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The Extreme Centre

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OPEN CALL FOR STUDENTS

**What roles do the new right and the old left play in today's politics?
Where can democracy find its place in the 21st century?
How have ideological struggles changed in times of neoliberal capitalism and
technological development?**

If these questions resonate with your own, if you are a student concerned about today's politics, and if you are passionate about discussing your ideas in an international and interdisciplinary environment – then this call is for you!

In connection to the PLURIVERSALE VI opening symposium [The Extreme Centre](#), the Academy of the Arts of the World invites enthusiastic students from Germany and Europe (including the UK) to participate in an intensive two-day workshop on the **18th and 19th of April 2017** in Cologne.

Thematically linked to the symposium, the aim of the workshop will be to discuss the current situation of democracy in growing capitalism, nationalism, and online connectivity. What will happen to democracy when global capitalism becomes stronger? Is the new right a product of the crisis of capitalism? Can we still speak of left/right distinctions anyway?

Parallel to prominent critical thinkers such as **Tariq Ali, Chantal Mouffe, Saskia Sassen, Srećko Horvat, Andreas Speit** and **Ágnes Heller** who will panel the symposium, students will address these questions in an international group and raise their own to the panellists. Participants will be encouraged to confront the panellists' critical insights and debate on how these may offer tools to examine the rapidly changing political landscape of today.

The Extreme Centre is part of PLURIVERSALE, a curated programme organised bi-annually by the Academy of the Arts of the World in Cologne. It connects a series of events from diverse cultures, disciplines and formats, fostering a critical understanding of global issues by addressing cultural domination, inequality, hybridity, citizenship and migration.

We invite students of all nationalities living and studying in Germany, Europe, and the UK to apply by the **15th of February 2017**. In order to strengthen cooperation with regional universities, we especially encourage students from North Rhine-Westphalia to apply.

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Please send **one** PDF file to paszkowski@academycologne.org and include:

- A letter of motivation (max. 300 words)
- A proposal of one question or issue that you would like to discuss (max. 100 words)
- A short biography (max. 200 words)

Applications will be accepted both in English and German. Please note however, that the workshop will be held in English.

Compensation for travel and accommodation expenses can be issued upon request. For more information or any other questions concerning your application please contact: paszkowski@academycologne.org