

Opening Panel of the International Justice Week

»People on the move« – a glance at the world

Date: 25 April 2016 **Berlin**

Time: 18.00 – 20.30

Venue: Conference hall 1, House 1
Hiroshimastr. 17, 10785 Berlin

People have always moved around the world. They move for many different reasons – political, economic, cultural, and environmental. But the dynamics of migration have changed and we observe a steady increase of people on the move. According to the United Nation migration report 2015, the number of international migrants has grown faster than the world's population and reached 244 million for the world as a whole, 41 per cent increase compared to 2000. The global refugee total, which a year ago was 19.5 million, had as of mid-2015 passed the 20 million threshold for the first time since 1992. Asylum applications increased 78 per cent compared to 2014 and the number of internally displaced people protected by UNHCR jumped by 2 million to an estimated 38 million. More than ever before, global approaches are needed to manage migration flows and addressing the root causes of forced migration – e.g. violent conflict and inequality.

To understand the global picture of migration, it is essential to shed light on the regional migration dynamics. In our opening panel we ask our guests to share their experiences and explore regional migrations perspectives to be able to further develop a global picture of migration.

Program

18.00 **Welcome Remarks**

Michael Sommer, Deputy Chairman, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

Keynote Speech: A Massive Loss of Habitat

Saskia Sassen, Professor at Columbia University, New York, USA

18.30 **Opening Panel: People on the move - the global picture of migration**

How do global patterns of migration change? What are the characteristics of migration in the Global South and Global North? Is the international community prepared for migration in the 21st century? What are the short, medium and long-term challenges, e.g. humanitarian responses, development cooperation, migration management and integration?

Moderator: **Julia-Niharika Sen**, NDR television

Panel discussion with:

Christoph Strässer, Member of Parliament, Germany

J. Olaf Kleist, Research Fellow at the Institute for Migration Research and Intercultural Studies, Osnabrück, Germany

Gaochao He, Professor at Sun Yat-Sen University in Guangzhou, China

Cynthia Samuel-Olonjuwon, Chief of the Regional Programming Unit at International Labour Organisation, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Saskia Sassen, Professor at Columbia University, New York, USA

20.30 **Reception**