



Report of activities from Academy of Democratic Modernity in 2022

This brief report narrates how ADM went about the first year of educational work as part of our strategic goal to expand the discussion on the theory of democratic modernity to an international level, with a particular focus on building movements and networks based on radical democracy, women's liberation and ecology.



The Academy of Democratic Modernity was established in March 2022 and has been creating a full program of political education for a wide range of activists and movements. Based on our understanding that the opposition to the system needs a radical intellectual, moral and political renewal we want to contribute with our educational work to the awakening of democratic and anti-systemic forces. We believe that the theory of democratic modernity and the sociology of freedom in this sense offer answers to central questions of how we can transform the crisis into a democratic, sustainable and liberatory awakening.

As part of our strategic planning for 2022 we recognized the need towards offering programs that will reach movements and activists all over the world. On this basis, we organised three international seminars (in June, August and November), which were attended by a total of almost 150 people. *Besides participants from various European regions and countries (Italy, Finland, British Isles, Germany, Portugal, France, Catalonia, Greece, Aragon, Switzerland, Austria and Slovenia), as well as the USA, activists and academics from the Global South (India, Ecuador, Mexico, Zimbabwe, Mali, Kenya) were also present.*

Our seminars were an introduction and deepening of the democratic, ecological and women's liberation paradigm. Some of the question we addressed throughout the seminars were: How

to search for truth? What does a free life mean for us? How can we redefine revolution, politics and democracy? What is the role of women's liberation in the 21st century? What is the role of social science for liberating society? What can we learn from the experiences of the revolution in Kurdistan? How can we build unity within diversity and take steps towards world democratic confederalism? In seminars and workshops we have deepened discussions about the history of society and civilisation, sociology of freedom, Jineolojî & women's liberation ideology, world democratic confederalism and more.



Opening autonomous spaces of reflection and exchange between women and seminars on transforming the dominant men for male participants was another crucial part of our seminars

in order to tackle social sexism and patriarchal mentalities by building a free will and autonomous women's consciousness and organisation. Apart from content-related contributions, our educations are also a place where we put an emphasis on collective life, which is expressed in the way we organise our daily life through communes enabling self-organisation. In addition to the lectures and discussions, hikes and excursions in nature and cultural exchanges - including traditional songs, poems, stories and dances - played an important role in the seminars.

Since people from different places, struggles and experiences participated everyone takes on both a teaching and learning role. Furthermore, the space for internationalist exchange was crucial. The seminars were in a sense a platform for getting to know each other and exchange between movements across the world, and thus concrete steps in the construction of democratic modernity. They have strengthened internationalist comradeship, exchanges of experiences as well as building a feeling of solidarity within a common struggle. Above all, personal encounters and connections themselves have played an important role.

As a conclusion one of the key outcomes was understanding that internationalism is ultimately a practical attitude and life itself. It is a relationship that is established at every moment of life, not only in times of war, or the threat of war or during times of economic crisis. It is a moral and political way of life and collectivity for all participants. It is a relationship that emerges in communities and councils, not only in critical and difficult times, and is lived out wherever and whenever those involved need it.

If the forces of democratic modernity succeed in approaching each other and building relationships with each other on the basis of democratic modernity's understanding of internationalism, an internationalist force and long-term institutionalisation can emerge which can provide an alternative to capitalist modernity and develop approaches to solutions for respective social problems in specific regions and countries.

In general, we have evaluated our international seminars in the year of 2022 as a first successful step and are determined to develop our educational work further this year. If you are interested in our seminars and lectures don't hesitate to contact us.