

Elections for the Faculty Council and the Department Council

Vote for: **Liste 2** – Kritische Aktive in der Sozialökonomie

Solidarity! For the development of the Socioeconomics and a fully funded university.

"In the economic sphere, as everywhere else, we are confronted with disorganization, destruction, and decay, and there can be no doubt that the order is impossible under the old mercenary rule of the questionable right of the strong and the ruthless, who see only their own easy profit and are quite indifferent to whether housewives urgently need cooking pots and frying pans when a so-called artistically forged ashtray yields easier, faster, and greater profits."

(Senator Heinrich Landahl (SPD), during the debate on the passage of the law establishing the Academy for Public Economy in the Hamburg Parliament on June 9, 1948).

The lesson from history and the present is this: The economy should serve people, not the other way around. The enormous development of the productive forces makes it possible to achieve: shorter working hours with full wage and staffing compensation, full employment, a wealth tax to overcome poverty and expand the welfare state, the democratization of work, the strengthening and implementation of international law in all matters—international cooperation, peacebuilding and the prohibition of violence, sustainability, humane working conditions, vibrant culture, education, health, and democracy.

In 1948, the Academy for 'Gemeinwirtschaft' —the predecessor of today's Department of Socioeconomics —was founded. Its founding was based on the consensus reached following the liberation from fascism that anti-fascism, civil development, and the democratic and social shaping of the economy are inextricably linked. The commitment to shaping the development of a needs-oriented, democratic economy through research and learning—and to providing

interdisciplinary education to empower workers, also those without a high school diploma—remains in the DNA of our department. However, we must take this commitment seriously once again and make it the starting point for the politicization and full funding of the entire university.

The reckless, narrow-minded "management" of the university's underfunding crisis (e.g. favoring the Business Administration faculty at the expense of socioeconomics, abolishing the IGK) stands in contrast to political-economic education for the common good. We, the critical activists in the socioeconomics, are working instead for a new socially transformative shift, through which the wealth produced by the majority is used in the interest of us all. This is an orientation in which all specific academic disciplines should find their place. Social well-being is incompatible with a neoliberal view of humanity.

Please turn!



*Demonstration titled
"Knowledge Shapes the Future" on June 11, 2026*

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Elections for student members of the Faculty and Department Councils are currently underway.

The elections are being held online. You have received two emails regarding this at your university email address (vorname.nachname@studium.uni-hamburg.de).

The two emails were sent from "voting@polyas.com". The first email contains the web link to the election portal and the password, and the second email contains your ID.

The voting period for electronic voting runs from June 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. to July 10, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

If you have not received any emails, please contact the university's election office: wahlamt.uhh@uni-hamburg.de. **All students in the department are eligible to vote.**

With this in mind, we confidently and fundamentally advocate for:

a consistent focus on the UN Sustainable Development Goals in research, undergraduate studies, and academia to overcome all forms of violence worldwide!

Research-based learning at the IGK, from the bachelor's program to the learning workshops in the master's program—democratic, cooperative education that fosters independent-minded individuals!

Expanded access to higher education for those with professional and life experience (even without a high school diploma)—workers, reach for the books!

Let's cast aside our timidity and take our historical responsibility into our own hands. The University of Hamburg's demonstration on June 11, 2026, titled "KNOWLEDGE SHAPES THE FUTURE: For Full Funding of Universities!"—which drew 7,000 participants and was initiated by us as left-wing activists at the university—was a great start!

With this in mind, we advocate, among other things, for:

Curriculum reform:

- ▶ massive reduction in graded exams in favor of a knowledge-oriented, continuous feedback culture between instructors and students
- ▶ the gradual expansion of unlimited retakes (for math and statistics) to the entire degree program
- ▶ the promotion of research-based learning as a model for achieving
- ▶ the UN Sustainable Development Goals, as has already been partially implemented in the IGK (B.A.) and the learning workshop (M.A. AWG)
- ▶ A guaranteed spot in a master's program—with the master's degree as the standard degree
- ▶ Critical orientation modules in which we understand our history, rights, and learning conditions

and develop the capacity to shape our academic experience

- ▶ To strengthen the socioeconomics including the reintroduction of professorships in fields such as labor law, alternative economic policy, sociology of work, and cooperatives.

Socioeconomics and Social Responsibility:

- ▶ Revitalize and expand thematic semesters, such as those held at our initiative, including "Austerity vs. Solidarity" (2017/18) and "Social-Economic Perspectives on Peacebuilding" (2022/23)
- ▶ An active department that advocates against the "debt brake" for the social sciences—while providing a socio-economic rationale for the societal benefits of increased government funding for universities and the public sector as a whole.
- ▶ Participation in anti-fascist commemorative events, readings, and initiatives, such as themed weeks surrounding May 8 as a public holiday
- ▶ Academic collaborations and student exchanges in the context of peace education and international understanding, particularly with Palestine, Russia, and China

Social and Inclusive Study Conditions:

- ▶ A BAföG grant sufficient to cover basic living expenses for everyone, awarded as a full scholarship regardless of age, background, or family status
- ▶ Full funding for student services to provide affordable housing and affordable meals in university dining halls
- ▶ Promoting open access to higher education (40% of the spots in the B.A. program are reserved primarily for students without a high school diploma) through public advertising and active outreach to labor unions
- ▶ Needs-based funding for universities and the community

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For the Faculty Council election:

Brückmann, Artur (GdFF, SDS*, BdWI, ver.di, LINKE)

Ferreira Ribeiro, Lucas (Ref. internationale Studierende, Liste LINKS)

For the Department council election:

Flores Haller, Jesus Arik (SDS*, ver.di, LINKE)

Beyrich, Thea (Studiwerk-Heimrat, Juso&fa, SJD-Die Falken, SPD)

together with ...

Hildebrandt, Franziska (International solidarisch - Schluss mit Austerität!, SDS*)

Mansour, Mona (Referat für internationale Studierende)

Niño Diaz, Jhino Alberto (Ref. internationale Studierende, juso&fa)

Werner, Johannes (Nothilfeverein SozÖk, Ratschlag 8. Mai, ver.di, LINKE)

Rockenbach, Ida (M.A. AWG/ÖkSoz, Kino gegen Austerität, LINKE)

Angrick, Malte (M.A. AWG/ÖkSoz, Betriebsrat, LINKE)

Maeruf, Saman (Sozialökonomie, LINKE)

Wetzel, Theodor (BAföG für Alle, linksjugend ['solid], SDS*)

Pinder, Aurélien (Krit. Aktive SozÖk)

Thakur, Abhishek (MIBAS)

Tajik, Amir (Sozialökonomie)

Herschel, Paula (Ziviler Hafen, LINKE)

Czoske, Carolyn (Sozialökonomie)

Obaid, Jorios (Sozialökonomie)

Theis, Marinus (M.A. AWG/ÖkSoz)

Petersein, Jacob (GdFF, LINKE)