

# ENGAGIERT DENKEN

## Thought into Action

8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> of April 2026

## Call for Participation

As societal problems and challenges such as climate change, war and inequality continue to grow, our scope for action appears to be shrinking. We face rising authoritarianism, an increasing overload of democratic structures, and public discourse dominated by emotional rhetoric rather than factual discussion. We do not want to accept this feeling of powerlessness any longer. This is why we organise this conference.

'Engagiert Denken' is a student conference taking place in Würzburg from **8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of April, 2026**. Its aim is to collate experiences in the sphere of tension between science and activism. We believe that within this sphere we students hold a special capacity to act. As we do not want to limit said capacity, we are open to contributions of any kind. Our conference will create a space – especially for students – in which we tackle current and future challenges, as well as deliver concrete action plans.

Historically speaking, we students have always been involved in the tension between the acquisition of established academic knowledge, the development of personal research interests, and the desire to take the future into our own hands. We therefore find ourselves at the intersection of a driving social force and scientific expertise. To take action, we now must network and argue, get loud and create awareness, define a direction and try new approaches.

Being a student conference means: **created by and for students and consisting of student contributions**. Unlike most scientific conferences where newcomers to the scientific process play a subordinate role, here we take center stage.

Put your Thoughts into Action and send us your contribution – within the field of tension between science and activism.

It is very important to that every interested person has access to our conference and that existing barriers are reduced as much as possible. Active participation or attendance should be possible even if you have physical or psychological impairments or rely on childcare. Please feel free to contact us in advance so we can accommodate your needs. Further information on inclusion can be found on our website.

## What we offer:

### (1) Informality

At scientific conferences, contributions usually take the form of a presentation, followed by discussions. With us, it is up to you which form you choose. Would you like to present and discuss your scientific work or paper? Are you part of an initiative that could use more attention? Do you want to raise awareness of a topic and could use a helping hand? You can present alone or as a group; you can act, express yourself artistically, exhibit your work, move the room and everyone in it or involve the audience. Feel free, anything goes!

### (2) Mentoring

If you have an idea but are uncertain how to turn it into a contribution to the conference. As a student you are not yet a professional, but that should not stand in your way. We offer a mentoring program, where you can work on your draft with a member of our team and get some feedback and support for unfinished ideas. Mentors will not give specific input on the content of your contribution, but will guide you through the writing process. The sooner you get in touch, the more time we have to finalize your idea together. Aid by a mentor does not guarantee the addition of your contribution to the programme. Of course, you can also submit your finished proposal until February 28th 2026.



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## How it works:

Send a short **summary of your contribution** or a **draft of your idea** with the comment that you would like to work with a mentor to as **text (max. 3000 Characters), video or audio (max. 5 min)** to [engagiert-denken@uni-wuerzburg.de](mailto:engagiert-denken@uni-wuerzburg.de). The duration of your contribution can vary depending on its form. We plan with timeslots of 20 mins, of which you take up one or more, so that there is enough time for your part of the programme. We will either put you in touch with a mentor or confirm that we received your entry. You can send in your summary until February 28th 2026.

We will put together a programme out of all submissions and notify you as soon as possible on whether we picked yours. Find further guidelines and selection criteria for contributions at [engagiert-denken.de/Einsendungen/](http://engagiert-denken.de/Einsendungen/)

## In Short:

- Save the date: 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of April, 2026
- Choose your form: Anything goes!
  - lecture, presentation, workshop
  - performance, exhibition, role play
  - discussion, podcast, conference-walk
  - screen printing action, founding of an initiative, poster design
  - ...
- Mentoring: The earlier you get in touch, the better.
- Deadline: 28 February 2026
- Contact:
  - [programm@engagiert-denken.de](mailto:programm@engagiert-denken.de)
  - Instagram: [@engagiertdenken](https://www.instagram.com/engagiertdenken)
  - Website: [engagiert-denken.de](http://engagiert-denken.de)

If you have any questions, requests or suggestions, please don't hesitate to send us an email, or message us on instagram.

We look forward to hearing from you!

*Andi, Biene, Freya, Henry, Ingo, and Marinus*

[view website](http://engagiert-denken.de)

