

FRFG Christmas Newsletter December 2024

Dear Readers,

As 2024 comes to an end, we reflect on a year of remarkable accomplishments for the Foundation for the Rights of Future Generations (FRFG), marked by groundbreaking projects and impactful initiatives. Among these were the release of two pivotal position papers – one addressing [‘Pension Policies’](#) and the other exploring the [‘Nuclear Waste Repository’](#).

We strengthened our international network through the [“Intergenerational Fairness Day”](#) campaign and hosted [a high-caliber collaborative conference with the Academy for Political Education in Tutzing](#). Additionally, our petition on Change.org advocating for the [“Abolition of Parliamentary Pensions”](#) surpassed 170,000 signatures – a milestone accompanied by the [launch of a dedicated website](#) to further this cause.

This year also saw the [publication of a special double issue of the Intergenerational Justice Review](#), focusing on ‘Long-term Peacekeeping,’ a topic that has gained even greater relevance throughout 2024.

The FRFG has been especially active in disseminating knowledge and engaging the public via our blog: [26 posts were published on the German website](#), alongside [six contributions on our newly launched English platform](#). [Media engagements](#) abounded, and our vibrant team of youth ambassadors spearheaded initiatives, including an inspiring trip to the World Climate Conference in Baku.

Curious to learn more? Delve into the detailed reports in the pages that follow! And if you’d like to support our mission, [a donation—especially during this festive season—would be greatly appreciated](#).

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous start to the New Year!

Warm regards,
Your FRFG Team

'A Question of Intergenerational Justice: Sustainable Social and Pension Systems' – Report from the Co-operation Conference



The two-day conference, held in collaboration with the Academy for Political Education in Tutzing (21–22 November 2014), centred on the pressing need for comprehensive pension reform. The event featured an impressive roster of distinguished experts. Prof. Dr. Martin Werding, a member of the German Council of Economic Experts, delivered the keynote lecture. Prof. Dr. Felix Welti, a legal scholar, addressed the complexities of parallel systems for employees, members of parliament, civil servants, and the self-employed.

Sven Schumann from Deutsche Börse presented models for pension schemes backed by capital markets, while Dr. Dina Frommert of the DRV Bund offered an insightful contribution on the dynamics of working life.

A particularly innovative highlight of the conference was the application of the 'podcast walk' concept during two rounds of mini-walkshops, engaging participants in a dynamic and interactive format.

For a detailed German report on the conference, please follow the link [here](#).

FRFG Position Paper: 'Start Now with Employment Insurance: More Solidarity and Less Intergenerational Injustice'



The failure of Pension Package II following the collapse of the 'traffic light coalition' may be a blessing in disguise, as the proposed changes would have abolished the sustainability factor – a mechanism crucial for balancing the financial impacts of demographic shifts between generations. In response, the FRFG has put forward a more equitable and solidarity-driven reform [in its German position paper, 'Start Now with Employment Insurance: More Solidarity and Less Intergenerational](#)

[Injustice'](#). This proposal advocates for the introduction of employment insurance, a system designed to address both the current and future challenges posed by the demographic transition.

By implementing employment insurance in alignment with the demographic peak of the baby boomer generation, two significant goals can be achieved simultaneously. Gradual adoption would temper the rise in contribution rates, mitigating intergenerational disparities. Moreover, such a system would promote greater solidarity and social justice. As a first step towards this ambitious reform, the FRFG emphasises the importance of including members of parliament in the statutory pension insurance system – an essential move towards creating a fairer and more inclusive framework.

New Project Website: abgeordnete-rein-in-die-grv.de/



The FRFG has launched a [new project website](https://abgeordnete-rein-in-die-grv.de/) advocating for a reform of the pension system for members of parliament. This platform serves as a comprehensive hub for knowledge and resources on integrating MPs into the statutory pension scheme. Regular updates on the site include insights into MPs' stances, models employed by state parliaments and the federal government, and details of the FRFG's two petitions to abolish parliamentary pensions.

The petitions achieved significant milestones in 2024: the Bundestag's Petitions Committee drew the attention of parliamentary groups to the initiative in July, and the [Change.org petition](https://www.change.org/petition) has garnered over 170,000 signatures. Petition supporters are kept informed through regular updates on the website.

Highlights this year included an analysis of Bavarian SPD and Green Party MPs' (lack of) adherence to their election manifestos, an interview with the VdK Social Association, and an exploration of the pension choices available to newly elected Saxon MPs and their implications for intergenerational equity.

[Your support through donations will enable us to maintain and expand this project website](#), ensuring it continues to inform and inspire action toward a fairer pension system.



FRFG Position Paper: 'After the Nuclear Phase-Out: What's Next for the Storage of German Nuclear Waste?'

The FRFG has released a German position paper titled ['After the Nuclear Phase-Out: What's Next for the Storage of German Nuclear Waste?'](#) This paper addresses the pressing issue of managing Germany's remaining (highly) radioactive waste following the end of electricity generation from nuclear power plants.

The discussion focuses on the current practice of interim storage at former nuclear power plant sites and the complex challenges associated with the planned search for a nuclear waste repository. While establishing a secure and long-term repository is essential, the paper emphasises that this objective must not be used to justify delaying the search until the latter half of this century. Such postponement would extend the operation of interim storage facilities far beyond their intended lifespan, unfairly shifting the burden of final disposal onto future generations.

The position paper was officially presented on 29 October in Berlin at an event hosted by the Federal Company for Final Storage, highlighting the urgency of finding sustainable solutions for nuclear waste management.

Intergenerational Fairness Day (IFD) and Podcast



On 16 November 2024, the world celebrated the second annual Intergenerational Fairness Day (IFD). The FRFG, together with other NGOs, used this Global Day of Action to call on governments to better protect the rights and interests of younger and future generations. As part of this year's campaign, the FRFG prepared [an extensive report highlighting the successes and challenges for intergenerational justice in Germany in 2024](#). This report, along with contributions from Australia,

Canada, the Netherlands, and the UK, was presented during [the Intergenerational Foundation's Blog Week](#) and published on the FRFG's website.

Since the first Intergenerational Fairness Day in 2023, the FRFG has been producing an English-language podcast hosted by project manager Lena Winzer, with a new episode



released every three months. In January 2024, the podcast explored the topic of *Long-term Thinking*, followed in March by an episode focusing on *Unseen Heroes: Empowering Young Carers*. Later in the year, two episodes delved into existential risks: *Nuclear Weapons: The Ultimate Existential Risk* in June, and *The Future of Intelligence: AI and the Survival of Humanity* in September. [The final episode of the year, published in December,](#)

featured FRFG Ambassador Arthur Kiessling discussing *Climate, COP29, and Intergenerational Justice*. All the episodes are available online.

FRFG Participation in the 29th World Climate Conference in Baku



COP29
Baku
Azerbaijan

The 29th World Climate Conference (COP29) took place in Baku from 11 to 22 November 2024. While the event and its choice of venue have sparked considerable controversy, it remains a critical platform for civil society actors to influence the decisions of world leaders. Representing the FRFG at COP29 was Ambassador Arthur Kiessling.

Arthur's insightful assessment of the negotiations and outcomes of the conference, along with interviews he conducted on-site, are featured [in the](#)

[latest episode of the FRFG's Intergenerational Fairness Day podcast.](#)

New Double Issue of the 'Intergenerational Justice Review' on the Topic of 'Long-term Peacekeeping'



Since 2015, the FRFG has been publishing the English-language journal *Intergenerational Justice Review* (IGJR) in collaboration with the London-based Intergenerational Foundation (IF). All issues of the IGJR are available [online free of charge](#), providing exclusive insights into a wide range of topics related to intergenerational justice.

[This year's double issue focuses on the highly relevant and unfortunately still pressing issue of 'Long-term Peacekeeping.'](#) For the first time, the subject is

explored through the lens of intergenerational justice. Guest authors, including the winners of the 2023/24 Intergenerational Justice Award, examine the dynamics, causes, and consequences of international and civil conflicts, contributing to a more nuanced definition of 'peace' and 'peacekeeping.'

The issue covers diverse topics, such as the role of humanitarian interventions in peacekeeping, peace and conflict theories from the perspective of scholars in the Global South, a proposed reform of the United Nations Security Council, peacekeeping concepts, and the impact of climate change and historical colonial injustices as root causes of

contemporary conflicts. As always, the double issue also includes book reviews of recent and pertinent publications on the topic.

Still Looking for Christmas Presents?



The FRFG can help. With a [gift donation](#), you can surprise your loved ones with a thoughtful and meaningful present. Additionally, you can explore the many other ways to support the work of the FRFG on our website. Whether you choose to make a one-off donation or become a supporting member, your contribution helps sustain our efforts.

The FRFG relies on the dedication of many volunteers and interns. However, donations are essential to cover our office rent and ensure the

continued success of our initiatives.

Thank you!

Blog Posts

The blog posts on the German FRFG website can be found [here](#), while the English-language blog posts are available [here](#). Topics cover a wide range of issues, including the UN Summit for the Future, the new EU Commissioner for Intergenerational Justice, the jury's decision on the Intergenerational Justice Award, and much more.

Media Response

The FRFG has again garnered significant media attention in recent months. You can find the full media coverage of the FRFG [here](#).



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