

## INTERNATIONALE AKADEMIE

für innovative Pädagogik, Psychologie und Ökonomie gGmbH (INA) an der Freien Universität Berlin

Invitation to INA-YEPP Colloquium  
**“From Confrontation to Participation:  
Reflecting on 10 Years of Youth and Community Empowerment  
across Europe”**



**Saturday 25 February 2012 from 10:00 to 16:00**  
**European Academy Berlin**  
**Bismarckallee 46-48**  
**D-14193 Berlin (Charlottenburg-Wilmersdorf)**

The alienation experienced by young people living in areas of severe social disadvantage throughout Europe presents challenges which are as complex as they are urgent. Many young people are dissatisfied with the way public decisions are made and have a growing feeling that they are not listened to, having no influence on their social and economic environment. This growing sense of frustration has been visible in recent youth movements in Portugal, Greece and Spain, as well as in urban violence in France and the UK, while further afield young people were taking centre stage in the protests of the so-called “Arab Spring”.

An alternative model of youth participation in local decision-making has been at the heart of the Youth Empowerment and Partnership Programme (YEPP), a successful transnational initiative hosted by INA since 2001. Supported by a consortium of foundations, YEPP has been implementing its “Concept of Change” by promoting partnerships between young people and the public, private and independent sectors. During the colloquium, an international panel of experts will draw on 10 years of youth and community empowerment to explore a number of questions: Which are the key factors behind youth alienation and unrest across Europe and beyond? Is youth participation a substitute for or a complement to protests and conflict? What added value can YEPP bring to the field of youth and community empowerment?

**Moderation:** *Dr. Christa Preissing, Vice-President of INA.*

**International experts:** *Antonella Ricci (Compagnia di San Paolo, Turin), Hara Kouki (Birbeck College, Athens/London), Dr. Reingard Spannring (European Youth Studies, University of Innsbruck), Sanin Hasibovic (University of Hamburg).*

**The working language is English, questions and statements in German are possible.**

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