

# Program

## Life Below Water: Oceans in Crisis – Resources, Rights, and Regeneration



April, 10–12th 2026



Friday: 17:00 hrs  
Sunday: 13:30 hrs



Würzburg



Language: English



15,-

The world's oceans are essential to life on Earth: they regulate the climate, produce oxygen, and sustain biodiversity. Yet pollution, overfishing, acidification, and rising sea levels are pushing them to the brink—while political commitment to their protection is weakening. This seminar explores the ecological dimensions of the global water crisis and its disproportionate impacts on coastal communities in the Global South, including Pacific island nations. We will also examine emerging threats such as deep-sea mining and declining ocean governance. Together, we will discuss global responsibility, ecological limits, and intergenerational justice—and ask what must change to secure a just and sustainable future for our oceans.

**Speakers:** Jan Pingel | Ozeanien-Dialog, Hamburg

### Schedule:

**Friday, 17:00 Uhr – 21:30 hrs**

Check-In | Welcome | Dinner | Introduction into topic

**Saturday, 09:00 – 22:00 hrs**

Keynote on the importance of Oceans | Lunch | Workshop:  
Power, Pollution & Politics: Who Owns the Ocean? | Dinner |  
Intercultural Night

**Sunday, 09:00 – 13.30 hrs**

Walk and Talk through Würzburg City | Wrap-Up | Lunch | Farewell

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The participation fee of €15 includes meals, accommodation in shared rooms, and travel with the so called "Bayernticket" (Deutsche Bahn, 2nd class).



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