

Invocation 2022

In 2022, the *Festival contre le racisme (fclr)* Ulm/Neu-Ulm will take place for the 7th time. It is an event series for courage, against racism and other inhuman attitudes. This year we deal with our (post)colonial society.

We live in times of great challenges - climate change, social inequalities, digitalization, etc - and we live in times of openly aggressive and provoked confrontations. From anti-democratic demonstrations in Ulm and Neu-Ulm to the outbreak of war against the Ukraine on 24.02.2022.

A war of geopolitical interests based on colonial motives. A war that leads to flight and migration. A war that simultaneously exposes the unequal treatment of refugees. A war that challenges civil society in Europe, in Germany, to define its values and to ask itself the questions: What is peace worth to us? What is the basic democratic order worth to us? On what foundation do we want to build the future? But now is also the moment to critically question what can and must be improved in our society!

These are times for great and necessary upheavals. Because the upheavals are overdue, they will (have to) feel radical. They will create friction, and everyone will have to position themselves. But such transformation processes also offer opportunities. The fclr would like to use the chance to sensitize to the connections of colonial experiences, postcolonial migration, social exclusion, and racist practices. Only those who understand the past and present can adequately shape the future.

Through workshops, lectures, concerts, and exhibitions, we address past and present discriminatory and racist behaviors. We present the underlying mechanisms and give examples of how to counteract them concretely.

"Remembering means changing" proclaims the "Initiative February 19th Hanau" of the survivors and relatives of the racist terrorist attack. That is the mission. We have to change society. All of us together. If you are still waiting for a day to start: Today is the right one!

Do you still need input? The festival contre le racisme with the theme **"(Post)Colonialism"** will take place this year from **June 20th to July 3rd** in and around Ulm and Neu-Ulm.