

Anti-Discrimination Statement

Dear fellow students,

for some time, we have been observing a concerning change in the political climate, which unfortunately affects us as students. The European elections have shown a rightward shift in society, which is also noticeable in German universities. During the heated debate on the Gaza conflict, there were antisemitic attacks on students, which we condemn sharply (source).

Discrimination and racism based on skin color, origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or other personal characteristics are not only unacceptable but also directly contradict the values our student body stands for.

Our university is a place of diversity, respect, and mutual exchange. We greatly value our international community and the variety of perspectives our students bring. Especially in times of political tension, it is crucial to actively oppose all forms of racism and discrimination and to stand for peaceful coexistence.

We urge all students to be vigilant and show solidarity. We all have the responsibility to fight against injustices and create an environment where we feel valued and respected.

If you need support or want to discuss experiences with discrimination and racism, your AStA is here for you. We offer advice and help and ensure you get the support you need.

As part of our work for an inclusive university, we have worked with the FH on an <u>anti-discrimination policy</u> and the establishment of a trust office, in which we are also student representatives. For questions, comments, and problems, you can reach our anti-discrimination advisory service at the email address: <u>andira@asta.fh-aachen.org</u>.

Let us stand together for a university that stands for tolerance, respect, and mutual support. Your voice and commitment are crucial to making your campus an even better place for all of us.

In solidarity,

your AStA of FH Aachen

