



Programmes of the Six Thematic clusters

Date: September 30, 14.00-18.00 and October 1, 9.00 – 12.00

1. Participatory Democracy, Resisting Oppressions, Reclaiming Peoples' Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

Peoples' movements, civil society and everyone committed to justice, peace and democracy will review how political and social structures and people's rights have been impacted by three decades of corporate led-globalization and neoliberalism. We will review how political and social systems, inter-community and gender relations, minorities and marginalized/excluded populations, the environment, and broadly, peoples' rights have been affected. How are they related to the flows of migrants and the creation of refugees?

The cluster will make visible and better understand the forces undermining participatory democracy, peoples' rights and fundamental freedoms across Asia and Europe; create opportunities to build solidarity across countries, cultures, struggles, issues and sectors; come up with collective strategies and actions to reclaim peoples' rights and freedoms, and rebuild more participatory democracies.

Programme

Session 1, September 30, 14.00-15.00: Framing the Issues

Main Speakers: Vrinda Grover, Human Rights Lawyer (India); Mu Sochua, MP, Cambodia; Agnes Gagyi, University of Gothenburg in Sweden; Jille Belisario, CFMW and Transnational Migrant Platform-Europe

Session 2, September 30, 15:00-18:00: World Café Discussions on six topics on the core theme of Repression Responses Resistance involving all participants

Resource Persons:

State-led repression and militarisation: Vrinda Grover; Ellecer Carlos, iDEFEND (Philippines); Yeng Virak, Grassroots Democratic Party (Cambodia); Diana Medvednikova, North Kazakhstan Legal Media Center

Speech, media, expression and discourse: Hamid Mir, Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists; Seonghoon Lee, Asia Democracy Network (Korea); Agnes Gagyi, University of Gothenburg

Gender and sexualities: Nasreen Contractor, Keshav Gore Smarak Trust, (India); Jelen Paclarin, Women's Legal and Human Rights Bureau, (Philippines); Petra Snelders – RESPECT Network Europe

Environment, land and resources: Farooq Tariq, Pakistan Kissan Rabita; Paul Sein Twa, Karen Environmental Social Action Network (Burma/Thailand); Renato Diocton, Western Samar – Marine Biodiversity (Philippines); Marie-Sol Reindl, Code Rood (Germany)

Culture, identity and ideology: Dr. Farzana Bari, Center of Excellence in Gender Studies, Quaid-e-Azam University (Pakistan); Haris Azhar, Lokataru /Jentera Law School (Indonesia); Tobias Stadler and/or Aaron Bruckmiller, IL – Interventionistische Linke (Austria)

Migration and othering: Pamela Philipose, South Asia Women in Media (India); Ros Sokunthy, Focus on the Global South; Driss El Korchi, Plateforme Euro-Morocaine (Morocco); Christos Giovanopoulos, (Greece)

Session 3, October 1, 9.00 – 12.00: Collective Strategies Solidarity and Actions

The discussions will build on three parallel roundtables involving all participants.

Moderators and Rapporteurs: Andy Rutherford, Fresh Eyes (UK); Raquel Castillo, Laban ng Masa (Philippines); Tur-Od Lkhagvajav, Transparency International (Mongolia)/Asia Democracy Network; Niels Jongerius, Transnational Institute (Netherlands); Varsha Rajan Berry, Keshav Gore Smarak Trust (India); Jille Belisario, CFMW, Transnational Migrant Platform-Europe (TMP-E) and Brid Brennan, Transnational Institute (Netherlands)

Organisers: Focus on The Global South, Fresh Eyes (UK), Laban ng Masa (Philippines), Transparency International (Mongolia)/Asia Democracy Network, Keshav Gore Smarak Trust (India), Pakistan Kissan Rabita (Pakistan), Transnational Institute (Netherlands)

Co-Organisers:

Asia: Focus on The Global South, Laban ng Masa (Philippines), Transparency International (Mongolia)/Asia Democracy Network, Keshav Gore Smarak Trust (India), Pakistan Kissan Rabita (Pakistan)

Europe: Fresh Eyes (United Kingdom), Transnational Institute (Netherlands)

Participating Organisations: Asienhaus, Code Rood, iDefend (Philippines), Forum Asia, Grassroots Democracy Party (Cambodia), Interventionistische Linke (Austria), Karen Environmental Social Action Network (Burma/Thailand), Komvos (Greece), Lokataru (Indonesia), Madani Berkelanjutan (Indonesia), Mekong Migrant Network, Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists, Pakistan Institute of Labor Education and Research, PILP NJCM (Netherlands), Philippine Alliance for Human Rights Advocates, Platforme Euro-Morocaine (Morocco), Respect Network Europe, Songjukwon (Korea), South Asia Women in Media (India), Statewatch (United Kingdom), Transparency International (Mongolia), University of Gothenburg (Sweden), University of the Philippines Center for Integrative Development Studies, Women's Legal and Human Rights Bureau (Philippines)

Notes on methodology

- The sessions will build on activities in the Open Spaces, and previous sessions.
- The speakers should **not** give lectures but raise key issues; their roles are to problematize issues, make links across issues and catalyse discussion; they should be briefed well.
- We want to encourage and support new solidarities and actions.
- The cluster organisers will appoint Moderators, Note takers and Rapporteurs.
- The Moderators will do the welcome, explain the methodology, keep time, and work with Note-takers to synthesise.
- The Rapporteurs will present the key points from previous sessions where appropriate.

2. Social Justice Cluster - Programme

In promoting social justice, while contributing to system change, our thinking on public/social services is that we need to go beyond mere public ownership toward dynamic forms of democratic participation and accountability. All over the world, people are reclaiming what is theirs, resisting privatization and seeking to stop ongoing free trade negotiations that would reduce essential services to commodities. The Commons (health, education, water, social protection, care, land) are life's necessities. The Commons have to be solidarity-based and under the democratic control and ownership of the people and their social movements. But neoliberal capitalism has so eroded our economic and social rights that The Commons can only endure through struggle aimed at building a new political economy that supports people's control of essential resources and services. The current political, economic and social crises – with growing inequalities and persistent poverty – call for urgent action, especially because too many countries, in Asia and even more in Europe, are taking an illiberal right-wing populist road. In order to be emancipatory, social protection needs to be mindful of human rights, labour and minority rights, and take into account the multicultural contexts we are all living in.

Seeking to build alliances of progressive forces to promote and further our agenda, we will organise at the Asia Europe People's Forum one plenary meeting and two round tables.

Sunday, 30 September

Plenary Meeting : 14:00 – 16:00

Social Justice and System Change

Speakers: Francine Mestrum (Belgium), Erik Edman (Greece), Bonn Juego (Finland/Philippines), Benoit Borrits (France), Karamat Ali (Pakistan), Charles Santiago, MP (Malaysia)

Round Table 1: 16:00 – 18:00

Resource Mobilisation for Social Justice: Debt, Tax and Fiscal Justice –

Making the links work for universal and comprehensive social protection

Speakers: Mae Buenaventura (Philippines), Stephen Kidd (United Kingdom), Noel Colina (Hong Kong/Philippines), David Boys (France), Tove Maria Ryding (Denmark), Ahsanul Karim (Bangladesh), Marguerite Lopez (Philippines), Sushovan Dhar (India)

Monday, 1 October

Round Table 2: 9.30 to 12:00 noon

Social Justice and Social Protection

Speakers: Tina Ebro (Netherlands/Philippines), Sian Jones (Ireland), Ramesh Badal (Nepal), Erik Vilanueva (Philippines), Chandan Kumar (India), Maris dela Cruz (Philippines)

Rayyan Hassan (Bangladesh), Salim Mohammed, MP (India)

ORGANISERS

ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights, Asia Monitor Resource Center, Asian People's Movement on Debt and Development, CADTM (Belgium), Eurodad, Freedom from Debt Coalition (Philippines), Global Social Justice, Institute for Popular Democracy (Philippines), Network For Transformative Social Protection, NGO Forum on Asian Development Bank, Tax And Fiscal Justice Alliance In Asia, World Solidarity Movement.

PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

Asia Network on the Right To Social Protection, Asian Network On Human Rights And Social Protection, Coastal Livelihood and Environmental Action Network -- CLEAN (Bangladesh), Coastal Association For Social Transformation Trust (Bangladesh), Common Good Newsgroup (Italy), Development Pathways (United Kingdom), Diem25 (Greece), Dignidad Coalition (Philippines), Fighting Inequality Alliance In Asia, Globalization Monitor (China), Global Justice Now, Institute For Labour, Education And Research (Pakistan), Laban Ng Masa (Philippines), Labour Education Foundation (Pakistan), Labour Education and Research (Pakistan), National Association of Street Vendors (India), Pakistan Kissan Rabitta Committee (Pakistan), Public Services International, Transform!

Europe, Working People's Charter (India), Zenroen - National Confederation Of Trade Unions (Japan).

3. Thematic Cluster of Climate Justice and Just Transition

Intensifying heat waves and droughts, massive forest wildfires, shrinking glaciers and diminishing freshwater sources, more frequent and unprecedented magnitude of typhoons - global warming and climate change already has dramatic observable effects on environment and devastating impacts on people. The climate crisis is escalating further and will reach catastrophic levels at a planetary scale unless urgent actions in every country and in a global scale are undertaken. These actions must lead to profound transformation of the global system which is the root cause of the climate crisis. The transformation of energy systems – away from the production and consumption of fossil fuels – is a vital element of this urgent systemic transformation.

This Cluster brings together a panel of experts and activists who are at the forefront of the Demand Climate Justice campaigns and various struggles against fossil fuels in Europe, Asia, and beyond.

Session 1 2:00 to 4:00pm September 30

The Goal of Keeping Rise of Global Warming to Below 1.5 Degrees: Implications for Climate Action and Systemic Alternatives

The aim of this session is to recall and deepen our perspective on the urgency of climate action, the scale of climate action needed, the window of time left. Why should we be working to keep global temperature rise below 1.5 degrees Celsius relative to pre-industrial levels? What are the requirements in terms of global climate actions? What does just, equitable, fair and science-based climate actions mean? What does this mean broadly for transforming energy systems?

Resource Persons: (4)

Kate Dooley of Climate Land Rights Alliance (CLARA), Asad Rehman of War on Want, Yaya Hidayati of WALHI/FoE Indonesia, Lidy Nacpil of Asian Peoples Movement on Debt and Development (APMDD)

Moderator: Jagoda Muncic of Friends of the Earth Europe (FoE E), Wanun Permpibul of Climate Watch Thailand (CWT)

Session 2: 4:15 to 6:15pm September 30

Overview of State of Play and Challenges in the Fight Against Fossil Fuels and Transformation of Energy Systems

The aim of this session is to offer an overview of the various campaigns to challenge fossil fuels and the promotion of transformative energy systems.

Resource Persons: (6)

Lidy Nacpil of APMDD and the Asian Energy Network, Hannah Mckinnon of Oil Change International, Martin Mantxo of Energy Democracy movement, Lucy Cadena of FOE International, Nathan Thanki of Demand Climate Justice Campaign and Reclaim Power

Moderator: Vidya Dinker from INSAF-India, Kris Vanslambrouck of 11.11.11-Belgium

Session 3: 9:00am to 12:30pm (with 15 minutes Break)

Sharing of Ongoing National Struggles and Strategies for Scaling up the Fight for Energy Transformation; Affirming Common Calls and Goals

This session will give the opportunity to climate activists to share their ongoing local and national struggles in fighting for energy transformation. It will also be a session to build consensus and affirm common calls and demands

Asia: (6) Philippines (Ian Rivera), India (Sreedhar Ramamurthi), Indonesia (Yaya Hidayati), Vietnam (tbc), Thailand (Wanun Permpibul), Bangladesh (Anu Muhammad) - 80 minutes including brief open forum

Europe: (6) Norway (Sillje Lundberg), Croatia (Maruska Mileta), Bosnia and Herzegovina (Duska Kudra), UK (Rachel Kennerley and Noelle Audi-Dor), Ghent local activists - 80 minutes including brief open form

Discussion of Common Demands – 30 minutes

Moderator: Lidy Nacpil from APMDD; Nathan Thanki from DCJC

4. Programme of the Thematic Cluster “Food Sovereignty and Natural Resource Justice”

Sunday 30th of September

Session 1. 14.00-15:30. PANEL DEBATE

A panel debate looks back at 20 years of people’s struggles for food sovereignty and resource justice. Speakers share personal stories of their struggles and reflect on the key opportunities and challenges for advancing these across Asia and Europe. Speakers include:

- Siti Maimunah, Mining Advocacy Network, Indonesia
- Paula Gioia, European Coordination of Via Campesina (ECVC), Germany
- Martin Hadiwinata, Kesatuan Nelayan Tradisional Indonesia (KNTI)
- Rodion Sulyandziga, Centre for Indigenous Peoples of the North (CSIPN), Russia

Sessions 2.16.00-18.00. WORKSHOPS

Two simultaneous workshops are organised:

1. Resource grabbing vs resource justice

Resource grabbing (including of land, fisheries, forests and oceans) is a major threat to people’s livelihoods and enjoyment of human rights in Asia and Europe. This workshop would seek to understand the different dynamics, investments, regulations and policies underpinning resource grabbing in both regions (Asia and Europe, and within them) and discuss the different alternatives and strategies developed by communities and indigenous peoples to claim, assert and defend their resource rights and assert control over their territories. Part of the discussions would be the shrinking democratic space in our countries, and the different ways the struggles for resource justice are undermined or repressed by the state, and how peoples and communities stand up to these challenges.

2. New technologies: pitfalls and potentials

New agricultural or extractive technologies, whether it be in the form of GMO's, geo-engineering, e-agriculture, deep-sea mining, increased extraction for renewables etc., are being aggressively pushed by governments and investors across both Asia and Europe. How do social movements and CSOs respond to these developments? How can we resist the growing corporate capture and control of these technologies by big data, and processes of financialisation? And how can we ensure that instead of these technologies, alternatives such as agroecology or alternatives for extraction are at the forefront of a positive agenda for innovation and change?

Monday 1st of October

Session 3. 09:30 - 12:00: CLUSTER PLENARY

A plenary session to share the outcomes of the workshops, develop our joint work programme for the cluster, and refine our recommendations to be shared with ASEM parliamentarians.

5. Peace and Security

Session 1, September 30, 14:00-16:00: Plenary: General overview of Peace and Security in Asia and Europe

Main Speakers: Cora Fabros, Stop the War Coalition (Philippines) and International Peace Bureau, (Philippines); Achin Vanaik, Transnational Institute Fellow (India); Phan Anh Son, Vietnam Institute for International and Public Diplomacy Studies; Reiner Braun, No-to-NATO (Germany), Lee Jun Kyu, Center for Peace Research of Kyoreh Hana (Korea); Joyce Meredith Anne, GPPAC/Peace Boat (Australia); Gleb Paikachev, Soldiers' Mothers of Saint-Petersburg (Russia); Bimal Pokharel, Nepal Peace and Solidairty Council

Session 2, September 30, 16:00-18:00: Workshop 1: Military threats to human security

Resource Persons:

Peace and Disarmament: People's movements: Lisa Clark, International Peace Bureau (Italy)

Territorial disputes and people's livelihood: Pham Van Chuong, Vietnam Committee for Asian-African-Latin American Solidarity and Cooperation

Military spending; military industrial complex: Jorge Calvo Rufange, Centre Delàs-IPB, Spain) *Nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction:* Jargalsaikhan Enkhsaikhan, Blue Banner NGO (Mongolia); Yayoi Tsuchida, Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs, Gensuikyo

Threats of new war technology, fully automatized drones, etc. TBC
Foreign Military bases and state military cooperation in Asia-Pacific: Jung Eun Park, People's Solidarity for Participatory Democracy (Korea) TBC

Contributions: Fernando Antonio Da Costa, ASEAN People's Forum (Timor-Leste); Nisar Ahmed Shah, International Institution for Research and Education (Pakistan)

Session 3, October 1, 10:00-12:00: Workshop 2: People's responses to Fundamentalism, Populism, Militarisation and the rise of the far right

Religious fundamentalism and terrorism: Farooq Tariq, Awami Workers' Party (Pakistan)

Populism, the rise of far rights & the extreme violent movements TBC
Impact of migration and refugee policies on human security: Thomas Sommer, ATTAC France

Militarisation, securitization, gender perspectives-feminised peace: Amabella Carumba, Mindanao People's Peace Movement (Philippines)

People's liberation struggles and experience worldwide: Asia Pacific Research Network – Brussels

The role of people's movements/CSOs in promoting peace processes for internal conflicts: Marc Christopher Batac, Initiatives for International Dialogue

Contributions: Kalle Sysikaski, The Peace Union of Finland; Henny Saptatia, The School of Strategic and Global Studies of University Indonesia (Indonesia)

Moderators: Lisa Clark, Dong Huy Cuong, Kalle Sysikaski, Farooq Tariq, Cora Fabros, Jordi Calvo Rufange

Organisers: Vietnam Peace and Development Foundation, International Peace Bureau, Stop the War Coalition Philippines, International Peace Bureau, Japan Council Against A&H Bombs (Gensuikyo), Awami Workers Party Pakistan

6. Trade Justice and Corporate Accountability

CONTEXT

The collective struggle against neoliberal and corporate-driven economic policies now faces a new conjuncture in the wake of a growing popular backlash against globalization and the accompanying rise of populist authoritarian regimes across the globe.

The long-standing critique advanced by the anti-globalization movement against the neoliberal, pro-corporate development agenda—that the pursuit of these policies have resulted to greater inequality, worsening environmental crisis, and erosion of peoples’ rights and sovereignty- while gaining resonance and public support has unfortunately been hi-jacked by right-wing forces pushing narrow nationalism and xenophobia, while continuing to back and push elite and corporate interests.

A key question is whether neoliberal corporate globalization is in crisis or is it in a new process of consolidation? Towards which direction will it go?

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. Consolidate a collective reading and understanding of the current conjuncture in the continuing struggle against neoliberalism and corporate globalization; identifying old and new threats and challenges as well as existing spaces and opportunities for new *protagonism* and collective action.
2. Strategize on a coordinated and collective effort to build movements to push back neoliberalism and corporate globalization and develop and pursue systemic alternatives.

The Just Trade and Corporate Accountability Cluster envisions the AEPF in Ghent to be an important space to continue the work initiated through the regional thematic discussions to consolidate the peoples campaigns across both Europe and Asia to confront two main issues: the neoliberal corporate driven economic policies with FTAs as key motors driving the agenda; and corporate greed and capture by TNCs of economic and political policy making and aggressive promotion of *multi-stakeholderism*.

The continuing work under this cluster will be built upon years of collective struggles and campaigns to resist neoliberalism and consolidate and support alternatives.

Program

<p>Sunday 30th September 2.00 pm – 3:00</p>	<p>OPENING PLENARY: Is neoliberalism and corporate globalization in a state of crisis or consolidation?</p>	<p>PANELISTS:</p> <p>Visual introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Santiago (Member of the Parliament of Malaysia) • Au Loong Yu (Globalization Monitoring, Hong kong) (tbc) • Monica Vargas (Coordinator <i>Global Campaign</i> to Dismantle Corporate Power and Stop Impunity) <p>Moderators: Dorothy Guerrero (GJN) and Kris Vanslambrouck (11.11.11)</p>
<p>Sunday 30th September 3:00-6pm</p>	<p>WORKSHOP: Nexus of Trade and Corporate Power (old and emerging issues)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Investment regime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cecilia Olivet, TNI ○ Joseph Purugannan, Focus ▪ E-commerce/digital economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alex Scrivener, Global Justice Now ○ Olisias Gultom – IGJ

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trade, Corporate Power and Human Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tony Salvador- Philippine ○ Korean TNC Watch ▪ Global Crisis (Europe & Asia) & Human Rights of Migrant and Refugee Peoples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rex Varon/Migrant Forum Asia ○ Jille Belisario Transnational Migrant Platform-Europe (TMP-E) as European speaker <p>Moderators: Rachmi Hertanti (IGJ) and Liz Murray (GJN)</p>
October 1 10:00- 12:00pm	<p>CLOSING PLENARY: The Way Forward</p> <p>Fostering Closer Coordination and linking existing campaigns</p>	<p>This session will help to highlight the key struggles against EU-Asia FTAs and the convergence of campaigns against FTAs and for a UN Binding Treaty on Business and Human Rights</p> <p>Interactive Strategy Session, Key Players and Powermapping , Key Messages, Key Moments</p> <p>Moderators: Brid Brennan (TNI) and Joseph Purugganan (Focus on the Global South)</p>

ORGANIZERS:

Asia: Indonesia for Global Justice (IGJ), Focus on the Global South

Europe: 11.11.11, SOMO, Transnational Institute (TNI), FOE Europe, Global Justice Now, S2B Networks, Transnational Migrant Platform-Europe, Global Campaign to Dismantle Corporate Power.

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Korean TNC Watch, Migrant Forum Asia, Globalization Monitoring, KIARA, FOE Korea, Social Action for Community and Development, Vietnam Peace and Development Foundation, ATTAC Japan, Sustainable Development Strategy Institute, Ecologistas en Accion.