen civil society
- We work to eliminate relations of dominance, dependency, and violence between the sexes
- We are committed to the development of a politically aware European public sphere
- We train activists so that they can successfully self-organize and participate in political processes
- We provide space for exhibiting and debating art and culture in a globalized world

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A Green New Deal – Investing in the Future



At a global level, key actors are discussing a Green New Deal as a solution to the combined crises of the economy and the environment. The priorities encapsulated within this broad concept may be diverse, yet they all share a common denominator. First, they aim to achieve the fundamental transition to a sustainable economy. This includes the upgrading of public transport, the eco-refurbishment of buildings, and the promotion of renewable energy and environment-friendly technology on a grand scale. Second, they strive to ensure equal opportunities and greater social participa-

tion – particularly by making major investments in education and vocational training. Finally, they seek to tame global capitalism through policies to combat protectionism and nationalism.

Governments have spent enormous sums of money to stimulate the economy. These funds must be used to build the foundations of a forward-looking economic and social structure. If this opportunity is missed, future generations will inherit both a colossal level of debt as well as a plethora of unsolved problems.

To ensure that the crisis is used as an opportunity to modernize capitalism and to make the world a better place, it is essential to raise social awareness of these issues. The Heinrich Böll Foundation's projects, publications and events aim to foster this awareness and generate action.

Declarations, interviews, debates:
www.boell.de/greennewdeal.de

Publications on the Green New Deal:
www.boell.de/publications



Climate Summit in Copenhagen 2009: The Foundation's was present with roughly 60 staff members and partners.

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Fostering Global Environmental Governance

As an independent political actor,

■ We provide the impetus for climate policy action and have made the issue of climate protection one of our central priorities. For example, we advocate for greater justice in the global climate regime. The Greenhouse Development Rights Framework is one such innovative concept that links the issues of climate protection, justice and development rights. First introduced at the Bali climate summit, this concept has met with great resonance and is now being discussed within UN climate negotiations.

■ We have proposed a European Community for Renewable Energy (ERENE) in order to press forward with the necessary transformation of energy policy in the North. This well-received proposal has become the subject of broad-based political discussion.

■ We analyze and comment on research and policy. Our website – particularly the blogs www.klimader-gerechtigkeit.de and www.climateequity.org – has become a leading source of information and commentary on national and international climate policy debates. In addition, the website www.climatefundupdate.org, which is sponsored by the Heinrich Böll Foundation, offers a unique source of information and analysis on the many new climate funds that have been established.

■ We promote clear stances on issues such as nuclear energy. The publication *Mythen der Atomkraft* («The Myths of Nuclear Power») is a popular and highly regarded reference work containing solid arguments against the dangerous increase in the use of nuclear power.



«Sister Namibia» tirelessly denounces endemic violence against women. Photo: hbf

Gender Politics Makes a Difference

Around the world, women are subject to discrimination and violence. The same is true for people who do not conform to the norms of heterosexuality. Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals are ostracized, persecuted, even killed.

Gender politics, together with feminist analyses and discourses, have always been a key component of the Heinrich Böll Foundation's activities. Gender issues constitute of the central priorities of our domestic and international activities. They are also a guiding principle in our scholarship program and an integral part of our organizational structure. We are actively committed to increasing the participation of women in political decisions.

ion-making processes and achieving legal equality between women and men. Another hallmark of our work is our dedication to combating discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. In many regions of the world, we work together with courageous partner organizations to protect sexual minorities and expand and assert their human rights. The publication Gender Politics Makes a Difference presents an overview of our activities – including key successes and setbacks – all over the world.

Gender Politics Makes a Difference
www.boell.de/publications/publications-8110.html

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Current Publications

The Heinrich Böll Foundation views its publications as a key opportunity to engage in a public discourse on pressing contemporary political issues. Our studies, policy papers, and memoranda cover a broad spectrum of topics that are divided into separate publication series on democracy; economic and social issues; ecology; Europe; and education and culture. The Gunda Werner Institute also has its own publication series.

All publications can be ordered directly from the Foundation. Usually they are free of charge, we request a contribution only to cover shipping and handling.

E-mail orders at info@boell.de

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Publication series on democracy – Volume 16
Pakistan
 Reality, Denial and the Complexity of its State
 Edited by the Heinrich Böll Foundation
 Berlin, December 2009, 176 pages
 ISBN 978-3-86928-019-6



Publication series on democracy – Volume 18
Sudan – No Easy Ways Ahead
 Edited by the Heinrich Böll Foundation
 Berlin, April 2010, 124 pages, photos
 ISBN 978-3-86928-030-1



Publication series on democracy – Volume 14
Import/Export Democracy
 20 Years of Democracy Assistance in Eastern and Southeastern Europe and the Caucasus Region
 Edited by the Heinrich Böll Foundation
 Berlin, March 2010, 104 pages
 ISBN 978-3-86928-025-7



Publication series on ecology – Volume 8
Climate Change and the Right to Food
 A comprehensive study by the Human Rights Institute of Columbia Law School and Olivier De Schutter. Edited by the Heinrich Böll Foundation
 Berlin, November 2009, 160 pages
 ISBN 978-3-86928-018-9



Publication series on ecology – Volume 5
Urban Futures 2030
 Urban Development and Urban Lifestyles of the Future
 Edited by the Heinrich Böll Foundation
 Berlin, Februar 2010, 104 pages, photos
 ISBN 978-3-86928-024-0

Promoting Young Talent

Our scholarship program

The Heinrich Böll Foundation's scholarship program provides support to approximately 950 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students from both Germany and abroad, in all fields of study. This support includes a stipend, advisory services and skills development. As part of its goal of promoting diversity, the Foundation especially encourages applications from groups that are underrepresented in academia.

- 30 percent of our scholarship recipients are from abroad or have an immigrant background
- 63 percent of the students we support are women
- 30 percent of all doctoral candidates have children
- 25 percent of our scholarship recipients study in eastern Germany

Alongside students from Germany, we support young people around the world, particularly from Eastern Europe and the CIS countries. New target groups include students with non-academic family backgrounds as well as students in the field of natural and applied sciences.



Students networking

Photo: Kristina Heße

In addition to expecting a high level of academic performance from our fellows, we also place a high priority on political and/or community involvement as well as an active commitment to the Foundation's fundamental principles of ecology, non-violence, solidarity, and democracy.

Application deadlines:

There are normally two application deadlines each year – **March 1** and **September 1**. Successful applicants commence their scholarships approximately six months later.

For current information, please visit: www.boell.de/scholarships

Making Gender Democracy a Reality

HEINRICH BÖLL STIFTUNG
GUNDA WERNER INSTITUTE
Feminism and Gender Democracy

Feminism and gender democracy are key elements of the Heinrich Böll Foundation's mission. The Foundation's Gunda Werner Institute focuses on crucial gender policy issues as well as the advancement of feminism and gender democracy. The Institute's goals are:

- Active politicization of gender issues
- Critical reflection on feminist and gender democratic approaches
- Support for women's rights as human rights and women's participation in international decision-making processes
- Network expansion and support
- Initiation of dialogues between scholars, policymakers, and civil society
- Active development of gender competence by providing advisory services

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The Foundation: A platform for discussions

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In the Spirit of Heinrich Böll

All over the world, artists frequently face great difficulties. Many lack both the most basic necessities to perform their work as well as the financial means to pursue their professions. Even worse, political censorship or even persecution forces many artists to leave their native countries. The Heinrich Böll Foundation awards residency grants to writers and artists from around the world that enable them to spend a brief sojourn at the Heinrich Böll House – a former Böll family residence in the village of Langenbroich in western Germany – where they are able to engage freely in creative work.

The grant program has been in existence for over 10 years and is a cooperative effort between the non-profit organization Heinrich Böll Haus Langenbroich e.V. and the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. The House upholds the tradition of Heinrich Böll, whose home was open to visitors from around the world. His most famous guest was Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, who spent time at the Böll residence following his exile from the Soviet Union in 1974.

Since 1991, the house has been host to over 100 guests – mainly writers, but also visual artists and composers, from 29 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe – providing them with surroundings of peace and leisure.

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People who work in politics and non-profit institutions want to change things: they want to convince and motivate others. Social and management skills, together with passion and creativity, are the keys to success.

GreenCampus is the Heinrich Böll Foundation's training academy for political management. Our network of trainers and experts provides hands-on, high-quality assistance to individuals and organizations.

Our core areas of expertise are political management as well as sustainability, gender and diversity management.

Our mission is «From knowledge to action.»

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Support Multicultural Democracy

The Federal Republic of Germany has been an «immigration society» for many years now – more than 15 million people in Germany have an immigrant background. The essential pillars of a multicultural republic include cultural diversity and a clear commitment to the basic values and rules of democracy. We are committed to these guiding principles. They are integral elements of our civic education activities in Germany and abroad as well as our organizational culture.

Our website www.migration-boell.de presents a broad spectrum of information, analysis and opinions (mainly in German) on issues linked to migration, social and political integration, and the productive management of cultural diversity in institutions and organizations. We do more than just criticize the things that need improvement – on the contrary, we emphasize the dissemination of best practices. Of course, we also offer a communication platform for people with an immigrant background themselves.

This website serves not only as a useful source of information but also as a forum for constructive dialogue. We invite everyone working actively on these issues to participate in our project and to help build this platform for productive interaction.

www.migration-boell.de



Babangoni Kubvala Chisale, fellow in the year 2009

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Roadmap to 1325



Roadmap to 1325
Resolution for gender-sensitive peace and security policies
 Edited by the Gunda Werner Institute for Feminism and Gender Democracy in the Heinrich Böll Foundation
 Barbara Budrich Publishers
 Leverkusen/Farmingington Hills 2010, 224 pages, 22 euros
 ISBN 978-3-86649-311-7

Globalization and new international configurations of power have had a powerful impact on our understanding of peace and security. Poverty, climate- and resource-related conflicts, instable governments, regional and international terrorist groups, and criminal organizations pose threats to security and stability at a global level. Is there a gender perspective to all this? Increasingly, women's organizations and feminist networks are focusing on this question, with the aim of placing the issue of gender on the security policy agenda. Adopted in October 2000,

UN Security Council Resolution 1325 represents a potential milestone in paving the way toward more gender-equitable peace and security policies. So far, however, it has not developed its own institutional momentum within the UN system and the international community. Our publication *Roadmap to 1325* helps to fill gaps in knowledge regarding various approaches to gender-sensitive security policy.

With contributions by Sanam Naraghi Aderlini, Andreas Zumach, Karen Barnes, Lynne Christine Alice, Mariam Notten, Ute Scheub and others.



Articles, Reports, and Conferences from around the World

www.boell.de/en

The English-language version of the Heinrich Böll Foundation's website provides information and analysis on such issues as green economics, climate, energy, and international relations.

At www.boell.de/en you will find information on upcoming events, publications, and dossiers, as well as video streams of past conferences.

Our in-depth on-line dossiers provide expert insights on specific key issues such as nuclear non-proliferation (www.boell.de/NPT).

Please also take a look at the Foundation's blogs: www.triplecrisis.com and www.climatequity.org, which provide global perspectives on finance, development, and the environment. You can also find the Foundation on twitter, flickr, facebook and slideshare.