Choreography of the protests against the politics of the G8
June 2007
What is happening during a summit?

The official Part
- Meeting of the G8
- delegates
- Security concept
- The Red Zone

The Protest
- Alternative-Summit
- Demonstrations
- Camps
- Blockades
- Riots
Warm-up

From approx. 20th of May

Building up of the camp(s)

- **International networking:** filling the protest with content, preparation of direct actions
- **concept of camp** = test for alternative ways to organise ourselves with people from different political backgrounds

From 25th of May

Convergence Center in
- Hamburg
- Rostock

Infopoint in Berlin

29th of May

official start of the camp(s)
The COUNTDOWN
Friday 1st June 2007

☆ Anti-Militarist Action Day

☆ squatting of the “bombodrom”, collective go-in action

☆ Caravan to Heiligendamm

☆ Opening of the media center
Saturday 2nd June 2007

★ Mass-Demonstration in Rostock (2 starting points)
★ Nazi-Demo in Schwerin announced at 12pm
★ concerts (e.g. Manu Chao!)
The idea of Global Action Days surged from the fact that the isolation of the meeting-places of the summits made it more and more impossible to demonstrate where the summit takes place.

Decentralised actions (worldwide) took place during nearly all the summits, e.g. Cologne 1999, London J18.
Sunday 3rd June 2007

Global Action Day
Agriculture

- Direct Actions against supermarkets and shopping centers
- destruction of GMO-plantations

☆ International Congress

☆ Concerts and cultural events
Monday 4th June 2007

Global Action Day
Migration

☆ Activities against deportation camps, migration offices

☆ No-Camp demonstration in the city center Rostock

☆ International networking of refugee groups and supporters

Freedom of movement is everybody’s right!
Global Action Day
Antimilitarism

☆ Blockade of the NATO-Airbase in Rostock-Laage

☆ Prevention of the arrival of the G8-“leaders”
The “Showdown”
To the fence: ~ 5 km

To the fence: ~ 15 km

To the fence: ~ 3 km

To the fence: ~ 10 km

Possible camp of the trade unions: ~ 40 km

~ 30 km
Furthermore ...
☆ Special trains arriving with protesters
☆ Actions of civil disobedience, decentralized blockades
☆ Clowns-Army, Samba, Pink-Silver
☆ Prayers against G8 in the church of St. Marien/Rostock
☆ Alternative-Summit
**Mass blockades** *(Sitting/Standing/with material)*

- Prepared by different groups: *IL, X-tausendmal quer, ALB, Grüne Jugend und Avanti, attac, Solid, Werkstatt für Gewaltfreie Aktion*
- Inviting people who have no or little experience with blockades or similar forms of protests
Decentralised direct Actions

- Mobilisation mainly from dissent!-spectrum
- Different forms of blockades in small and big groups
- Organised independently – maybe some preparations together
- Highly flexible and surprising
Thursday 7th June 2007

☆ Action Day of the NGOs
☆ End of the alternative summit
☆ demonstration to Heiligendamm, starting from Bad Doberan and Kühlungsborn
☆ "Music and Message" - Concert

It’s not our revolution if we can’t dance to it - on the streets!
Blockade of the departure
Summary
After the summit
After the protests

- ongoing work with the networks and groups
- international exchange, e.g. No-Border-Camp Ukraine August 2007
- support of victims of state repression
- reflections about the protests and preparing mobilisation for Japan 2008
- or enjoying/relaxing after world revolution?
Quiz: Who is protesting here against what?