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Not a single step for the AfD - the students are standing up to the university!

Several AfD politicians have announced their attendance at this year's annual Dies Academicus, the University of Lüneburg's annual academic celebration. These include Jessica Schülke (MdL) and Frank Rinck (MdB). This is the first time that members of a party categorised as right-wing extremist by the Office for the Protection of the Constitution have been invited to attend Leuphana's annual highlight without being disinvited. The students are furious. "We don't have to like all the guests at this event, but the fact that AfD politicians will now be there makes the Dies Academicus unacceptable for us," says Johannes Rathjens, AStA spokesperson. Together with various groups from urban society, they are calling for a rally against the AfD in front of the central building on the day of the event. "We want to show that we don't want such people on our campus. Especially in this year, with all its important elections, we want to send a clear signal against right-wing extremism and the normalisation of it," says Linda von Heydebreck, student member of the Senate. The demonstration will take place on 3 July from 5 p.m. in front of the university's central building (Libeskindbau). The effect it will have is open to the students; whether the AfD will take part in the Dies Academicus or not. It is important for them to show the university and the public what they think of the whole affair.