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Press Release

2nd International Antifeminist Congress, June 25, 2011

The 2nd International Antifeminist Congress takes place on Saturday, June 25, 2011, from 10am to 5pm at a location close to Zurich, Switzerland. Last year's meeting (on October 23, 2010) was internationally the first meeting of this kind. The meeting was a big success and is to be considered as a historical achievement of the IGAF. The Interest Group Antifeminism (IGAF) is pleased to present you again this year an exciting line-up of international speakers. The selection of speakers covers a wide range of topics and promises to again make for an exciting congress day!

On popular request, the program of the 2nd International Antifeminist Congress will include the opportunity to participate in open discussion groups. In the evening, after the official program, there will be a social event where all attendees are welcome to socialize and discuss in open groups. There is also the possibility to go and have dinner together.

Speakers

The IGAF is pleased to announce that the following renowned personalities from with Switzerland and abroad had been signing up to speak at the 2nd International Antifeminism Congress:

Prof. Dr. Gerhard Amendt – Founder of the Research Institute for Gender and Generation at University of Bremen, living in Vienna (Austria). He studied sociology in Frankfurt and London. During his studies he was involved in the Socialist German Student League. One of his main research interests is are father's studies as part of the gender and generation research. In his studies of divorced fathers he was first to provide empirical evidence on the situation of divorced fathers. He analyzed subjects such as family separation, alimentary payments, frequency of contact, violence, social situation, unemployment and membership in father's organizations. An anonymous patron funded the study. Professor Amendt concludes, that the study debunks common myths about divorced fathers as not being grounded in empirical evidence of real events. In addition he published books and essays on welfare of children, gay parenting, child abuse and other topics in prestigious social science journals. www.gerhard-amendt.at

Monika Ebeling – Master of Arts in Social Work, systemic family therapist, equal opportunities official of City of Goslar (Germany). She attended the technical school of management and justice and studied at a university of applied in social work. She was active in many social fields, ranging from drug therapy, the social work in hospitals and maternal health to gender equality work. She is active in teaching and mediation, mainly with women but as of recently also more frequently with men. Based on her education as systemic family therapist, she prefers a holistic approach. Gender-sensitive work is an important concern of her activity. As an equal opportunities officer she aims to raise public awareness of gender equality issues. She worked several years as a foster mother and lived for a time with up to 9 children in one home. Three daughters, one son, two sons and a grandchild are her ongoing motivation to face current issues on equality between men and women without feminist handcuffs. <http://geschlechterdemokratie.wordpress.com/impressum/>

Gabriele Kuby – Author und journalist, Rimsting (Germany). She grew up in Weilheim, Bavaria. Her father was the writer and journalist Erich Kuby. Her mother Edith Schumacher was a sculptor. Gabriele Kuby has four siblings and is the niece of the economist Fritz Schumacher and the physicist Werner Heisenberg. At the age of eight she converted to Protestantism on her own request. At the age of 14 to 16 years, she attended an English boarding school and from 1964 to 1967 she studied at the Free University of Berlin sociology. In the summer semester 1967, she continued her studies at the newly founded University of Konstanz, graduating with a Master of Arts with Ralf Dahrendorf. She then worked for six months on the assembly line at Agfa, before taking a job as a research planner for the Bachelor of Social Sciences at of the University of Bremen held. From 1974 to 1976 she attended the International Academy for Continuous Education in England. Its founder John G. Bennett taught a mixture of different spiritual practices from various world religions. Kuby married in 1979 Wolfgang Furth, the father of her three children. Kuby worked for twenty years as a translator and interpreter from English. She now lives in Rimsting, Germany. <http://www.gabriele-kuby.de/>

Bernhard Lassahn – Songwriter und writer, Berlin (Germany). He started his career as a songwriter and author of sensitive and ironic prose. He studied German language and literature in Marburg and Tübingen, received several scholarships and awards, traveled the world and lives since 30 years from writing— "from and for writing" as he says. His books are usually very humorous and written with caring love for the small imperfections of people. Since the 1990s, he writes mostly children's books. He has written about 20 books for children. Most well known are the stories of Captain Bluebear and Hein Blöd. <http://www.bernhard-lassahn.de/>

Pirmin Meier, PhD – Auhtor and teacher, Beromünster (Switzerland). Pirmin Meier was born into a butcher's family and grew up in Würenlingen, Switzerland. He studied German language and literature, philosophy and history at the Univerity of Zurich. He received his PhD for a work on Reinhold Schneider. He worked as journalist and served as joint editor of the publishing of the works of Reinhold Schneider, and as high school teacher in the Canton of Aargau. Today he teaches at of the High School of Beromünster the subjects German, philosophy, religion and ethics. In addition, he is an historiographical writer and adult educator. http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pirmin_Meier

Michail Savvakis – Journalist and author, Frankfurt (Germany). He is one of the founders of the gender policy initiative MANNdat eV, operates an Internet presence on masculism since 2000 (“Der Maskulist”) and in 2007 released the feminism critical book “Medusa schenkt man keine Rosen” (Don’t gift roses to Medusa). Savvakis describes himself as Maskulist. He sees men as “deliberately re-educated and disadvantaged by politicians and the media,” and opposes the outright feminist manipulation that he identifies in media, culture and society. He also rejects traditional gender roles. He proposes a society where men and women should develop their personality as individual members without being subject to state-imposed gender equality policies. <http://www.maskulist.de>

Markus Theunert – President of Männer.ch, Zürich (Switzerland). He is president of maenner.ch, the political umbrella of the Swiss organizations on boys, men and fathers work. He is also founder of the Swiss newspaper “Männerzeitung” (men’s newspaper), co-founder of Fathers Day and member of the Swiss Federal Commission for Women, the equal opportunity policy advisory board of the Swiss government. Professionally, he worked more than 10 few years for political interests groups and is currently the Secretary General of the Swiss Federation of addiction professionals. The aim of “Männer.ch” is to raise awareness for the concerns of boys, males and fathers and to take part in the gender dialogue at equal heighth with feminist groups. Mark Theunert calls for an independent boys’ men’s and fathers’ policy beyond pro-feminism or anti-feminism, in order to realize the historical opportunity of a gender-fair society. <http://www.männer.ch>

Interest Group Antifeminism (IGAF)

The Interest Group Antifeminism was founded on April 9, 2010, by group of men who oppose feminism and its unacceptable consequences. Within only a few weeks we reached over 800 members. In October 2010 we held the 1st international Antifeminist meeting in Zurich, despite strong opposition and violent riots by leftist groups! Media coverage of the meeting helped to double the number of memberships within a week, now peaking at over 4,000 members from Switzerland and abroad.

The IGAF wants to realize „Geschlechterdemokratie“ (gender democracy) and considers it important for living together to have male and female contributions to our lives (as opposed to “deconstructing gender”). The IGAF pushes to stop government-imposed gender policies and to return gender policies to the private sphere. Men and women complement each other in their different development and needs, anthropologically as well as in their live plans, and thus deserve to live free from struggling for specialized women’s or men’s rights. The IGAF promotes a positive image of men and fathers—children need fathers just as much as mothers! The equality of the sexes in their diversity is normal.

The IGAF does not oppose the equality of men and women! What we oppose is the growing body of law that favors women over men, and the growing discrimination of men and boys by government programs and social workers. Equality between men and women therefore includes the equal treatment of the military service, equal retirement age, equal rights in separation and divorce, alimony and custody of and participation in abortion and the right to a parentage test for each child.

The IGAF pushes to raise awareness that feminism abuses the cause of equality in order to favor women over men. Feminists do not want women's rights but women's privileges. They have developed a destructive claim activity compared to men, society and state. They do not aspire to the same rights for men and women, but the preferential treatment of women at the expense of men. Feminism is an ideology of the unjustified privileges procurement by women who hate men.

Registration details and scene

While we got last year violent threats by leftists hate groups, we communicate the place of our Congress only to registered subscriber. It will be near to Zurich, reachable by Car and Public Transit. Each person must register separately. Each applicant must submit a copy of an official identification, ie passport or identity card (persons known to the IGAF are exempted). After registration you will receive a confirmation with the details of payment of participation fee. An application may be rejected without giving any reasons. Though we don't expect this to happen to you! Registration deadline is June 20, 2011. This is a firm deadline. In case of cancellation or no show, the participation fee is not refundable. The fee has to be paid prior.

Because of the large number of international participation requests, the IGAF decided to translate the whole 2nd international Antifeminism Congress simultaneous into english. With this service, we want to enable our international audience to participate at our unique congress.

The IGAF has the goal to realize every year an Antifeminism Congress. The 3rd International Antifeminism Congress is planned to take place next year in Germany. This will be organized by the new founded German chapter of the IGAF (IGAF Germany). These annual Congresses are set up as a constant communication platform for our objectives. We want to clear the situation in with the feminist ideology and build up an international network.

If you have some questions, feel free to contact us:

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