



Wednesday, March 14th, 9am - 4pm
at the Tent of CUT Brazil at
the Federal University of Bahia (UFBA)

The World of Work in Transformation and Trade Union Responses

Neoliberalism, the dominance of the financial system over the economy and new technologies constitute a new cycle within the capitalist system.

The reorganization of production in terms of global production chains, technological advancement, robotization and the digitalization of the economy are causing changes in the world of work at an unprecedented pace and scale, and pose numerous challenges. They are characterized by rising unemployment and precarious labor relations on the one hand and less skilled and better paid jobs on the other hand which increases social asymmetry and more inequality. Sharing analysis and discussing union responses to these questions, in order to inspire new actions, are the objectives of this activity.

Speakers:

- João Antonio Felício** - International Trade Union Confederation | Brazil
Márcio Pochmann - Perseu Abramo Foundation | Brazil
Alma Espino - Ciedur | Uruguay
Valter Sanches - IndustriALL Global Union | Switzerland
Camilo Rubiano - Public Services International | France
Ana Georgina Dias - Departamento Intersindical de Estatística e Estudos Socioeconômicos | Brazil (tbc)
Victor Baez - CES / Trade Union Confederation of Americas | Brazil
Rudy De Leeuw - Fédération Générale du Travail de Belgique | Belgium
Fausto Durante - Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro | Italy

Opening: **Antonio Lisboa** - Central Única dos Trabalhadores Notícias and
Katharina Hofmann - Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung | Brazil



Friday, March 16th, 9am to 7pm
at the SPD - Largo do Cruzeiro de São
Francisco, 17 - Centro - Salvador Bahia

Challenges for Political Representation of Black Brazilians

The movement “New Front of Black Brazilians” is organizing in cooperation with FES an event at the World Social Forum that will discuss the role of Black Brazilians in politics. Although Brazil has an estimated 50% population of African descent, very little are active in the political life of the country or hold representative posts.

The activity will bring political activists, academics of diverse background and from different regions of Brazil together to discuss ways of reducing inequality and racial discrimination in Brazilian political representation.

Speakers:

Deise Benedito - New Front of Black Brazilians
Juarez Xavier - New Front of Black Brazilians
Kely Adriano - New Front of Black Brazilians
Mariana Dutra - New Front of Black Brazilians

Right to Communication in Brazil in a Context of Social and Political Setbacks

The activity aims at launching the “Right to Communication Report Brazil 2017”, prepared by Intervezes in partnership with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.

The report deals with different issues related to the fulfillment of the right to communication in Brazil in 2017 as, for instance: changes in the telecommunications laws, dismantling of public communication mechanisms, role of media or coverage around these reforms.

The report aims at pointing out the main problems and making some recommendations that could help in solving them.

Speakers:

Alex Pegna Hercog - Intervezes | Brazil

Danilo Gentili - Intervezes | Brazil

Mônica Mourão - Intervezes | Brazil

Rita Freire - Ciranda | Brazil

Flávia Lefèvre - Proteste | Brazil

Paulo Rogério - Mídia Étnica | Brazil

Damián Loreti - University of Buenos Aires | Argentina



Ensuring a Just Energy Transition for ALL

The Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development emphasize the necessity for a global energy transformation towards zero carbon and sustainable energy systems. A global energy transformation and a just transition towards a zero carbon economy are possible as long as it is made sure that the process is just and socially inclusive and will not lead to unemployment and social distress. It is essential to substantiate what “justice” means in the context of an energy transition as well as identifying hooks and anchoring points for a just transition.

The workshop aims at discussing the challenges and chances of structural change that regions and countries face during the process of an energy transformation, whose economies are largely based on fossil fuels. Additionally it will also focus on how to shape a just global energy transition and on the potential of renewable energies.

Speakers:

Manuela Matthess - Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Berlin | Germany

Dr. Joachim Fünfgelt - Bread for the World | Germany

Ibis Fernandes - La Confederación General de Trabajadores | Peru

Lydia Mogano - Southern African Faith Communities'
Environmental Institute | South Africa

Rogério Hohn - Movimento de Atingidos por Barragens | Brazil

Climate Justice for All - The Case of Loss & Damage

Many countries already suffer tremendously from the negative impacts of global warming and the impacts are well beyond what they can adapt to. The year 2017 has made it especially clear that communities at the frontlines of climate change are already facing loss & damage at a large scale. Approaches on how to deal with loss & damage need to be at the center of discussions around achieving climate justice for all. However, even though there has recently been progress at the level of international politics, dealing with loss & damage remains a sensitive issue in international climate policy, especially when it comes to talking about finances.

The joint workshop by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and Bread for the World aims at discussing the role of loss & damage within international climate policy and its importance in achieving climate justice for all.

Speakers:

Manuela Matthess - Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Berlin | Germany
Sabine Minninger - Bread for the World | Germany
Tetet Lauron - IBON International | Philippines
Elizabeth Peredo - Social Psychologist and Researcher | Bolivia



Corporate Tax Justice Now! No Development and Social Justice without Transnationals Paying their Share

Fiscal policy is a key for development and social inclusion. Progressive tax systems are required in order to strengthen governments' financial capacity. However, reality looks quite different. The figures that lie behind the erosion of national tax bases are alarming. A significant part of this erosion arises from tax evasion and avoidance by transnational corporations (TNCs). Most affected are the countries in the Global South.

We want to discuss the consequences of tax evasion and avoidance by TNCs and the impact of Illicit Financial Flows on the Global South; debate the scope of current reform proposals; and discuss ways in which the global civil society can drive appropriate campaigns.

Speakers:

María Regina Paiva Duarte - Instituto Justicia Fiscal | Brazil

Dereje Alemayehu - Global Alliance for Tax Justice | Kenia

Luis Moreno - Red Latinoamericana sobre Deuda, Desarrollo y Derechos | Peru

Towards a Socio-Ecological Transformation

Like other parts of the world, Latin America is experiencing multiple crisis: The present way of life and our economic model is not sustainable in the long term. On top of that, a singular focus on economic growth accompanied by excessive consumption and an unacceptable absence of distributive justice make Latin America the most unequal region in the world. It is necessary that the region explores alternative approaches to socio-economic developments that meet the needs of the population and provide access to basic services while also modifying patterns of production and consumption to conserve the environment and natural resources and mitigate the effects of climate change.

The panel will present different perspectives on the conditions and possibilities of a socio-ecological transformation in Latin America, analyzing the global dependencies of the region and opportunities for a sustainable diversification.

Speakers:

Dr. Alfonso Iracheta - Centro EURE del Colegio Mexiquense | Mexico

Álvaro Cáliz - Escritor e investigador social Doctor
en Ciencias Sociales | Honduras

Vivianne Ventura-Días - Ex Directora del Área de Comercio
e Integración de la CEPAL | Brazil

The three panelists are members of the FES' regional working group on socio-ecological transformation in Latin America.