

Student Union at the University of Vienna

Coalition agreement

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for the university representation
at the University of Vienna

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KSV-LiLi (Communist Student Association – Left List) and

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Preamble

The student body at the University of Vienna (ÖH Uni Wien for short) sets
advocate for the right to **education for all people**. The situation at the
However, universities are becoming more and more dramatic. There is a policy of
Study place management, performance thinking, the competition principle and
the utilization of education and people. Anti-students
Changes in the law further exacerbate the situation. Tuition fees, hidden
Fees and difficult exams show the adaptation of the education system
to neoliberal mechanisms.

Access restrictions make the situation worse because they are socially selective and
are intimidating. They make access to the university more difficult for FLINTA*
People (women, lesbians, intersex, non-binary, trans and agender
Persons), Migrant, People with disabilities and
workers' children or exclude them permanently. It is therefore crucial
to position oneself against existing and planned access restrictions,
because they are not a sustainable solution to resource scarcity.

Due to the increasing precariousness of study conditions,
especially through cuts in social benefits, there is room for critical issues
and reflective learning limited. Authoritarian crisis policy and
Focusing on elite structures promotes the development of the university
an exclusionary institution in which students have fewer and fewer rights
6 have. All of this is driving the depoliticization and dedemocratization of the
Universities advance.

Free **and open access to higher education** benefits the entire
benefit society. Nevertheless, there is a lack of political will to invest in education
and to enable everyone to participate. We demand this
unrestricted right to education, regardless of origin, gender,
social class and disability. We demand that the state take on this task
accepts.

The current social conditions are characterized by **discrimination** .

Women, lesbians, intersex, non-binary, trans and agender people (FLINTA*), people of color, migrants, people with disabilities and everyone, who do not conform to the social norm are structurally

This is expressed in sexism, homo-, bi-, trans-, Inter-hostility, racism and various barriers on a structural, structural and social levels as well as general marginalization disadvantaged groups in society.

Universities are part of society and therefore reflect it

mechanisms of oppression. The ÖH University of Vienna is not one of them either

Society isolated space. We are aware that we have this

mechanisms reproduce, and therefore try, through sensitization,

Workshops and other measures to counter these systems of domination. The ÖH University of Vienna is expressly committed to

fully committed to its **general political mandate**. This means that they

not only criticizes university policy and combats symptoms, but

strives to bring about fundamental changes in the existing conditions

to bring about.

The executive branch of the ÖH University of Vienna has the following principles:

It is a **strong, critical and left-wing political representation of the students**

the University of Vienna. Its goal is to address the concerns of students within and

to support and represent outside the university. This includes the

active use of the general political mandate to improve the living conditions of the

to improve students.

The ÖH University of Vienna relies on a **grassroots democratic way of working**

Decisions are made by consensus. She attaches great importance to this

to recognize, reflect on and, where possible, dismantle hierarchies.

This means that all members of the ÖH Uni Wien have the opportunity

to participate in decisions and make their voices heard. The

grassroots democratic working ensures that no single person or

group exercises excessive power, but rather that the opinions and needs

of all those involved must be taken into account. The special liabilities of
Special consideration is given to people. The ÖH University of Vienna is very important
It is important that all members of the student body have equal rights
involved and that the consequences of their decisions are carefully considered
are. This participatory approach not only promotes democracy and...
Co-determination, but also a sense of responsibility towards them
students.

The ÖH University of Vienna is aware of its **financial resources** and strives to
a significant contribution to the social security of those at risk of poverty
students. The ÖH University of Vienna advocates for the interests and
needs of students, especially when it comes to finances
Support is available. However, the ÖH University of Vienna is aware that this
Measures and services are the task of the welfare state and
can never fully cover all students.

For the ÖH Uni Wien, **feminism** means not only equal opportunities, but
also a radical questioning of existing gender relations and
their role in capitalist patriarchy. She resists legitimization
these conditions through naturalization and social construction. The executive branch
represents a materialist, intersectional feminism and advocates
support for LGBTQIA+ people, both against reactionary ones
attacks as well as for the expansion of social rights. It's important the connection
between ongoing patriarchal oppression mechanisms and the
to demonstrate and break through economic conditions.

For the ÖH University of Vienna, **solidarity** means positioning itself politically wherever
social discrimination takes place. Therefore, it is of great importance
to act in solidarity, to network and to share positions and people
support those who advocate for actual equality and against
Elbow mentality and the increasing pressure to perform in our lives
capitalist society.

With regard to systematic discrimination, the ÖH University of Vienna aims to:
not just to combat symptoms, but to actively take action to combat them
Counteracting deteriorations in advance. The executive promotes

Raising awareness of racist discourses and mechanisms and developing Counterstrategies to institutional racism. She rejects new and old forms of racism, speaks out against the establishment of a fortress in Europe and fights against cultural relativistic arguments and ethnic thinking. The ÖH University of Vienna stands for the **equality of all people and inviolability of human dignity** . She is firmly against all forms of anti-Semitism, antigypsyism and anti-Muslim racism.

The ÖH University of Vienna is committed to an **ecologically sustainable policy** that... goes beyond mere criticism of consumption and, above all, the production conditions in the Focus takes. It is important to the ÖH University of Vienna to emphasize that a policy **Environmental aspects are neglected and socially disadvantaged are particularly hard hit** meets. For this reason, the ÖH University of Vienna is committed to a quality of life Environment for everyone and focuses on the social component ecological politics. It is emphasized that the attempt is capitalism **Making things more sustainable alone is not enough to ensure ecological and social sustainability to overcome the crisis.**

Antifascism is not considered an end in itself by the ÖH Uni Wien, but as a social necessity, especially in view of the rise of reactionary forces and the increasing danger of a fascist one development in society. It's about both with the Continuities of right-wing extremism as well as new phenomena to deal with authoritarian crisis solutions. The ÖH University of Vienna recognizes this Connection between Politics of memory and national historiography and aims to eliminate the victim myth break through, question bourgeois anti-fascism and anti-Semitism and anti-communism as unifying elements of reactionary forces recognize.

Nationalism is viewed by the ÖH University of Vienna as an ideology that... serves to legitimize civil statehood. He creates supposed ones Differences between people who experience both social exclusion - as well as it in Austrian minority policy and integration discourses - as also serves to ensure the competitiveness of the respective location.

The role of the ÖH University of Vienna as a corporation under public law is underlined
Connection with the social partner character of the
Capitalism in Austria is questioned. The concept of the dominant culture as well
Nationalist arguments in university and social policy are rejected. The ÖH University of Vienna will support
any government with right-wing extremist or
offer decisive resistance to right-wing conservative participation.

The ÖH University of Vienna strives for an **open and emancipatory society**
is free from the influence of religious ideologies and clerical structures. The influence
reactionary groups, expressed for example by the Concordat
comes, is criticized and the socio-political authority of the churches should
be reduced. It is emphasized that achievements such as the deadline regulation
in cases of abortion should be preserved, defended and expanded
must.

Anti-capitalism describes the rejection of a class society that...

The majority of the population is denied participation in the means of production.
The capitalist system affects all areas of life, and
Anti-capitalist criticism must therefore be taken into account in every subject area
become. Above all, however, this criticism must be taken into account in the education sector
because education currently has the sole purpose of reproducing the
existing class relationships are supported. This development must happen with everyone
means to be combated. For us, anti-capitalism describes the need to overcome a system that acts against
people.

Class relationships play a role in society and therefore also at the university. In the ÖH and everywhere else
it is important to show these conditions and
their mechanisms of oppression and the privileges that arise from them
to reflect critically. This principle also results in a clear one

Solidarity with or taking sides with disadvantaged people and
Groups. This should not only reflect the role of the ÖH University of Vienna as a political one
interest representation, but also active solidarity,

Provided support and advice to all disadvantaged students
become. This includes the economic and social situation of students
not to be accepted, but especially those students who, because of their

economic situation must experience disadvantages within the framework of the
Actively support opportunities for the ÖH University of Vienna.

The ÖH University of Vienna rejects biologizing, culturalizing and hegemonic
Explanations for social Conditions ab and taken into account
Multiple discrimination in all cases.

The daily work of the ÖH University of Vienna is carried out **by, for and with students**
carried out, trying to enable as many students as possible to participate
To enable ÖH work. The ÖH University of Vienna strives to be easy for students
to be accessible and to increase their presence and prominence in their field of activity
increase. Cooperation with all levels of the ÖH University of Vienna will be strengthened,
by involving affected persons and authorities in decision-making processes
become. Instead of a paternalistic service, the ÖH University of Vienna relies on this
solidarity advice for self-empowerment.

The ÖH University of Vienna pursues a policy that is dedicated to emancipation and...
committed to human well-being for all. The aim of this policy is that
Abolition of all oppressive conditions and a liberated one
Company.

Projects

Student conference for working class students

The coalition is planning a student conference for all students accessible, with a focus on working class students. Through a joint exchange and the introduction of ideas and concepts

The ÖH University of Vienna should not only be more visible to students, but also become more participatory. Students can work in different constellations

Acquire knowledge, reflect on the reality of your life and the

Get to know the living conditions of your colleagues so that they can become more aware of themselves

This can be done in the context of World Cafés, lectures or similar methods work.

Affordable vegan cafeteria and student spaces

A concept for a vegan and affordable cafeteria at the University of Vienna can be developed by evaluating other universities with similar offerings

become. This includes examining the vegan dishes on offer,

the frequency of menu changes and the use of seasonal ingredients. The

Pricing and possible subsidization of meals as well as the

Incorporation of student feedback and suggestions should also be included

be investigated, possibly in collaboration with students

Initiatives or associations to strengthen the concept.

The ÖH University of Vienna is also committed to the University of Vienna and

towards other stakeholders for a consumption-free transformation of the

Campus of the University of Vienna (Altes AKH).

Psychotherapy pot including campaign

A psychotherapy fund, financed by the ÖH Uni Vienna, enables the

Students have more affordable access to psychotherapy

Support or other clinical-psychological treatment to help you

to cope with psychological stress and promote their well-being. Over
Students could get their bills/fee grades from this pot
Psychotherapy or clinical-psychological treatment already in the
past executive period (partially or completely). The
Psychotherapy pot should be in the accessibility department as well as from an external one
position to be evaluated. The pot goes with a campaign to remove taboos
of mental illnesses. Here we also want the political ones
Hold decision-makers accountable and show that
the supply situation in Austria is completely inadequate. This will
The aim is for the ÖH University of Vienna to reimburse the costs in advance
and cooperation partners such as the SFU, the PSD etc. with
to ensure access to as many students as possible.

Visibility of the ÖH University of Vienna - advice and stands

The ÖH University of Vienna offers a wide range of events and advice.
The coalition will therefore plan to provide coffee stands and advice
These services are visible at the various locations of the University of Vienna
and offers students another chance to reflect on the reality of their lives
to make them visible when representing their interests.

Re-democratization of university structures

Many legal changes in recent years, such as others
Access restrictions or the UG amendment of 2021 (minimum academic achievement) cause massive
deterioration for students. The ÖH University of Vienna is taking a stand
continues to advocate for open and free access to higher education and wants everyone
Take advantage of the opportunity to prevent deterioration in study law
to stand up.

However, the UG amendment also had negative consequences for university employees, especially
for the academic middle management. This is why the ÖH Uni Wien is networking
especially with representatives of the middle management and also the general one
Staff to draw attention to the deteriorations and to correct them
fight.

The implementation of the Bologna Process will mark the 20th anniversary in 2024, which we are proud of. We want to take the opportunity to critically analyze the reforms and focus on the precarious ones. To draw attention to the situation of students.

We continue to fight for the re-democratization of the University of Vienna; already through the University Act 2002 and the OrgPlan 2004 changed the balance of power massively shifted. Previously, all curiae had equal say in important committees, now the Curia of Professors holds the position almost everywhere. The realities of the other curias (scientific middle management and Students) are often disregarded. These are now cemented in place. Power structures need to be broken down so that the university can once again be a place for everyone can be.

Teacher training new 2.0

The shortening of the teacher training course proposed by the ministry (Secondary level) means a change to the current curricula in the network North East. This must not result in a simple compression of study time without serious structured changes.

The

University representatives speak to the ministry and the university in cooperation with the Senate and the Center for Teacher Training for the abolition of the combination requirement or an alternative to it and an expansion of the elective area in the corresponding curricula in order to Specializations as part of the course (e.g. inclusion, legal and... organizational in-depth content). In addition, efforts are being made to ensure that the Latin supplementary examination for all subjects (except Latin and ancient Greek) will be abolished. The ÖH University of Vienna organizes for the Students subject-specific information events as well as a Discussion event for all students.

In addition, the university is committed to ensuring that the Travel costs incurred in school practice do not result in additional financial burden Lead students. In addition, together with the University of Vienna A concept was developed, such as the lack of practical placements and mentors can be dismantled.

Coming to terms with the fascist history of the university

Vienna

The University of Vienna must adapt to its history both in terms of content and space discriminatory foundations. The spatial situation in

Arkadenhof with its 155 busts and honorary plaques for men, as well as in others

Institute buildings of the University of Vienna reflects the conditions of a university that

On the one hand, it pretends to be open to all students, often enough

as a social role model and thought leader and yet with pride

and deference to sexist, anti-Semitic,

racist,

Austrofascist and National Socialist personalities decorate the

have actively contributed to ensuring that so many of us have access to university

and education was denied for so long. The attempt at a historical

Contextualization by the university, using the example of the Siegfried head or the

The seven statues of women added are inadequate and will become the

The seriousness of the topic is far from being done justice. It's time for the university

Vienna finally unravels her problematic past and her own

social role is reflected, because forgetting is not passive. More

Visibility and information should highlight the fascist history of the University of Vienna

and students can recognize the anti-Semitism that still prevails today

make. Through a discussion in the context of a variety of things

Events and the promotion of tours through the University of Vienna should be included

anti-fascist understanding can be built.

Campaign against university transphobia

Due to the societal transphobic agitation, the ÖH University of Vienna

increasingly actively support their trans students. Transphobic

Regulations at the University of Vienna mean that students are often deadnamed in exercises and online and not even within the ÖH election

can run with their name if it has not been officially changed

became.

On the one hand, the ÖH University of Vienna would like to attract attention to this in the future

Generate discrimination and, on the other hand, fellow students through their own

designed information apart from Pride Month. The goal is pressure to build on the Rectorate and at the same time, at least within the university, To fight for the opportunity to provide your own name and pronouns within the Moodle platform. Furthermore, the ÖH University of Vienna wants to provide information and workshops or lectures specifically stimulate discourse about transphobia to speak to faculties and to combat them in the spirit of a left-wing university policy. In addition, the ÖH University of Vienna wants to commit to funding Be made available to transactivist organizations (like for example VENIB or transX), which accompany people during the transition or support. We also want to provide advice and Draw attention to and strengthen the ÖH's support offers.

Workshops for student representatives

The ÖH University of Vienna is committed to better networking and connections between the university representation and the student, faculty and Zentrumsvertretungen (StVen, FVen, ZVen) ein.

In this context, the ÖH University of Vienna offers workshops at least once a year for advisory bodies. The workshops can have a wide range of content but should at least cover the following subject areas as workshops: ÖH Basics (What is the ÖH, what can the ÖH, when can the ÖH act?); Info on budget and billing procedures (what do StVen/FVen/ZVen have to do? pay attention to budget?); What would be particularly desirable would be further workshops by the advisory departments of the ÖH University of Vienna, but also by non-advisory ones presentations.

Subsidies for expensive compulsory courses

The ÖH University of Vienna is committed to expanding cost subsidies Compulsory courses that impose high costs on students. The Costs must be covered by state and/or university institutions It must be ensured that these costs are not passed on to students. This includes, for example, mandatory and mandatory excursions Language certificates for students who want to study abroad.

Hourly childcare

The currently existing offer of support during the exam period should
The Social Affairs Department will contact appropriate agencies
with the aim of providing hourly childcare for University of Vienna students
to expand. These are, for example: HTU, Children's Office at the University of Vienna, ÖH Kindergarten, Kinderfreunde
Vienna. The ÖH University of Vienna is also involved
inform the university that the existing range of parent-child rooms is available
is expanded.

Critical introductory days, participation day aka Left Harvest

Critical introductory days should be organized at the beginning of each winter semester
During these days, all first-semester students (as well as older students) should
Have the opportunity to focus on critical thinking and low-threshold skills
Social policy in the university. (New) students should
network and their critical thinking is stimulated or expanded
become. They should be the basic assumptions of their scientific disciplines
emancipatory and with the help of the framework provided by the ÖH University of Vienna
Learning to question and question in a reflective manner is intended to be a counterpoint to the prevailing one
neoliberal scientific enterprise.

As part of a multi-day program, low-threshold lectures,
Discussions and workshops (on topics such as critical science,
Feminism, neoliberal universities, right-wing extremism, etc.) take place. In addition
could also include critical city walks, film screenings and at the end of the
A campus party will be organized this week.

The ÖH University of Vienna aims to have a participation day every semester
aka Left Fair of the ÖH University of Vienna takes place. As part of this, everyone has
Students have the opportunity to visit the ÖH University of Vienna and other left-wing structures
to get to know each other, to network and to exchange ideas. It should be that
Give left-wing groups the opportunity to hold lectures and workshops.
The participation day is rounded off with (live) music and food.

Campus Althangrund

The social science studies are to be moved to the new house
Enter social sciences. For the new building, not only must at least
15 ÖH structures find a space, but also open spaces for students
be created. The chairmanship is committed to ensuring that spaces for the ÖH
Instances with kitchen, access to green areas, offices and lounges
be created. In addition, especially for all students
Spaces are created that can and do serve as learning spaces
Provide opportunities to store and heat/cook food. Besides that
Spaces should be created for networking.

Feminist Week: Cheers to feminists

Fight day!

March 8 marks the most important day for the visibility of feminist
Fights. Those who have already been led by champions and all those who
are still open. We are still a long way from one
to be able to speak about a gender-equal society: reproductive work
is still worn by people socialized as female,
Emancipatory moments such as the regulation of abortion are constantly
attacked. A lot remains to be done. Therefore, the week in which March 8th falls should be
feminist week! The Feminist Department (Women's Department)
takes over the coordination and works with other people,
inside and outside (e.g. the working group for
Issues of equal treatment at the University of Vienna) with the university representation.
Workshops with the aim of creating emancipatory or solidarity moments
create, as well as lectures or media campaigns, can be part of the feminist
be week. The design is open - as long as feminist struggles take place
stand in the foreground. The support of non-FLINTA* people is
he wishes.

The aim is to network feminists and raise awareness of the need
a feminist day of struggle and attention to existing ones
Imbalances in equality issues.

Study trips to concentration camp memorial sites

Dealing with National Socialism and the Shoah are actually a basic requirement for a left in Austria. Especially in view of

the strong influence of state interests on Austria

memory policy landscape, a stronger commitment from a left-wing ÖH University of Vienna in this area would be necessary.

For this to work in the long term, we need students who

want to deal intensively with this topic from a left-wing perspective. The

The coalition therefore organizes study trips financed by the ÖH University of Vienna

Places of former concentration camps, which are part of a political memory

context. These trips would take approximately five days and with

be embedded in a preparatory and a follow-up meeting. Such

Trips are usually quite expensive (for 35 students that would be around 11,000

Euros, most of the costs go to the bus company and the

Youth hostels return, although these have more participants per capita

would be lower.) and therefore not accessible to many students.

The ÖH University of Vienna could, for example, through the anti-fascist department

Social criticism and sport, such study trips once or twice a semester

offer. The memorial service association would offer itself for cooperation

who carries out such study trips and from an anti-fascist, and in

Recently, she has been increasingly working on a queer-feminist perspective.

100 years of the Institute for Social Research

The Institute for Social Research has been active since its founding in 1923

Opening on June 22, 1924, an important place for the development of the

“critical theory” and the “Frankfurt School”. This initially within the framework of the

The institute founded by the Marxist Working Week is of great importance,

especially for left-wing theorists, and this should also be the case at universities

Vienna will be made visible in the winter semester 2023/24 or in the summer semester 2024. Therefore, the ÖH

University of Vienna should have one within this time frame

offer a series of events that provide students with introductory,

on the other hand, profound discussions with critical theory
make possible.

Repair workshop - promote sustainability!

Since last year there has been a repair bonus throughout Austria. If

Private individuals have their devices repaired, they will be charged 50% of the cost

Costs refunded. Unfortunately, many repairs are very expensive and despite the bonus

usually anything but sustainable. That's why it's needed at the University of Vienna

a repair shop where students can repair their devices themselves.

In addition, the workshop would be used as a consumption-free space and as a place where

Interested students use technologies to design and invent

can, serve.

For this purpose, a working group should be founded to deal with possible

Cooperation partners are networked to represent themselves to the University of Vienna

sets up a suitable space and clarifies legal questions such as liability.

In order for this to work sustainably, the working group should also work on a daily basis

Pilot projects and their evaluation are a suitable concept for a workshop

develop.

Promoting sexual and reproductive health

The ÖH University of Vienna is committed to a destigmatizing and enlightening approach

Dealing with sexual and reproductive health and a right to sexual

and reproductive self-determination. On the one hand, this means that everyone

People should have the right to free healthcare services that they

protect against STIs (Sexually Transmitted Infections), as well as everyone

People have the right to free and free access to abortions

have.

Access to abortion is precarious worldwide, including in Austria. Straight

after a clinic in Vienna closed in March 2023,

Offering abortions has further deteriorated the situation

worsened. You still have to cover the cost of an abortion yourself

be taken over. For people living precariously, including a considerable

Part of the students are included, this is an immense financial burden. In addition
Abortions in Austria are still only decriminalized and still
always not legalized.

Therefore, the ÖH University of Vienna points out funding opportunities for
Abortions draw attention to the lack of abortion
medical situation and the intolerable legal situation of abortions,
and puts pressure on the government for widespread and free access to legalized abortion. The ÖH
University of Vienna reserves the right to launch a campaign
to legalize abortion.

The ÖH University of Vienna also offers STI testing campaigns once per semester
should take place at the university. This should again be done in cooperation with Aidshilfe
happen.