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# Katja Kipping

Katja Kipping has been Member of the German Bundestag since 2005 and is social policy spokeswoman and chairwoman of the party *Die Linke*. She studied Slavic and American studies, as well as public law in Dresden. She is a founding member of the Institut Solidarische Moderne e.V., whose board she belongs to. Katja Kipping is married, has a child and lives in Berlin and Dresden.



## Nobody Chooses to be a Refugee

### The responsibility of the West or why our Society has to reinvent itself

Giving refugees a safe haven is not enough – ultimately, we need to ask why people are forced to leave their homes in the first place. Katja Kipping avoids easy answers, clearly shows the major reasons for flight and emphasizes the value of immigration.

With their arrival, the asylum seekers bring a message: Our current policies and economic actions, as well as our work and consumption ideologies are in desperate need of improvement towards inclusion and equality. Katja Kipping, chairwoman of the German party “Die Linke” and socialist politician, points to our responsibility for the current situation, while offering decisive methods to confront the increasing racism in our society. Kipping pleads to take action now and shows what we need to do, so that Europe can become stronger, more united and more open in the future.

» Kippings in-depth reports of dedicated refugee helpers, a rejuvenated civil society and many, many people who did not succumb to current right-wing propaganda, allow an optimistic outlook for the future.«

Jennifer Munro, *NachDenkSeiten*

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*Wer flüchtet schon freiwillig. Die Verantwortung des Westens oder Warum sich unsere Gesellschaft neu erfinden muss*

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# Norbert Blüm

From 1982 to 1998 he was federal minister of labor and social affairs and close confidant of Helmut Kohl. Between 1981 and 2001 he also was vice chairman of the CDU. As chairman of the "Kinderhilfe" foundation, he visited countless countries. He is member of the "IG Metall" union, of Amnesty International, and the Kolpingfamily, as well as author of many books.



## Outcry! Against our Relentless Capitalist Society

Refugee crisis, Islamic State, Economic crisis, Arms trade, War: the world is in turmoil. Greed corrupts people's minds and hearts. It's the plague of our time. As poverty increases, it forces humans worldwide into homelessness, which offers futile ground for fanaticism and violence. How is our capitalist system connected to the refugee crisis, and why is this present time commonly referred to as a test for the authenticity of the European Union?

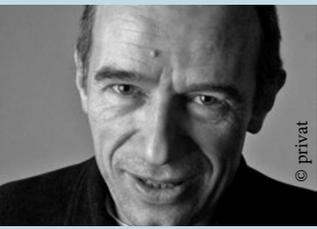
If we are committed to not just stopping, but reversing the dangerous developments of recent years, we need a Europe beyond its current state of merely being a banking union with a home cooked currency. Norbert Blüm forcefully depicts the worst repercussions of our reckless pursue of ever increasing revenue.

*Including an exclusive Interview with Jean-Claude Juncker, president of the European Kommission, about refugees, the transaction tax and the future of the European Union.*

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*Aufschrei!*  
*Wider die erbarmungslose  
Geldgesellschaft*

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## Mathias Bröckers

worked among others for the German newspapers *taz* and *ZEIT*. He is the author of several bestsellers, like "Wir sind die Guten" (70.000 copies sold).



## Sven Böttcher

is a freelance journalist and successful author. Currently he is living in Hamburg. His books include "119 Questions to 11.9." (2003) and „The Censored Day“ (2004).



## The Whole Truth about Everything

### How We Can Still Save our Future

The few “big fish” winning the global game of optimization, make everybody else believe, that the world we live in today is way too complex to be understood. Bestselling authors Sven Böttcher and Mathias Bröckers show in their new, long overdue book that this is by no means the case.

Mankind has proceeded vastly in the last 5.000 years. We developed ideas, technologies and societies that could transform the whole planet into paradise – instead we make it a hostile desert. Our generation, the ones born from 1945 to 2000, turned all the well-meant ideas – from the agricultural revolution to democracy and market economy to growth and immigration – into a disaster. In an amazing tour de force through history, science and culture Sven Böttcher and Mathias Bröckers fight back fatalism and lethargy to explain what we need to do to change our future and make the world a better place.

» **Did you know that 50 Percent of the global trade volume is processed through tax havens and tax dodgers evade paying over 200 Billion Dollars every year?«**

From the content

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*Die ganze Wahrheit über alles. Wie wir unsere Zukunft doch noch retten können*

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# Ulrike Weiler

is one of Germany's leading experts in animal farming and performance physiology. Currently she is apl. Prof. at the Institute for Livestock Sciences at the University of Stuttgart-Hohenheim. Central points of her study include the enhancement of quality control in meat products as well as detection of quality manipulation.



## Should We Still Eat Meat?

### A Clarification

Dr. Ulrike Weiler parts facts from fiction in regard to the most pressing questions concerning the production and consumption of meat. She debunks the conflicts between the protection of animals, the environment and the consumer – and she guides us to a path of politically correct meat consumption.

Lately, meat has been given a bad reputation. Consumers are troubled by concerns about the conditions of production. They fear health risks and question the moral implications of killing animals for food. At the same time a countermovement celebrating hedonistic meat consumption is evolving. The luxury segment with kobe and dry aged beef is generating increasing sales. The book takes up the most viral issues around the topic of meat and explains how to distinguish good from bad meat products.

Original Title:  
*Fleisch essen?*  
*Eine Aufklärung*

Original language: German  
Published in 2016  
256 pages, including many  
illustrations

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# Dr. Thomas Pfeifer

studied medicine in Padua, Aachen, Muenster and Munich. He was a guest physician at the Massachusetts General Hospital at the Harvard Medical School in Boston. Since 1992 he runs his own doctors office together with his brother Johannes and is regarded to be one of the most renowned doctors in Frankfurt am Main, Germany.



## We Have a Bone to Pick How to stay agile und fit through healthy joints

The ability to move freely and safe from pain, is usually taken for granted – until losing it to arthrosis, arthritis or rheumatism. But where do these vexing problems with our joints originate? Dr. Thomas Pfeifer gives an illustrative, vivid, and fascinating introduction to our bone system with all its little goutts and aches, ranging from diagnosis over therapy to prevention.

Walking, sitting, lying, bending, lifting, throwing, kneeling, chewing, writing – nothing works without joints. Unfortunately, this non-stop liability takes its toll. Joint afflictions are the number one health complaint, and insights into the causes often come too late. Dr. Pfeifer illustrates the construction of our joints and the interaction between bones, cartilages, ligaments and nerves, while pointing out what they resent. From medicinal methods to do-it-yourself techniques, the versed orthopedic specialist enables you to maintain your agility well into old age.

» **Written in an understandable and well-structured fashion**«

*Frankfurter Rundschau*

Original Title:  
*Treffen sich zwei Knochen.*  
*Fit und gelenkig bis ins hohe Alter*

Original language: German  
Published in 2016  
240 pages, including many  
illustrations

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# Paul Schreyer

born in 1977, is a freelance journalist, who writes for the magazine *Telepolis* and others, as well as an author of several political non-fiction books. His book "Faktencheck 9/11" was received with great interest in expert circles, the title "We are the Good Guys" (with Mathias Bröckers) was ranked on the Spiegel best-seller list for over 30 weeks.



## Who Rules the Money? Banks, Democracy and Deception

Money rules the world – but who rules over the money? How were the banks created and transformed into their present shape? And who gave the banks the right to exercise this immense amount of power and make profit thereof?

Paul Schreyer comprehensively scrutinizes modern socioeconomics as he gives historical insight to where money originated, and how its value is determined, while following the trail to big money's roots. Have there maybe been other, more just monetary systems in the history of Europe and the United States? Is it maybe possible to choose a different, a better way?

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*Wer regiert das Geld?*  
*Banken, Demokratie und Täuschung*

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» It is money, money, money! Not ideas, not principles, but money that reigns supreme in American politics«

Robert Byrd

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## By Paul Schreyer and Mathias Bröckers



### We are the Good Guys. How Western Media Constructs Evil Putin

Why should we pay attention to the Ukraine? And how did it happen that a failed arrangement with the EU resulted the most dangerous European crisis of the past decades? Is it all Putin's fault? Is it merely him who recklessly pulls the strings? Mathias Broeckers and Paul Schreyer take a look behind the scenes of a political game, which has become a deadly reality.

Original Title:  
*Wir sind die Guten*  
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# Henning Venske

is an actor, cabaret artist, host/presenter and author. In the early 80s he was chief editor of the satirical magazine *Pardon*, from 1985 until 1993 author and cabaret artist at the Münchner Lach- und Schießgesellschaft. In 2010 he received the price of honor, the German Kleinkunstpreis/cabaret award, together with his partner on the stage Jochen Busse.



## Satire is Only a Monkey in the Brain

As a consequence of the Charlie Hebdo attack, an old discussion flared up once again: How far is satire allowed to go? Henning Venske, most-fired satirist of the Republic, delivers a brilliant tour de force through three thousand years of satire.

Seemingly everyone being able to spell the term satire has an opinion on the matter – everybody is an expert. Veteran comedian Henning Venske states: Satire develops and exists to deconstruct the existing. It has always been battleground for ideologies, religions and social classes. Satire is opposition, self-defense, and weapon at the same time. Satire is the resistance against coercion, power, and hierarchy, and above all, against stupidity and ignorance.

### » What is satire allowed to do?

Everything it can.

What can satire do?

Everything it wants.

What does satire want?

Everything it must do.

What must satire do?

Nothing.«

Original Title:

*Satire ist nur ein Affe im Hirn*

Original language: German

Published in 2015

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# Wolfgang Koschnick

Koschnick is an author, journalist and business consultant. He studied political science and economics in Kiel, Houston (Texas) and Berlin. As a journalist, he worked for the *Boston Globe* and other magazines and papers. He was head of the foreign affairs department of the Institute for public opinion in Allensbach, Germany and chief editor of the journals *Horizont*, *ZV+ZV* and *Copy*.



## Our Democracy is Already Long Gone

### The Farewell to an Illusion

We commonly agree about the value of democracy, but the current political system repels us. It has been overtaken by a ruling political elite in their endeavor to uphold a broken system breeding inequality, poverty and seclusion. The rich get richer, the poor poorer, and our former democracy succumbed to an oligarchy, an elitist system of government.

The established democracies are in a fundamental crisis, which will eventually be the cause of their demise. Exemplifying Germany, Wolfgang Koschnick illustrates how a system crisis caused by a great discrepancy between interests of the people and their representatives can put a well-established, prestigious democracy into paralysis. Only through a radical shift in our thinking and the realization that a functioning democracy is a long-gone illusion can we end this state of patronage, and regain our rightful freedom.

» **Democracy is the Free World's whore, willing to dress up, dress down, willing to satisfy a whole range of taste, available to be used and abused at will.**«

Arundhati Roy

Original Title:  
*Eine Demokratie haben wir schon lange nicht mehr. Abschied von einer Illusion*

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Published in 2016  
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## The Truth about Greece, the Euro Crisis and the Future of the European Union

### The Propaganda War against Syriza

»Greece needs to be given the opportunity to grow and not new loans, to serve old debts.« Giorgos Chondros gives a first-hand report of what actually happened during the lengthy negotiations with the EU and its so-called democratic institutions.

**Giorgos Chondros**, born in 1958, is an ethnologist and environmental politician. As a founding member of the Greek ruling party Syriza Chondros accompanied the debt crisis in his country and the negotiations with the international donors from the outset. He can report first hand, how a developed industrial nation was driven to the brink of ruin within only a few years.

Original Title:  
*Die Wahrheit über Griechenland, die Eurokrise und die Zukunft Europas. Der Propagandakrieg gegen Syriza*

Original language: German  
Published in 2015  
240 pages

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## Islamophobia

### Why we should not Fear Muslims, but Islamophobists

Can Islam be part of Europe? This is the question which deeply divides public opinion – yet the debate is often tainted by prejudice and ignorance. Daniel Bax argues that the real danger is coming from a different direction and explains why our exaggerated fear of Muslims may destroy the core values Europe stands for.

**Daniel Bax**, born 1970 in Blumenau (Brazil), is an editor of the German newspaper *taz*. He grew up in Freiburg and Berlin and studied journalism and Islamic studies in Berlin – before everybody else did it. As an editor he concentrates on topics like migration, integration and Islam. Daniel Bax is married and has two children. “Islamophobia” is his first book.

Original Title:  
*Angst ums Abendland. Warum wir uns nicht vor Muslimen, sondern vor den Islamfeinden fürchten sollten*

Original language: German  
Published in 2015  
288 pages

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# Backlist



## Conquering Europe

### The Ukraine Crisis and the Role of the USA

Wolfgang Bittner delivers the definitive chronology and analysis of the fatal influence of the US on politics and public media in Europe, from the beginning of the Maidan protests up to the events from September 2015.

Original Title:  
*Die Eroberung Europas durch die USA.*  
*Zur Krise in der Ukraine*

Original language: German  
Published in 2015  
192 pages

15.000 copies sold

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**Wolfgang Bittner** holds a doctorate in law and worked for newspapers, television and radio broadcasting. He has published over 60 books for adults, adolescents and children, both novels and nonfiction books, and received several awards and prizes.



## Hug me!

### Why we need to touch and feel each other

All of us want stability in our lives. Yet, the knowledge on how much this stability is connected to the basic need to be touched has gone lost in almost all parts of our fast-paced and digital society. Consolation, reassurance, love and compliments: True affection can only be shown in person. Therefore, Cem Ekmekcioglu claims: Hug me!

Original Title:  
*Drück mich mal.*  
*Warum Berührungen so wichtig für uns sind*

Original language: German  
Published in 2015  
224 pages

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**Cem Ekmekcioglu** was born in 1965 in Wiesbaden and studied medicine at the University of Vienna. He is a specialist for physiology as well as a doctor for nutrition medicine. Since 1994 he works as an extraordinary professor at the institute of physiology at the Medical University at Vienna.





## Foul Players

### How Bleak Economic Interests Destroy our Favorite Game

Football seems to be more popular than ever: the weekly spectacle draws millions of fans to the stadiums and television screens. The game has become big business and wealthy teams dominate the competition. Yet only a few profit from a system that has become ever more ruthless – and corrupt. Are we losing our favorite game to hubris and greed?

**Jens Berger** has been a freelance journalist for over ten years and lives with his family in Goslar, Germany. In 2007, Berger started the *Spiegelfechter*, which is now among the best known political blogs in the country. He also holds an editing job for the German political online magazine *NachDenkSeiten*.

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*Der Kick des Geldes. Wie knallharte Wirtschaftsinteressen unseren Fußball kaputt machen*

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## The World Dominators

### United States Military and Secret Service Operations

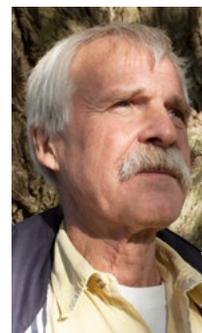
Armin Wertz brings us the first comprehensive account of US operations in independent countries – an essential read for everyone interested in American foreign policy. Since its declaration of independence in 1776, the United States fought in numerous wars, yet they declared war to a country only five times so far.

**Armin Wertz** is an experienced foreign correspondent who spent many years in South and Central America, Israel and other parts of the world writing for renowned magazines and newspapers such as *Der Spiegel*, *Stern* and *Frankfurter Rundschau*. Since 1997 he works as a freelance journalist travelling Southeast Asia as well as East and South Africa.

Original Title:  
*Die Weltbeherrscher. Militärische und geheimdienstliche Operationen der USA*

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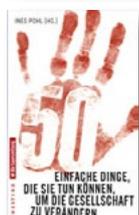


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