

# PROGRAM FOR KONFERENCEN MODSTAND & ALTERNATIVER

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Dette er det foreløbige program for konferencen “Modstand & Alternativer”, der afholdes af Afrika Kontakt d. 17. Marts 2019. Programmet mangler stadig enkelte punkter, og vi arbejder på at få de sidste ting på plads hurtigst muligt. Derfor kan der komme enkelte ændringer i programmet – men alle de grove træk, som tidspunkt, lokation og temaer er alle fastlagte. Vi håber derfor at du vil sætte kryds i kalenderen og tilmelde dig og dine kollegaer til konferencen allerede nu.

## DAGENS PROGRAM

Tid	Aktivitet
08:30 - 09:00	Morgenmad og registrering
09:00 - 09:15	Åbningstale v. Mads Barbesgaard
09:15 - 09:35	Præsentation v. Mariana Gomez
09:35 - 09:55	Præsentation v. Ashok Subron
09:55 - 10:15	Præsentation v. Samir Eskanda
10:15 - 10:30	Fysisk aktivitet + tepause
10:30 - 12:15	Første session af workshops
12:15 - 13:15	Frokost
13:15 - 13:35	Præsentation v. Nazha El Khalidi
13:35 - 13:55	Præsentation v. Judy Pasimio
13:55 - 14:15	Sjette præsentation (TBA)
14:15 - 14:30	Fysisk aktivitet + tepause
14:30 - 16:15	Anden session af workshops
16:15 - 16:45	Eftermiddags kaffe-te-snacks
16:45 - 17:30	Konklusion af dagen

## PRÆSENTATION AF TALERE

**ASHOK SUBRON**

**PROGRAM KOORDINATOR, CARES MAURITIUS**

Ashok Subron har siden 70'erne været aktivist inden for venstreorienteret politik. I 2005 var han med til at grundlægge og være talsperson for *Resistans ek Alternativ*, en rød-grøn øko-socialistisk bevægelse i Mauritius, der særligt beskæftigede sig med at bringe arbejderkampen, sociale og miljømæssige kampe ind i mauritansk politik. Han har gennem de sidste 7 år været aktiv i anti ocean- og beach grabbint bevægelsen, og har været fortaler for overgangen til vedvarende solenergi.

Ashok arbejder nu som program koordinator ved *Center Alternative Research and Studies (CARES)*, hvor han blandt andet arrangerer den årlige "Indian Ocean and Southern Africa International School of Ecology". I året 2012-2013 blev han nomineret og vandt prisen som *most outstanding Mauritian of the year* af flere af landets medier – på trods af at han flere gange er blevet arresteret i forbindelse med sin aktivisme!

**JUDY PASIMIO**

**KOORDINATOR, LILAK – PURPLE ACTION FOR INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

Judith Pasimio er en kvinde- og menneskerettigheds fortaler fra Filippinerne. Hun arbejder som koordinator for LILAK (Purple Action for Indigenous Women's Rights), en organisation der kæmper for at skabe rum og en platform hvor kvinder fra Filippinernes landdistrikter kan tænke og tale. LILAK kæmper for at fremme kvindernes rettigheder, og give styrke til deres stemmer, handlinger, kampe og visioner, både nationalt og internationalt. Judy har kæmpet denne kamp i mange år, for kvinders ret til land og naturressourcer, retten til selvbestemmelse og indfødtes rettigheder, først som kampagnefører og senere som koordinator for Legal Rights and Natural Resources Center, og nu som koordinator for LILAK.

Hun har organiseret regionale forsamlinger for kvinder, for at motivere dem til at engagere sig i politisk dialog i provinserne. Gennem LILAK arbejder hun for at sprede kendskab til love, lovgivning og menneskerettigheder, på en måde der er tilgængelig og forståelig for kvinderne i landdistrikterne – noget, som transnationale selskaber arbejder for at gøre så utilgængeligt og uforståeligt som muligt.

I et interview med Women's Advancement Deeply fortalte Judy om essensen af sit arbejde: "Det handler hævdselsen af rettigheder. Hævdselsen af retten til at sige nej. Mange lokale samfund indser ikke, at de rent faktisk kan sige nej. Det er en af de ting, vi virkelig er nødt til at indprente hos folk – at de har retten til at sige nej."

**MARIANA GOMEZ**

**KOORDINATOR, YES TO LIFE, NO TO MINING LATIN AMERICA**

Mariana Gomez Soto er en antropolog og aktivist fra Colombia. Mariana er opvokset i Doima, Colombia, en by i et område der er helt særligt rigt på vandressourcer og afgrøder. Marianas aktivisme begyndte med kampen mod Anglo Gold Ashanti, der planlagte at placere en dæmning til affald fra en nærliggende guldmine – på trods af lokalbefolkningens tydelige protester. Modstanden fra befolkningen i Doima begyndte i 2012, og har siden først til en stor bevægelse og en lokal folkeafstemning. Dette har haft succes med at afholde Anglo Gold Ashanti fra området, på trods af den Colombianske stats klare støtte til minedriften.

Siden dette har Mariana været engageret i aktivisme, og har været involveret i at organisere en lang række folkekonsultationer på tværs af Colombia. Mariana er særligt fortaler for de mange bæredygtige alternativer der findes til minedrift og ekstraktivisme – styrkelsen af økoturisme, lokalproduktion af fødevarer og lignende.

Hun arbejder nu som koordinator for den latinamerikanske afdeling af netværket Yes To Life, No To Mining. Her arbejder hun for at støtte og forbinde græsrodder i deres kamp for at beskytte deres land. En af netværkets seneste store sejre er resultatet af 10 års ikke-voldelig demonstration imod Anglo Gold Ashanti i byen Cajamarca. I en folkeafstemning i 2017 stemte et flertal på 97,9% af befolkningen imod anlægget af en kæmpe guldmine i området – en afstemning, som kæmpeselskabet valgte at acceptere. Mariana har særligt kæmpet for at skabe alternativer til guldminen gennem områdets andre skatte: naturskønne omgivelser og småskala landbrug.

#### **NAZIHA EL KHALIDI**

#### **AKTIVIST, FRA DE BESATTE OMRÅDER AF VESTSAHARA**

Naziha El Khalidi er en medieaktivist, der er født og opvokset i El-Aaiún, en by i det besatte Vestsahara.

I Vestsahara – Afrikas sidste koloni, der har været besat af Marokko siden 1975 – er uafhængig journalistisk forbudt af besættelsesmagten. Naziha dokumenterer gennem sidst arbejde de krænkelse og overgreb der sker i de besatte områder. Her kæmper saharawier gennem fredelige demonstrationer for deres ret til selvbestemmelse. Men demonstranterne angribes og slås ned af marokkanske styrker, på trods af FNs anerkendelse af Sahrawiernes rettigheder. At dokumentere disse demonstrationer og angreb er utroligt farligt, men Naziha gør det alligevel. I august 2016 blev Naziha arresteret og tilbageholdt af de marokkanske politistyrker, efter hun deltog i en demonstration hvor hun optog politiets angreb på de saharawiske demonstranter. Hun blev udsat for vold og forhørt ved det marokkanske politis hovedkvarter i El-Aaiún, med håbet om at true hende til at stoppe sit arbejde – men uden succes. Naziha kæmper stadig for saharawiernes ret til uafhængighed, gennem sit arbejde for at gøre verden opmærksom på de ting, som den marokkanske stat håber på at skjule.

#### **SAMIR ESKANDA**

#### **AKTIVIST OG MUSIKER, BOYKOTT, DISVESTMENT, SANCTIONS KAMPAGNEN**

Samir Eskanda er en britisk-palæstinensisk musiker og aktivist i Boykott, Disvestment, Sanctions (BDS) kampagnen. Samir er fortaler for boykot af en række verdenskendte musikere, der har optrådt i Tel-Aviv eller på anden måde støttet den israelske stat. En stat, hvis besættelsesstyrker konsekvent udøver vold og undertrykkelse mod befolkningen i den belejrede Gaza-striben. I en artikel for "The Quietus" skriver Samir følgende: "Israel undergraver bevidst den palæstinensiske kultur, samtidigt med at de markedsfører sin egen kulturelle produktion verden over. Dermed forsøger de at kaste et slør over sine krænkelse af menneskerettighederne og folkeretten. (...) Den måske vigtigste grund til at boykotte, er fordi dette ønske kommer direkte fra det palæstinensiske civilsamfund – ikke fra politiske eller religiøse fraktioner, men fra sammenslutninger af fagforeninger og andre organisationer, der repræsenterer almindelige mennesker fra alle lag, herunder lærere, bønder, forfattere, ingeniører, dansere, journalister, professorer og musikere. Det er den stærkeste og bredeste udtryk for en civil befolknings ønsker, og er baseret på universelle menneskerettighedsprincipper, i et forsøg på at afslutte årtier med besættelse, kolonisering og strukturel diskrimination."

#### **SIDSTE TALER OFFENTLIGGØRES SNAREST**

## WORKSHOPS

I løbet af dagen vil vi have to sessioner af workshops. Formålet med disse workshops er at skabe et rum, hvor vi kan mødes på tværs af organisationer og bevægelser, og sammen finde på løsninger til en række problemstillinger. Det er vores håb at deltagerne ved alle workshops vil byde ind, og herigennem hjælpe os med at skabe nuancerede perspektiver og konstruktive løsninger.

Hver workshop faciliteres af 2-3 med-facilitatorer, der alle kommer fra relevante organisationer eller har erfaring med workshopens emne. De vil være med til at starte dialogen, gennem oplæg der eksempelvis bygger på deres egne erfaringer, deres faglige viden, eller med anden relevans for temaet.

**Vi er endnu ikke færdige med at finde alle vores facilitatorer, men disse vil blive beskrevet i det endelige program**

## SÅDAN TILMELDER DU DIG WORKSHOPS

Når du tilmelder dig til konferencen, skal du for hver session af workshops vælge dine 3 prioriterede workshops. Du referer til disse gennem nummeret der står uden for hver af workshopsne på de følgende sider. Afrika Kontakt gør herefter vores bedste for at imødekomme alle deltageres prioriteter. Når du checker ind på dagen af konferencen, får du en liste over de endelige deltagere til hver workshop.

## BESKRIVELSE AF WORKSHOPS

### **FØRSTE SESSION AF WORKSHOPS – INDEN FROKOST**

#### **1. DISPOSSESSION OF LAND, SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE LIVING UNDER OCCUPATION, AND MINORITIES LIVING INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.**

Both Western Sahara and Palestine range amongst the least free countries or territories of the world in Freedom House's 2019 Freedom in the World Report. With respective scores of 4 and 11 out of 100 point on a rating that considers factors like civil and political rights, it underlines the dire need to address the violations towards these occupied territories. Both Palestinian and Sahrawi people's have been violated, tortured, oppressed and killed under horrendous circumstances, both inside and outside the occupied territories.

In this workshop we wish to foster a discussion on the extremely challenging question of how we can work towards positive changes for peoples living under occupation, and minorities living inside- or outside the occupied territories.

#### **2. THE SHRINKING SPACE OF CIVIL SOCIETY GLOBALLY. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE AN ACTIVIST IN VERY REPRESSIVE ENVIRONMENTS? HOW DO WE PUSH BACK, WHILE STAYING SAFE?**

The number of violations against civil rights is ever on the rise, and abuses are extending to all types of activists, resisters, journalists and anyone else challenging and speaking truth to power. At the same time legislation is changing in many countries to further restrict the rights to freedom of association, assembly and expression. Governments are pushing back citizen engagement, and creating a space for the legalisation of massive abuses, both in terms of violence and oppression. As a result, it is becoming increasingly dangerous to be an activist in many parts of the world. In this workshop we will discuss what it means to be an activist in repressive governments and environments, and try to create solutions on how to keep the resistance alive while staying safe.

### **3. THE FIGHT AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. FOCUS ON RESISTANCE, ALTERNATIVES AND BETTER UTILISATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES.**

Transnational Corporations (TNCs) exert a great deal of power in the globalized world economy. Many corporations are richer and more powerful than the states that seek to regulate them. In this workshop, we will explore how TNC's dominate the global economy and exert their influence over national and international policy making, and discuss Denmark's role in - and influence on this. We will also discuss the perspectives that arise with the UN Binding Treaty to stop corporate impunity. The workshop will be held by Mariana from "Yes To Life – No To Mining", an association that takes action against the devastating impact of the extractives industries, and members of the "Right2SayNo" working group from Afrika Kontakt.

### **5. ANTI-RACISM IN THE INCREASINGLY XENOPHOBIC AND NATIONALIST DEVELOPMENT OF DENMARK AND AROUND THE WORLD**

Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil, Rodrigo Duterte in the Philippines, Geert Wilders in the Netherlands, the Front National in France or the Dansk Folkeparti in Denmark. Right-wing authoritarian leaders and right-wing parties are becoming increasingly influential in many countries. We are witnessing how shifts in discourses towards the extreme right is shifting the terms of the debate allowing for discussions and opinions formerly unacceptable to be accepted in the mainstream public debate. Also outside of party politics, a movement of inhumane racism and xenophobia is shaping the systemic oppression of societies. In the workshop, we want to explore which narratives and practices around racism and xenophobia are dominating, on which principles and assumptions they are built and how we can counter them.

### **7. INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS WORKING WITH TRADE UNIONS AND WORKER'S RIGHTS. HOW CAN UNIONS BE USED IN PROGRESSIVE FORMS OF ACTIVISM WORLDWIDE?**

As a consequence of corporate impunity and increasingly greater inequality across the globe,

### **4. THE ROLE OF NGO'S IN RELATION TO MARINE RESOURCES, IN DENMARK AND GLOBALLY: SHOULD THE MARTINE RESOURCES BE PRIVATIZED, OR SHOULD IT BE CONSERVATION? ARE THERE OTHER ALTERNATIVES?**

Fishing quotas is a topic that has its ups and downs in public and political debate. The issue of the privatisation of fish is often forgotten or ignored in public view, yet Denmark, Europe and the rest of the world are fighting over fishing quotas and rights to resources while simultaneously overfishing and depleting the oceans. Decision-makers, maritime professionals, the public and NGO's seem to disagree on many topics and levels, but the central question remains: Should maritime resources be privatised? And how do we secure a sustainable industry around these resources? The purpose of this workshop is to address these questions, to discuss the pros and cons of privatisation and to come up with alternatives - and how to involve and mobilise people in this work.

### **6. BUILDING A GENUINE CLIMATE-LABOR ALLIANCE**

Climate and environmental concerns are often framed as antagonistic to those of workers - particularly those employed in extractive industries. So far, the climate- and environmental justice movement has been inadequate at building ties with labour movements globally as well as in Denmark, while the labour movement historically has not been at the forefront on issues of climate and environment. Yet, inspiring attempts at forming alliances between the two show that it doesn't have to be this way and that both sides will only become stronger, if united. In the workshop, we want to explore where these two movements have commonalities, which differences exist and how labor unions and climate activist groups can effectively cooperate to stand up against the dictatorship of corporate power. With this workshop we will try to take preliminary steps towards a network between trade unions and the climate movement and groups.

violations toward workers are growing increasingly dire. There exists an already carved out space for activism on protecting human and labour rights in many countries, but is there a link to a greater solidarity movement? This workshop will look into how unions can be used in progressive ways of activism, and be used to create connections and networks in Denmark and globally. We will discuss how international organisations that work with trade unions and work together to strengthen the resistance and secure fair rights, wages and working conditions.

### **9. RESISTING AND OPPOSING FREE TRADE - AND HOW TO SET ANOTHER AGENDA.**

The current trade regime is a foundational part of neoliberal globalisation and the global inequality that it leads to. In the past years, the EU has amped up its trade strategy with a stream of new agreements being negotiated or in the process of ratification. While impressive campaigns have been mounted against some of these, swaying public opinion on them - particularly TTIP - so-called 'free' trade is still seen by most, especially in Denmark, as a good. Critique and opposition is often portrayed as a regressive nationalist position and increasingly associated with the likes of Trump. How do we address the myths attached to any opposition to free trade? In the workshop, we want to discuss the impacts of international trade and investment deals like CETA and TTIP and what an alternative trade policy might look like.

### **11. ART, CULTURE AND RESISTANCE. HOW CAN THIS BE USED AS ACTIVISM TO INFLUENCE, GARNER SUPPORT AND CREATE AWARENESS AND CONSOLIDATE MOVEMENTS?**

Art and culture has been used to resist oppressive forces for centuries. It has been used to protest, to give a voice to those who are consequently silenced, or to highlight the atrocities conducted against peoples which have been forgotten or swept under the rug by the perpetrators. The resistance in art takes a thousand forms and often reaches far and wide beyond what any other activist outlet can do. Therefore, we want to create a space to discuss how art and culture can be used as a force of activism to influence, garner support, create awareness and consolidate movements.

### **8. INDUSTRIALIZED AGRICULTURE DESTROYS PEOPLE, THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE CLIMATE. WHERE IS THE ALTERNATIVE?**

How does our diet impact our environment? Have you considered, where the groceries you buy in the supermarket come from and what the impacts of the production of those have on humans and the environment? In this workshop, we want to get a closer look on the production chain of industrialized agriculture. We will use two cases to highlight examples of the different ways that the food industry takes away food sovereignty from the people: Industrialized pig farms and the rights to seeds. These are just two examples that will create the basis for a discussion of the many different issues within industrialized agriculture.

### **10. HIV AND HEALTH RIGHTS ACTIVISM IN LOCAL AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES.**

HIV-related stigma is a phenomenon that occurs both in Denmark and the Global South. People are not willing to reveal their HIV status, as it may have social, political and economic repercussions and impact their wellbeing. This is a fact both in Denmark and the Global South. Criminalization of people living with HIV is also a cross cutting issue across countries. This workshop will discuss these issues and their effect on activism, proactivity and healthy attitude towards education, destigmatisation and proper treatment and accessibility. How can the fight against stigma be strengthened in settings where people living with HIV experience stigma due to their status? We will address this question, and link the discussion to general activism regarding health rights in a local and global perspective.

**ANDEN SESSION FORTSÆTTES PÅ NÆSTE SIDE**

## SECOND SESSION OF WORKSHOPS – AFTER LUNCH

### **12. WESTERN SAHARA - HOW DO WE INFLUENCE RESOURCE GRABBING AND GARNER POLITICAL SUPPORT?**

Western Sahara has been occupied by Morocco since 1975 - it is the last colony of Africa, yet the dispossession of the Sahrawi people and plunder of their resources is not a widely discussed subject in public debate. The Moroccan government has built a concrete wall across the occupied country, to repress the Sahrawis and facilitate a plunder of their resources. Meanwhile the European Union has entered a number of fishery trade deals concerning the waters outside the Western Saharan coast. While the EU Court has ruled it a violation for Morocco to trade off resources from the occupied Western Sahara, there seems to be no political backing to enforce this ruling. How do we end the plunder of the Sahrawi resources, in a political climate where rulings of the EU supreme court is overlooked, and very few countries - including Denmark - seem to care?

### **14. WOMEN'S ROLE IN ACTIVISM AND RESISTANCE. IDENTIFYING VULNERABILITIES AND STRENGTHENING PARTICIPATION AND VISIBILITY.**

Women's activism has throughout centuries taken and continues to take many different forms. Any number of social and political struggles across the globe affects women, who are more often than not marginalized, underrepresented, unheard, and deprived of rights. Look to any subject of development, and women are considered a vulnerable group: In health work, women are subject to many more health risks and fare less competent care for gender related issues; In politics women are underrepresented, subject to discrimination and violence; in terms of rights to education, rights to own land, and many other basic human rights, women are continually deprived. Despite this, there is still a strong movement of women's activism across the globe, who fight against these inequalities. In the workshop we will identify vulnerabilities for women activists and discuss solutions on how to strengthen the women's participation and visibility in resistance locally and globally.

### **13. THE PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE - HOW TO MOBILIZE AND RESISTS WORLDWIDE, MAKING ACTIVISM EFFECTIVE "FAR FROM HOME", DUE DILIGENCE**

The Palestinian people are one of the most repressed in the world. Suffering from dispossession, occupation and numerable violations, killings and human rights abuses, the Palestinian struggle is as dire as ever. As a consequence of the sub-human living standards and treatment of the Palestinian people in their home country, migration has lead them all across the globe. But moving does not mean abandoning the struggle. This workshop will focus on how to mobilize in support of a struggle that is not going on in the residing country of the resisters. This is an issue not unique to Palestinian activists - it is an issue that is increasingly being faced by activists fighting for a cause that is deemed irrelevant because of it taking place far away. How to mobilize and organize in that context?

### **15. SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVES TO EXTRACTIVISM. WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES, HOW DO WE MAKE A JUST TRANSITION TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, DEGROWTH.**

In the name of development and prosperity, transnational corporations in the extractive industries are exploiting people and plundering the planet. The winning argument of this neoliberal development seems to be that increased production will help everyone, from the poorest to the richest of society. Yet we consistently see the opposite happening: Extractive industries create greater division and inequality, through unsustainable endeavours that leave local communities dependent on exploiting corporations, while destroying their environment and ways of living.

## **16. THE FINANCE SECTOR AND THEIR BAD ETHICS - TAX EVASION, TAX HAVENS, FINANCIALISATION. HOW CAN WE FIGHT BACK, LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY?**

Every year transnational corporations transfer 5000 billion dollars out of the Global South through tax havens. Tax evasion is undermining socio-economic development in the countries the corporations operate in, making inequality greater and concentrating profits in fewer and fewer hands. This workshop will be hosted by Ashok from CARES Center for Alternative Research and Studies on Economic, Social and Environmental Issue, who is based in Mauritius - a key regional and global tax haven. The workshop will examine how we can fight back, locally and globally, against the tax-dodging transnational corporations.

## **18. LGBT+, ETHNIC OR RELIGIOUS AND OTHER MINORITIES - UNIONISING AND CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR ACTIVISM**

It is a terrible fact that minorities across the globe always have been the last to benefit from positive developments in the world. Whether it be the still very limited rights of LGBT+ people across the globe (even in so-called progressive parts of the world), to the lacking representation of ethnic and religious minorities in the Danish political debate and elsewhere. While struggling with constant under-representation and systemic oppression, activism can be both exhausting, difficult and dangerous to minority activists. Furthermore, the stages of development on these issues vary across a wide range, both from country to country, and from struggle to struggle. In this workshop, we want to discuss how we can unionise and support each other without disregarding the differences across the different struggles of many different types of minorities and sub-groups. We also want to work on actions and solutions on how we can strengthen activist endeavours and create safe spaces for resistance for groups of people who are especially vulnerable to suppression and violence.

## **17. PUSHING BACK ON INHUMANE POLICIES: HOW DO WE SUPPORT REFUGEES, IMMIGRANTS AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN DENMARK AND ACROSS THE GLOBE?**

The Danish government's immigration policies are becoming evermore divisive and oppressive. In this workshop, we will briefly look into Danish immigration policies and then explore, how to support new citizens, as well as refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers who have already been in Denmark for years. Together with migration practitioners, we will learn from what has and has not worked well in the past, assess successful and innovative programmes and talk about how to best replicate them in other cities/contexts.

## **19. CREATING A DANISH ELITE WATCH TO FIGHT BACK ON CORPORATE IMPUNITY**

Corporate Watch is a non-profit cooperative which is active in the field of investigative journalism. Members are investigating the elite, the companies and the systems that are destroying people and the planet through exploitative and oppressive practices. In the workshop, we will explore the possibility of creating an Elite Watch / Corporate Watch in Denmark: A place where we research on the global elite to reveal how the elite affects our decision-making processes. Who is the global elite, and how does it affect our political system? Identifying who we are up against is necessary knowledge for us to be able to fight back.

## **21. RADICALISM ON THE RISE WORLDWIDE. COMMON TRAITS AND DIFFERENCES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM AND RIGHT-WING POPULISM.**

There is no denying that several western countries are currently witnessing a populist moment. Neoliberalism's austerity and privatisation has created serious grievances for working people - particularly in the US and in a number of European countries. But so far this has mainly been exploited by the right-wing. Even though right-forces are on the rise, the



## **20. FOREIGN WORKERS - INCLUSION IN THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT: HOW DO WE WELCOME AND INCLUDE OUR NEW COLLEAGUES?**

In Denmark and across the EU, we see an increasing number of foreign workers that are being heavily exploited by unscrupulous bosses. As a result, there is an increasing number of documented cases of brutal workers rights violations and abuses. There are many ways to work around this. In 3F in the Copenhagen area, efforts have been made to create space for foreign workers in the trade union - among other things, is the creation of a Polish club and a club for Filipino women. To highlight the global perspective, Afrika Kontakts South African Working Group will include perspectives of South Africa, where millions of foreign immigrant workers are employed, often in the worst paid jobs and under brutal working conditions.

In this workshop we want to create solutions, and find answers to the questions: How do we fight the grim exploitation of foreign workers, and effectively create a safety net and a space for everyone in trade unions?

opportunity is there to tap into and mobilise peoples' grievances toward progressive aims. In this workshop, we will explore the similarities and differences between right-wing movements worldwide and how we can counteract these developments together.

The workshop will be facilitated by DEMOS and the Antifascistisk Netværk. DEMOS is a declared anti-racist and anti-sexist association, which fights any form of right-wing racism and sexism in Danish society.

The Antifascistisk Netværk has been started by former political prisoners from the KZ camps in Germany and their relatives.

## **22. CLOTHING PRODUCTION IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH: ENSURING DUE DILIGENCE**

The abundance of cheap, fashionable clothes in our closets and in the shops are not without sacrifice. The clothing production has a huge impact on the environment and is known for having employees working under horrible conditions in the manufacturing of cheap commodities. The corporations are responsible for countless violations of human rights and an unfair distribution of the profit through the extraction of value from their supply chain. How can we create an alternative to this production, which is both socially and environmentally sustainable? In the workshop we will explore what role we have in the Global North and how we can mobilize the global community and push for structural change in the industry and in consumers.

## **EN SÆRLIG TAK TIL DE, DER HAR STØTTET KONFERENCEN**

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BUPL  
3F Valby  
Græsrodsfonden  
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