Escape and displacement: Migration as a permanent issue

Every teacher who teaches German as a foreign language here in Germany is known to work with migrants in a linguistic-factual as well as pedagogical-educationaltheoretical respect, which is especially under the aspects of humanity, cosmopolitanism and diversity - the latter requires not least open borders - an extension of one's own horizons, so that an enrichment of personal thought and knowledge, in other words, an extraordinary experience, if the already high value of altruism is not mentioned. All of this - and it should be said without presumption and arrogance - is of greater importance as the question of migration, in its inevitability and "tirelessness" for years and probably decades, will occupy the people, so of course also in Germany, moreover here the life of foreigners and Germans with a migration background is in the end in the normality of everyday life in prospect. The events of extreme right-wing violence in Chemnitz, for example, in August 2018, with all the abomination and disgrace of their "character", will probably prove "only" from a later point of view as "birth pains" or also side effects of a development that cannot be stopped (!) because of its inevitability due to the harshness and mercilessness of its causes - war, dictatorship, climate change: Movement of refugees towards Europe ...

Nevertheless, let us not misunderstand it, once again, the present right-wing extremism, which is full of rage of destruction and hostility to human beings, is of course a not to be underestimated danger to a community based on the rule of law and humanist values, and is undoubtedly a serious threat that can only be contained in the long term by the togetherness of all people who think and feel democratically.

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