

Civil clauses — a sound approach for banning military use from civil institutions?

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Some people really like working for the military



Some people strongly object to participate in killing people



Why civil clauses at Universities

If you are studying at a university, doing a bachelor, master or even PhD there, you often don't know, what project you are working on. Nevertheless, you depend on your university to finalize your education.



Why civil clauses at Universities

To solve this conflict, some universities in Germany, even some states in Germany came up with the idea of “civil clauses”. These prohibit military project at the university. The state of Bremen wrote 2015 e.g. in its higher education act:

“Schools of higher education pursue in research, education and studies exclusively peaceful means. The resources provided by the state to these schools are exclusively for aims that follow this purpose.”

Civil clauses in the Germany

There are several civil clauses in Germany: <http://www.zivilklausel.de/index.php/bestehende-zivilklauseln>

Liste von Hochschulen mit Zivilklauseln

Uni Kiel (1665, 07.05.2008)
Kernforschungszentrum Karlsruhe (1956)
TU Berlin (1950er, 1991)
Uni Bremen (1986, 1991, 2012)
Uni Konstanz (16.01.1991)
TU Dortmund (1991)
Uni Hamburg (1998, 2015)
Uni Göttingen (2006, 2013)
Uni Oldenburg (2007)
Uni Jena (15.05.2007)
HS Nordhausen (18.01.2008)
HafenCity Uni Hamburg (09.07.2008)
TU Ilmenau (2010)
Uni Tübingen (2010)
Uni Rostock (2011)
Uni Halle-Wittenberg (2012)
HS Bremen (2012)
HS Bremerhaven (Juni 2012)
Uni Kassel (11.07.2012, 04.12.2013)
TU Darmstadt (Oktober 2012)
Uni Frankfurt (Main) (März 2013)
Uni Münster (Juli 2013)
HU Berlin (24.10.2013)
Uni Lüneburg (20.11.2013)
Uni Freiburg (29.01.2014)

TU Chemnitz (08.12.2014)
Uni Marburg (17.12.2014)
HS Bochum (26.01.2015)
Kunstakademie Münster (27.01.2015)
Europa-Uni Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) (28.01.2015)
Pädagogische HS Weingarten (25.02.2015)
Uni Lübeck (05.03.2015)
Uni Düsseldorf (18.03.2015)
Uni Köln (25.03.2015)
HS Ruhr West (01.04.2015)
Robert Schuhmann HS Düsseldorf (29.04.2015)
FH Südwestfalen (11.05.2015)
Uni Siegen (13.05.2015)
FernUni Hagen (20.05.2015)
Uni Paderborn (26.05.2015)
HS Ostwestfalen-Lippe (27.05.2015)
FH Münster (01.06.2015)
FH Dortmund (11.06.2015)
Folkwang-Uni der Künste (17.06.2015)
HS Bonn-Rhein-Sieg (18.06.2015)
HS für Musik Detmold (24.06.2015)
Kunstakademie Düsseldorf (29.06.2015)
HS Hamm-Lippstadt (16.07.2015)

HS für nachhaltige Entwicklung Eberswalde (22.07.2015)
Uni Duisburg-Essen (13.08.2015)
Uni Wuppertal (14.08.2015)
Uni Bielefeld (01.09.2015)
SportHS Köln (08.09.2015)
RWTH Aachen (09.09.2015)
FH Aachen (09.09.2015)
Uni Bonn (11.09.2015)
Westfälische HS Gelsenkirchen, Bocholt, Recklinghausen (25.09.2015)
HS Düsseldorf (08.10.2015)
HS Rhein-Waal (12.10.2015)
HS für Gesundheit Bochum (14.10.2015)
HAW Hamburg (12.11.2015)
Uni Bochum (23.11.2015)
Uni Erlangen-Nürnberg (24.11.2016)

Liste von Landeshochschulgesetzen mit Zivilklauseln:

HG Niedersachsen (1993-2002)
HG Thüringen (2006)
HG Hessen (01.01.2010)
HG Brandenburg (24.04.2014)
HG NRW (11.09.2014)
HG Bremen (19.03.2015)

“War is peace” - what are peaceful purposes?

The University of Applied Science of Bremen had their own interpretation and **signed a collaboration agreement with the German army (Bundeswehr)**. They offer a course in computer science for female employees programming for the German army.
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... this lead to conflict

This collaboration was and still is strongly disputed by the student council and others.



“We educate to kill”

The freedom to say NO

We believe such civil clauses are good:

- ▶ You always have to have the freedom to say NO to military usage of your work
- ▶ If you are bound to your university during studies you don't have such freedoms
- ▶ Civil clauses at least give people the chance to fight for their right to reject
- ▶ However, they are no guarantee that you are save in this account.

... and for whom do you work (directly/indirectly)?



We are open for discussions on this and related topics.

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