

Hello, we are XY and XY from Fridays for Future Heidelberg.

We are demonstrating today under the slogan #NoMoreEmptyPromises. And this is important, because we finally need a 1.5 degree compatible policy, a policy that puts consistent measures and implements them.

But what about equity issues? Why don't we talk about injustice in discourses about the climate crisis? Why is no one talking about the fact that FINTA* people, i.e. women, intersex, non-binary, trans and agender people, will suffer more from the consequences of the climate crisis than cis men (i.e. men who can identify with their innate gender)? Why does nobody talk about the fact that people who are affected by multiple discrimination, for example racism, sexism, classism, rejectionism and many other forms of discrimination, will feel the consequences of the climate crisis sooner than, for example, white, heterosexual, men, without disabilities?

It is not an abstract or complicated fact that more women die in natural disasters than men. The 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami killed about four times as many women as men, according to an Oxfam report. Hurricane Katrina, which destroyed New Orleans in 2005, also destroyed a community system here of African-American single mothers who used this community to support each other. More than half of the affected families are single mothers.

FINTA* people are disproportionately affected more often and more severely by the climate crisis because more of them live in poverty, have fewer human rights, and are often exposed to systemic violence.

The climate crisis reinforces existing structures of discrimination and injustice. People who have suffered for centuries under patriarchy and its racist, homophobic, classist, and ableist structures are feeling it even more harshly. The people who enjoy the most privileges on this planet will also be much better prepared against the climate crisis.

In public discourses, these injustices, which are intensified by the climate crisis, are not talked about. In talk shows, newspaper articles, and radio reports, the link between discrimination and the climate crisis is hushed up.

Structural problems and injustices are not addressed or the topic is quickly changed. Instead, it's all about planting a few trees, blaming consumers, and not inconveniencing corporations. No wonder, because the people who set the tone in public discourse, politics and authorities are mostly men. As a result, perspectives are lacking, existing power hierarchies are actively maintained and no responsibility is taken.

We must finally start talking about the root of the climate crisis. It must be enlightened that the climate crisis is colonialist in nature. That it is fueled by capitalism and the exploitation of people in MAPA (i.e. Most Affected People And Areas) every day and that we, here in the Global North, must take responsibility for our actions. Public discourse must stop talking about people instead of with them. There needs to be a stop to women being invited only for discussions about sexism and then being mansplained or sexist by men. It must stop that Women of Color are only invited for discussions about racism to explain racism to white people and get no attention afterwards. And it has to stop that in discourses about the climate crisis only white men are constantly given the chance to speak and all blame is put on consumers* to further boost the economy, not to take responsibility and to selfishly and exploitatively continue as before.

Injustices such as sexism, racism, abnegation and other discriminations have not only been known since today and that these are reinforced by crises should have become aware especially now in

the Corona pandemic. For this reason, it is fatal if the climate crisis is only fought with a few climate protection measures. To achieve climate justice, we need a systemic change. We need to expose patriarchal, racist and classist structures, act intersectionally and connect our struggles!

Therefore, we demand:

The portrayal of the climate crisis in the media must also be shown from the perspective of women, trans and non-binary people in all discourses. Furthermore, the toxic male behavior in journalism must be critically questioned.

Parties with misogynistic, homophobic and racist basic ideas and party concepts must be actively fought.

Men in government positions who make statements that are misogynistic, even in part pedophilic, homophobic and racist, must be held accountable.

The social crisis must finally be linked to the climate crisis and corporations held accountable.

The patriarchal exploitation of all living beings in all countries must be stopped.

A women's quota, to ensure social justice for women and non-male read, must be introduced in government.

Furthermore, there must be a shift in responsibilities, from society to corporations, to finally help stop the climate crisis and ensure the safety of FINTA* people around the world.

Our government must finally take responsibility for its actions or inactions. This applies to the climate crisis, but especially to climate justice. In plain English, this means protecting FINTA* people and giving them shelter when this is not possible in their own country.

Call:

Lastly, we would like to call on all people who identify as FINTA* to unite their struggles. It is necessary that we unite our struggles. In order to achieve real systemic change, we must act intersectionally. This means that FINTA* unite their struggles. It means that especially those of us who identify as white CIS women need to rethink our privilege. It means that together we fight against sexism, racism, classism, ableism, homophobia, and transphobia.

Destroy the patriarchy not the planet!