



Annual Series of Events-2015

Social Justice

It is out of question, that social inequality constitute an obstacle for the peaceful coexistence in the society. Pover vs. Powerlessness, Rich vs. Poor, Privileged vs. Disadvantaged- The intensification of social injustice leads inevitably to a polarization in society, which negatively influence the peaceful atmosphere.

The year 2015 is the „European Year of Development“. The motto is “Our world, our dignity, our future”.

The year „2015“ is also important, because it is 20 years since Austria joined the European Union. 20 years, in which the society has much changed. 20 years, in which the EU has attempted to do justice to global developments- first and foremost on behalf on social justice.

In our series of events, we would like to take up the motto of the European Year of Development and add:

**“OUR WORLD, OUR DIGNITY, OUR FUTURE-
TOGETHER, FAIR, EQUAL“**

We, the Viennese Friede-Institut für Dialog and the Istanbul-based Journalists and Writers Foundation, holding the UN- ECOSOC General Consultative Status, are aware of civil society's responsibility for this common, fair and equal future, in which each and every human can live peacefully in dignity and take an active part in society - Therefore, we attempt to achieve a modest contribution for the peaceful coexistence through our series of events 2015- „Social Justice“.

In a transdisciplinary approach, we want to discuss various perspectives on Social Justice, debate different approaches and create a space for a global experience exchange.

Our aim is to strengthen the awareness of society for the importance of Social Justice.

Because one thing is clear:

Without the ambition to Social Justice, a peaceful coexistence will be not possible-not in Austria, not in Europe, not in the World.

Events of “2015-Social Justice”

1

13. February 2015

OPENING EVENT

Religion and Politics

2

16. March 2015

UN- SIDE EVENT

Preventing Drug Abuse: Role of Public-Private Partnership in Education

3

21. May 2015

UN-SIDE EVENT

Economical Social Justice: Combating Corruption
from the Perspective of Equal Opportunity

4

15. October 2015

ROUND TABLE

Women's Perspective on Generation Y and Intergenerational Justice

5

10. December 2015

SYMPOSIUM

Role of Interreligious Dialogue in Social Justice



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The **Journalists and Writers Foundation (JWF)** is an Istanbul-based non-governmental organization in general consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). JWF aims to promote peaceful coexistence through dialogue and understanding at global, regional and local levels. Since its establishment in 1994, JWF has organized events promoting peace, tolerance and dialogue. Through its activities, JWF has brought together people from various backgrounds to discuss topics including but not limited to politics, religion, art, philosophy and science in order to establish common ground and, ultimately, peace.

[www.gyv.org.tr]



The **Friede - Institut für Dialog** was established 2002 in Vienna. It is organized as a non-partisan and non-profit organization. The members are dialogue interested persons from different cultural backgrounds. In the current era of globalization, an increasing alienation between people of different cultures is to recognize. This alienation leads to misunderstandings and prejudices, a fear of contact and promotes the formation of parallel societies. The institute „Friede“ (engl.: peace), inspired by the ideas of Fethullah Gülen, wants to introduce measures to counter this development by its active engagement for a respectful interpersonal dialogue - based on the universal values. [www.derfriede.at]



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