

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

Since 2017: Member of Social Democratic Party of Germany and Jusos

2023-2025: Chair of Jusos Berlin working group on internationalism

2022-2025: Member of Jusos federal working group on internationalism

2022-2024: Chair of Jusos district chapter, Berlin

Organizer & member of Jusos international political delegations

Participant in numerous IUSY and YES international events

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Work Experience in SPD's international secretariat, as well as SPD Berlin's event organization and the consulting field

Internships in the European Parliament, trade unions, and lobby associations

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Since 2022: Study of Masters in International Relations at Free University of Berlin, Humboldt University of Berlin, and University of Potsdam

2024: Exchange semester at Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Rabat, Morocco

2021: Bachelor of Science in Public Governance across Borders at Münster University (GER) and University of Twente (NL)

POLITICAL FIELDS

International Relations

Peace and Security Policy

Trade Unions and Work Policy

Social Security and Equality

Feminism

Letter of Motivation

Dear comrades,

At the upcoming IUSY World Council from May 15th to 18th in Pristina, Kosovo, I am honored to run for the position of Vice President for the IUSY European Committee. I am deeply grateful and excited to be nominated by my member organization, Jusos in der SPD.

Our world is in turmoil: the climate crisis, wars, social inequality, and the rise of authoritarian governments threaten the freedom and future of millions across the globe. These challenges know no borders – and neither must our solutions. Internationalism is the answer! Only through global solidarity and cooperation can we develop just and lasting solutions. As the global socialist youth, we must be at the forefront of the fight for democracy, equality, and justice worldwide.

As IUSY Vice President, I am committed to strengthening our global networks and uniting our struggles. I will work to ensure that young people's voices are heard, that we do not allow ourselves to be divided, and that we stand together for a just, peaceful, and sustainable future. IUSY offers us the platform to shape this future — through shared struggles and progressive solutions that transcend borders. Together, we can ensure that internationalism is not just a slogan, but the driving force behind building a new, just world order.

Feminism must be a central pillar of our work. The fight for gender equality is far from over — and as socialists, we know that without feminism, there can be no true liberation. Building on my predecessors work, I want to strengthen our understanding and practice of feminism within IUSY: by empowering and supporting the work of the Feminist Working Group, ensuring that our events embody feminist principles, and making intersectional feminism a foundation of everything we do. Together, we can build a truly feminist IUSY, where every comrade feels empowered to take up space, to lead, and to fight for a world free of patriarchy.

Global equality and justice are at the heart of our socialist mission. Economic exploitation, neocolonialism, and systemic racism perpetuate injustice on a global scale. We must confront these realities head-on — demanding fair trade, debt cancellation, global climate justice, and an end to imperialist practices. As Vice President, I will advocate for IUSY to be a loud and uncompromising voice for global justice, standing in solidarity with all those fighting for their rights and dignity across the world.

One of IUSY's greatest strengths is our incredible diversity. We are a movement of different cultures, histories, and struggles — and it is precisely this diversity that gives us power. I will work to make sure that IUSY remains a truly inclusive space where every voice is valued and heard.



By learning from each other and embracing our differences, we can forge a movement that is stronger, richer, and more capable of building the just world we believe in.

Dear comrades,

I am running for Vice President because I believe in the power of our movement. I believe in an IUSY that leads the global youth in fighting for democracy, equality, feminism, peace, and solidarity. I am ready to dedicate my energy, my experience, and my passion to this task. I humbly ask for your support in this campaign — and I am excited to continue building a stronger, more united IUSY with all of you.

Together, we can shape the future!

Yours in solidarity,

Paula Schmedding



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LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE NOMINATION OF PAULA SCHMEDDING AS IUSY VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Comrades,

It is with great pleasure, that we have announced the nomination of Paula Schmedding as our candidate for the position of IUSY Vice President by our federal committee in November 2024. We are happy to support Paula in her appeal to run as IUSY Vice President.

Paula has been active within Jusos since 2017 and is a strong voice on local, state and federal level within our organization. She is part of our federal working group on internationalism, a frequent member and organizer of our international delegations and has participated in numerous IUSY events – which provides her with the necessary experience within the organization.

We are confident that, under her leadership as Vice President, Social Policy, Peace and Security, as well as Feminism will become central pillars of IUSY's agenda in the years ahead.

We are convinced that she will be a strong advocate for the values and principles of IUSY and an asset to the presidium establishing bonds to civil society's agents of change in the future. We therefore wholeheartedly support Paula's candidacy for the position of Vice President and Member of the IUSY Presidium.

Socialist regards,



Philipp Türmer
President



Anna Kasparyan
General Secretary



Lea Berndorf
International Secretary