

A white bird is shown in flight against a light blue sky. Below the bird, there is a landscape with a red-tinted foreground, possibly representing a field of flowers or a similar natural setting. The overall composition is split horizontally, with the blue sky and bird in the upper half, and the red-tinted landscape in the lower half.

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# This summer in Basel - the No Borders Climate Camp!

But what do borders have to do with the climate crisis? Why the need to talk about migration policy when faced with increasingly frequent climate catastrophes? And what does all this have to do with racism and colonialism?

An overview:

## Borders kill

Highly militarized border regimes are the cause of unimaginable suffering around the world. At the borders, people in search of a safe place are stopped and pushed back. Many people die as they try to flee: since 2014, more than 24,000 people in the "Mediterranean" region alone. And these are the ones we know about, the actual number is probably far higher. Border fortifications also massively encroach on the environment. Forests are cleared or actual "dead" border zones are created, which restrict the cycle of nature and the freedom of movement of animals, and endanger numerous species and ecosystems.

## The climate crisis causes displacement

More and more people lose their livelihoods because of consequences of the climate crisis such as droughts and floods. Currently, more people are displaced by environmental disasters than by violence and conflict. Migration is often the last possible means of adapting to the consequences of the climate crisis.

We need freedom of movement for all, and the impacts of the climate crisis must become a recognized reason for why people flee their homes.

# The climate crisis is the consequence of colonial exploitations

For over two hundred years, the global North - including Switzerland - has been fuelling the climate crisis. The global North exploits people and destroys entire ecosystems to get access to oil, coal, gas and other resources. Yet, the consequences of the climate crisis are disproportionately affecting the global South, where floods, droughts and heat waves are already threatening millions of lives. International policymakers and countries from the global North especially not only refuse to set appropriate climate policy targets, but also refuse to issue compensation and reparation payments, and therefore accept that millions of people are dying and will continue to die.

In 2020, Switzerland invested 209 million CHF in funds that should mitigate the impact of the climate crisis and provide financial resources for those who are already suffering because of the crisis. In the same year, Switzerland also invested 449 million CHF in the rearmament and militarization of Europe's borders. Thousands of migrants die every year on extremely dangerous flight routes. Those who make it end up being criminalized, isolated, imprisoned and exposed to the constant threat of deportation. This maintains colonialist and racist power structures instead of protecting the right to life and self-determination of all people through an effective and just climate policy. Those who benefit from this are armament and surveillance companies, as well as the fossil fuel industry and its investors, who can continue to displace people and destroy ecosystems for profit.

## Switzerland is fighting migration instead of the climate catastrophe

Climate justice and a migration policy that respects human rights go hand in hand. Behind both climate migration and the climate crisis lies the same cause: an economic system based on unlimited economic growth and on the exploitation of people and nature. Colonial and racist power structures are defended tooth and nail because they serve economic growth. Governments and businesses benefit from this system. Parliamentary politics cannot provide a satisfactory answer because of its deficiencies in democracy. We have to take action in solidarity to imagine a future worth living and to find solutions together. For this we have to understand the link between different crises and unite our struggles!

## camp

Join us from August 3rd to August 13th at the No Borders Climate Camp in Basel. We want to connect with each other, learn from each other, discuss and work out common perspectives. We want to explore alternatives, meet new people and organize ourselves in solidarity. There will be vegan food for everyone, a place to camp, compost toilets, a bar, a crêpes stand, concerts and much more. Childcare will be organized, we would like to translate at least some of the events into different languages, and create a camp that is as barrier-free as possible. There will be a suggested price for food and even if you can't pay anything, you will be welcomed!

## actions

During the action days, on August 11th and August 12th, we will unite our struggles and oppose the system of colonialism, exploitation and militarization with a common large-scale action.

There will also be opportunities to participate for people who cannot or do not want to take the risk of repression.

To be well prepared for the action days, you should arrive at the camp on Thursday evening at the latest. There will also be action trainings, advice on legal questions and the possibility to find an affinity group. More information will follow in the next weeks!

## program & contact

**August 3:** Common build-up of the camp.

**August 4-10:** Camp program with workshops, discussions, conferences, networking events, activities (playing soccer, painting banners, swimming in the Rhine) and concerts.

**August 11 and 12:** Action days with common large-scale action.

**August 13:** Camp clean up all together.s

More detailed information about the camp location, the program and the action days can be found in the next few weeks at [www.climatejustice.ch](http://www.climatejustice.ch).

If you want to stay up to date, please join our Telegram channel <https://t.me/resitantsummercampbasel>.

Many of us who organise the camp are *white*, privileged people with a Swiss passport. With this camp we set ourselves the goal of reflecting our privileges and enabling a participation as safe as possible for everybody. We try actively not to reproduce discrimination such as sexism, ableism, racism or classism. We have the aspiration to grow conscious of the daily and structural discriminations among each other and society, and we want to oppose to it actively. Also in the organization of the camp we want to get to know as many different perspectives as possible. In particular the perspectives of black and indigenous activists and activists of colour, and people who are affected by the racist asylum system and/or fight against it. Do you have capacities and want to share your perspective? We are happy about any contact via [@collectiveclimatejustice](https://t.me/collectiveclimatejustice) (Telegram) oder [info@climatejustice.ch](mailto:info@climatejustice.ch) (mail).