**Presentation: Blow Down ‘Not in my Backyard’-Mentality // No LNG on Rügen, No LNG worldwide**

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*\*\*\*For the person giving the talk: At all costs, avoid asking people to take action forms. This could be interpreted as a call to commit punishments. Talk as little as possible about concrete "actions", but try to express things in a non-concrete and indirect way. Tip: perhaps read again earlier action consensus, there are good ambiguous formulations in it! In the passive one can speak zb. well. Altogether it can be framed as an information talk.*

*Action period and place as well as possibly civil disobedience + stand anyway in the public action consensus. So you can drop them with a clear conscience.*

*Not all information on the slides is here in the text. You can orientate yourself on the slides and in addition take this text here.\*\*\**

# 1. Information at the beginning

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## Slide 1 und 2: Content

## What we tell: Global context, why gas is blocked/some gas is blocked, political history and reprimands as a case.

## General introduction: We oppose the construction of so-called LNG terminals, which import fracked gas mainly from Texas.

## Instead of finally phasing out all fossil fuels, governments and corporations are investing heavily in fossil fuel infrastructure development. New liquefied natural gas terminals are being built, for example, on the island of Rügen. Yet fossil gas is an accelerant of the climate crisis, especially when it is extracted by environmentally damaging fracking, mostly in the Global South and from indigenous territories. That's why we're refocusing our actions on LNG infrastructure this year.

## Gas is a more abstract issue and target of protest than coal.

## It is sometimes hard to find access at first

## Embedded in global contexts on a completely different level - don't put it in pits, but disrupt abstract infrastructure

## Origins and transport routes of the gas are rarely presented transparently: But we are doing that now!

## We would like to show you this video as an introduction: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_hktBD>[-k0c&t=288s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_hktBD-k0c&t=288s) (4:50 min) The video is 5 years old but gives the basic information correctly

* Background: Global Climate Injustice & Capitalism

## Slide 3: Climate Injustice Atlas

* Shows the Environmental Justice Atlas (https://ejatlas.org/) → is a project in which environmental justice struggles are documented and recorded on a map. The distribution of dots indicates the stark contrast between those who cause and those who suffer environmental degradation

## Slide 4: Climate Injustice

* Whether gas, oil or coal - the extraction of fossil fuels is always accompanied by the destruction of livelihoods, especially in the global south and on indigenous territories.
* territories. It is primarily European and U.S. corporations that have profited
* profited from the plundering of these resources. They are also the ones burning fossil energy for profit and heating up the planet more and more. At the same time, it is already people from the Global South in particular who are losing their livelihoods as a result of climate catastrophes. Instead of finally paying reparations to the Global South, Europe continues to seal itself off, letting thousands of people die at its borders and abolishing the human right to asylum. Climate justice does not work without freedom of movement. The different struggles for a liberated society belong together.
* Capitalism consumes nature, appropriates care and subsistence work, and exploits the many for the profits of the few. A good world for all is only possible without capitalism. For us it is clear: capitalism and colonialism belong together. For the wealth of the capitalist industrialized countries is based on the racially legitimized subjugation of the societies in the southern hemisphere and their violent exploitation. But for over 500 years there has also been resistance against this. We want to strengthen this resistance in solidarity. We start here with that: We fight for a radical change of the system

## Slide 5: Anti-colonial restistances

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# (2) Extractivism, Fracking, LNG

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## Slide 6: Frack off LNG

The picture shows the Permian Basin area. The entire "landscape" is riddled with fracking rigs and holes.

Fracking natural gas we associate with the term extractivism and neo-colonialism.

Extractivism (Background information)

- Extractivism (from Latin ex-trahere "to draw out"; ex-tractum "that which is drawn out").
- Forms of economy in which natural resources are extracted from nature, used and marketed. - Extractive economic forms as opposed to subsistence economic forms.
- Extractivism as commercially oriented forms of appropriating economic activity.
- Mainly resources for export
- No/barely any economic improvement for local people

## Slide 7: How fracking works

* Around the globe, layers of the earth are being fractured to get at gas. Chemicals are pumped into the earth under high pressure to extract natural gas.
* Fracking is an extremely environmentally damaging method that accepts devastating economic, health and social consequences in the production regions for the profit of German corporations.in the regions where the gas is extracted. Chemicals get into the groundwater, environmentalists from indigenous communities who stand in the way of the industry are persecuted and murdered. Their land is poisoned and exploited to maximize the profits of fossil fuel companies. In addition, high demand from Europe is causing gas prices to skyrocket, resulting in power outages in countries of the Global South.

## Ministry of the Environment in 2020: "In this regard, it can be said that the use of

## fracked gas, which is transported to Europe as LNG, produces only minor

## emission savings compared to the use of coal and performs significantly worse compared to pipeline-bound natural gas. In addition, unconventional fracking gas in particular poses significant risks to other environmental assets, especially groundwater and soils."

## In Germany, this extraction method was partially banned in 2017. As a result, Germany plans to import fracked gas from other countries.

## Slide 8: LNG

## LNG means liquified natural gas

## Fracked gas is extracted from the ground in gaseous form, converted into liquefied gas at high energy cost, for transport. In order for gas to become liquid, it must be very cold → extremely high energy input and crass infrastructure required to be able to transport very cold and therefore liquid gas → LNG is shipped across the sea in tankers to arrive at LNG terminals, e.g. on the island of Rügen, where it is converted back into gas (again very high energy input) and fed into the network

## LNG stands for Liquified Natural Gas and consists of about 98% methane. So we are talking about gas e.g.

## From fracking, which is cooled down to 162°C degrees and thus liquefied to make it transportable. Without liquefaction, the volume would be 600 times larger and would not be suitable for transport at all, or it would be very unprofitable.

## On regasification ships (FSRU -Floating Storage and Regasification Units) it is then brought back to a gaseous state by adding thermal energy and fed into the grid.

## For many years, LNG (liquified natural gas) was considered to be environmentally harmful and expensive, and projects for German ports stalled. But now LNG appears to be the only way to become independent of Russian natural gas as quickly as possible.

Fossil energy is inextricably linked to neocolonialism. LNG is no exception!

## Slide 9: Transport und Nutzung von LNG

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## Slide 10: Anti-democratic processes

* Federal government has carried out its own calculations, according to which terminals are not necessary, so there is no emergency.
* The Acceleration Act may actually only be applied if there is an emergency → ummm?
* "New import infrastructure for fossil gas is unnecessary in Germany because the country can rely on the more than adequate European interconnected grid - numerous analyses have clearly shown this." (DUH)
* The participation of the citizens\* is limited to such short periods of time that it is no longer feasible. Even before the citizens of Rügen spoke in front of the petition committee due to their successful petition in the Bundestag, the decision was already made behind closed doors.

## Slide 11: Fracking in Texas

- German companies significantly involved in financing and construction of LNG terminals in the US (Deutsche Bank, Siemens, LBBW, ...)

- No/inconsistent regulations in some US states: In Texas, for example, where tens of thousands of wells now extend into New Mexico in the Permian Basin, so-called methane flaring, which produces high CO2 emissions, is barely regulated. Gas from Texas is therefore considered the "dirtiest gas" in the world.

- On-site consequences of fracking: pollution of groundwater (no longer possible to use), harmful chemicals are spread, health consequences, landscapes completely destroyed

- A 2019 study attributed the rise in global atmospheric methane emissions to the fracking boom in the United States. It concluded that shale gas extraction in North America could be responsible for "more than half of all increased global emissions from fossil fuels" in the past decade

- According to a study in 2021, earthquakes in Texas have doubled due to increased underground pressure because of fracking

- a study from the Harvard School of Public Health in the USA (2022) shows: People who live near U.S. fracking sites die earlier than people who do not live in such a neighborhood.

- Less well known are the impacts of the fracking industry on the safety and well-being of female

## Slide 12: Neocolonial continuity of fracking(3) Rügen

## Slide 13: What is happening on Rügen?

The picture shows an LNG terminal construction site in Shanghai, China **Slide 14: What is happening on Rügen?**-The largest LNG terminal in Europe is to be built in the port of Mukran on the island of Rügen.
-Capacities: Four regasification vessels, which can be supplied by four other LNG vessels.

 -The planned start of construction is summer 2023: A huge mobile terminal (called FSRU: "Floating Storage and Regasification Unit") will receive, convert and store fracked gas from all over the world. From there, the gas will be pumped through newly laid pipelines at the bottom of the Greifswalder Bodden ecosystem to the mainland and fed into the gas network.

-A pipeline about 50 km long is to be laid to Lubmin through the Greifswalder Bodden and several bird sanctuaries.

## - The accelerated procedure bypasses mandatory environmental assessments in some cases. This would not work for any wind turbine. In the event of accidents, the Baltic Sea coast would be affected by the damage.

## - in the summer of 2022, it was decided to carry out the project on Rügen and preliminary work has been carried out by RWE since the beginning of April.

## -In addition to the emissions that are generated and the extractivism, the construction is also enormously damaging to the environment on site in Rügen

## -Massive damage will be caused to the Baltic Sea habitat and a threat to underwater biotopes, which are of enormous importance for the overall structure of the marine ecosystem

## -People in Rügen live from tourism and partly fishing - both incompatible with terminal. DEHOGA (tourism association) is therefore also at the start, even if nature conservation and tourism have already stood in each other's way. LNG unites but at the point.

## -Should actually be built in front of Sellin, due to successful protests it should now not be built there, but in front of Mukran. That is nevertheless not far from bathing beaches.

## →Land government rejected Sellin, but made Mukran as a compromise proposal. Pressure has worked in the past.

## Slide 15: Ma pof Rügen and the planned LNG Terminal

On the map you can see Lubmin on the mainland, on top of Rügen Mukran and the pipeline. The FSRU is planned for Mukran.

Currently, it is gaseousized again in Lubmin and fed into the European grid.

-Actual (as of 20.05.23): Ship gassing in Lubmin, two shuttle ships shuttling between Lubmin and LNG depot located outside Rügen. In Rügen the LNG arrives, tankers from the USA cannot sail to Lubmin because the water is not deep enough, therefore shuttle. In Lubmin, the LNG is gassed again and fed into the European network.

-Construction works, which are excluded from the approval procedure, are already being carried out. For details see Ostseezeitung (material facts are already being created).

(Current state of knowledge)

Companies involved [background info]

-RWE pulled out because of image loss

-German ReGas is building the terminals, as already in Lubmin.

-Gave media reports on this that their financing is opaque →can be used and further expanded, but would be careful with the individual details, which could also be fake news.

→Democratic and decentralized energy transition is NOT POSSIBLE with these players →We want different conditions overall. No one should go out of the light and no one should enrich themselves in this way

**Slide 16: Local Protests on Rügen**-Cooperation is mainly with citizen initiative "Lebenswertes Rügen" and Rügen Nazifrei;Gastro and Tourism Associationare also involved.

-There are some citizen initiatives, which are partly relatively small.

-A few are right-wing open

-Lebenswertes Rügen: Already older citizen initiatives, which also already against tourism infrastructure partly protested

## -Rügen against LNG, citizen initiatives Lebenswertes Göhren, have this: Who owns my village? (jip-film.de) Film turned, citizen initiatives we for Rügen - are close to Covid denier and demonstrations against the covid policis in Germany

## -large part of the mayors inside actively against terminal

## -Process to the fact that our movement is not right-wing open is just from people on the on the ground. The more progressive people on the ground, the better.

## -What distinguishes us above all is that we are not only concerned with Rügen. But about global climate justice and the end of fossil extractivism (#blow up not in my backyard mentality) →No LNG here and nowhere.

## -We want different economy, and especially in the energy sector! →Expropriate energy companiesSlide 18: Ende Gelände goes Rügen

## Slide 19: Why civil disobedience against gas?

## Folie 20: We are angry!

BUT: Shit can be interrupted and it is already being interrupted daily by frontline communities. We join these struggles and show, as already in Brunsbüttel in 2021 and in Hamburg in 2022, that the expansion of fossil infrastructure offers no solution!

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## We stand up with mass civil disobedience against infrastructure that fuels the climate crisis and enables neocolonial and capitalist relations of exploitation.Slide 21-22: Mobi Material

## Slide 23: Massaction on Rügen

*\*\*Dates in your city at: xy\*\**

## -We create info and anti rep structures for the action. But be sure to form reference groups and never be alone. Not before and not after!Folie 24: Rechtliche Folgen

## Folie 25-26: Mobi Material

Motivation talk

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