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## Open letter to the authors of the „Eifel Literatur Festivals 2012“

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The “Eifel Literatur Festival 2012“, that you are taking part in, also invited the racist Thilo Sarrazin to read from his propaganda book “Deutschland schafft sich ab” (“Germany abolishes itself”). In an open letter, we already asked the organizer of the literature festival, Josef Zierden, to cancel Sarrazin's invitation.<sup>1</sup> The local media reported on this open letter as well.<sup>2</sup> Zierden, however did not reply us yet, instead, in the festival's newsletter, Sarrazin was being praised and it was agitated against “greens and leftists” who would be trying to “put an end to the whole festival”.

In his propaganda book “Deutschland schafft sich ab” (“Germany abolishes itself”), Thilo Sarrazin said that intelligence was mainly determined by the genes and thus, some “peoples” (e.g. Muslims) were less intelligent than others. Even though Sarrazin always states his theses were scientifically proven, reputable scientists contradict him. The “Verband Biologie, Biowissenschaften und Biomedizin in Deutschland (VBIO e. V.)” (“Association Biology, life sciences and biomedicine in Germany”) clarified the actual state of science in a press release: “the [genetic] differences within population groups are ca 5 times higher than between them” and “according to the present state of research it cannot be expected that there are genetic differences between ethnic groups concerning their intelligence”.<sup>3</sup>

Based on his false statement, Sarrazin demands an immigration stop and keeping “pure” the German “people”.

In Döbeln, Saxony, he compared the German “people” to a noble breed of horse: “Imagine it was a stud farm with Lipizzan horses. And in every generation, they are somehow crossed with a Belgian cart-horse. It is totally clear that they lose their genetically determined ability to run.”<sup>4</sup>

His theses resemble the pseudo-scientific race theory of the Nazis, that led to the holocaust 70 years ago.

Thilo Sarrazin shares the Nazis' opinion, that there is a German “people” that needs to be kept “pure”. Therefore, it is no wonder that Thilo Sarrazin does not want to distance himself from the German Neonazi-Party NPD: “When the NPD says the earth is round, I will not say the earth is flat”<sup>5</sup>.

We contact you, because as you are guests of the literature festival, you can put pressure on the organizer: We ask you to cancel your reading if Zierden does not cancel Sarrazin's reading. You should not support a festival, that offers racists like Sarrazin a platform for their propaganda!

Sincerely yours,



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