



Migration post-Covid and the growing threat of anti-Asian racism in Europe

An 'Open Space' panel discussion at this year's Asia Europe People's Forum

On Sunday, May 23 at 11.30-113.00 London, 12.30-14.00 Brussels, 18.30-20.00 Manila

The biannual Asia Europe People's Forum will take place online this year, running from the 17th to the 24th May. The event provides the opportunity for wide-ranging discussion across themes central to the progressive political agenda, including: Climate Justice, Food Sovereignty and Resources Justice, Trade Justice and Corporate Accountability, Social Justice and Social Protection, Peace and Security, Participatory Democracy, Human Rights and Migrants Rights

Among several workshops dealing with migrant rights issues, the London steering group of the Permanent People's Tribunal on Violations of the Rights of Migrants and Migrants Forum in Asia are organising an Open Space panel discussion on migration in the post-Covid period and the growing threat of anti-Asian racism.

Migrants from Asia have played a crucial role in filling labour shortages in many parts of the economies of European countries. The coronavirus pandemic has made this particular visible in the areas of health and social care. Yet the systems for managing this migration have increasingly worked to exclude the dimension of human, social, economic, and political rights of this group of people.

This panel discussion will look at the ways the restriction of rights has affected migrant people and their communities during the pandemic. To what extent has it played a role in increasing the severity of the pandemic on these groups? Will the experience lead to the amelioration of the immigration control regime's impacts during the post-Covid period, or must we expect things to carry on in the same direction?

The discussion will be facilitated by **Leah Bassel** and **Don Flynn** of the London PPT steering group. Panel members are:

Ellene Sana, executive director, Center for Migrant Advocacy and board member of Migrant Forum in Asia

Jille Belisario, acting as Dean for the school of Integrated Human Rights Education of Foundation Academy in Amsterdam

Nirmala Rajasingam, activist with the South Asia Solidarity Group

Denis Wong, IT consultant working in Hong Kong and the UK

Puru Miah, Labour councillor and activist in the Bangladeshi community in east London.

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