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Extreme inequality, xenophobia and struggles for housing



Busisiwe Diko and Mondli Hlatshwayo
on current conflicts and the future of South Africa

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Apartheid ended 25 years ago with the first free elections in South Africa. The new democratic South Africa was associated with the hope of overcoming the discriminatory and racist structures of apartheid. Contrary to these hopes, social inequalities in South Africa are still enormous. There have been repeated attacks on migrants from African and Asian countries – the most recent ones in summer 2019. Particularly in the cities, the land question is highly explosive. The economic model based on exploiting raw materials is no longer working. Furthermore, corrupt networks inherited from the apartheid regime are still functioning, thus increasing social tensions and inequalities.

Together with other related organisations the Swiss ADR campaign presents a number of public debates with Mondli Hlatshwayo und Busisiwe Diko in order to discuss currently burning issues around social inequality, xenophobia and displacement.

«We have occupied unused land and got arrested, shot at and even killed. The government and many other elite forces call this 'invasion'. We call it democratisation of urban planning or urban planning from below.»

Busisiwe Diko
Abahlali baseMjondolo

«In South Africa, precarious work is currently becoming a dominant mode of work in both the public and the private sectors, suggesting that it is the possible future of all work.»

Mondli Hlatshwayo,
Centre for Education Rights and Transformation

Mondli Hlatshwayo, a scholar and former anti-apartheid and labour activist, has for a long time investigated issues of migration, labour rights and equal education opportunities.

Busisiwe Diko is an activist and youth leader with Abahlali baseMjondolo. This movement originating from Durban fights against the displacement of shack dwellers and for the right to housing and consequently for new land laws.

Our two guests will provide first-hand information on the causes and background of the current misery in South Africa and at the same time on brave forms of resistance. How are social movements fighting against inequality, xenophobia and displacements? How can they shape South Africa's future and contribute to a real democratisation? And how can Swiss activists and organisations support these struggles and learn from them?

Basel: Friday, 29th November

18.15 Basler Afrika Bibliographien, Klosterberg 23
with: Centre for African Studies (CASB),
Basel Afrika Bibliographies

Zurich: Monday, 2nd December

19.30 Café Boy, Rosa Luxemburg Saal, Kochstrasse 2
with: Sankofa - Platform for People of African Descent,
bla*sh - Network of Black Women

St. Gall: Tuesday, 3rd December

20.15 «Erfreuliche Universität» im Palace, Zwinglistr. 3
Tür: 19.45 with: AFRI KA RIBIK, Bildungsgemeinschaft St. Gallen

Zug: Wednesday, 4th December

20.00 Siehbachsaal, Chamerstrasse 33, 6300 Zug
with: Alternative - die Grünen Zug

Aktuell zum Thema



Nr. 175 – Quo vadis Südafrika?

Das Jahr 1994 hat das Bild Afrikas in besonderer Weise geprägt: mit dem Völkermord in Ruanda einerseits und dem Ende der Apartheid andererseits. Beide Ereignisse liegen jetzt 25 Jahre zurück, beide sind mit starken Emotionen verbunden und haben übertrieben positive wie übertrieben negative Vorstellungen über den Kontinent genährt. Das vorliegende Afrika-Bulletin ist dem Südafrika von heute gewidmet. Es überlässt das Wort Südafrikanerinnen und Südafrikanern, die aus einer aktivistischen beziehungsweise reflektierenden Perspektive auf ihr Land und seine Probleme blicken.

Bezug

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