

#ET2025

Peace, justice and stable institutions



9th Austrian Development Conference

International development is undergoing radical change: development policy and cooperation are increasingly being called into question – and not only by the United States. Does it still have a future?

Fr., 21st until Su., 23rd Nov. 2025
SoWi-hall, University of Innsbruck

The event for debate and reflection on current challenges in international development



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Currently, international development is experiencing massive changes: Development politics and development cooperation are fundamentally questioned, not only by the US-government. Where is development politics headed today? Will and should it continue to exist? What kind of development are we fighting for?

We will be discussing these and further landmark questions, based on the 16th Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) "Peace, justice and stable institutions", at this year's Development Conference. As the penultimate goal, the 16th SDG brings together more dimensions than any other of the 17 SDGs formulated by the United Nations. On first sight these dimensions might not fit together well, however if you look closely, they build the foundation of the entire SDG architecture: None of the SDGs can be achieved without inclusive, effective, and accountable institutions! Many goals are obsolete or undermined without peace, while their fulfilment would bring about great progress for justice.

In our current world political situation, three dimensions seem central and have therefore been chosen as a focus for this year's Development Conference:

- **peace and conflict management**
- **geopolitical interests and authoritarian tendencies**
- **justice and environmental justice**

Opening dialogue with

- Patrick Bond (South Africa)
- Jens Martens (Bonn)
- Catriona Murdoch (Den Haag)
- Luckystar Miyandazi (African Union)

With contributions from

- Stephan Klingebiel (German Institute of Development and Sustainability, Bonn)
- Ana María Suarez Franco (FIAN, Genf)
- Dora Maria Téllez (former guerilla-fighter and minister, Nicaragua, today Spain)
- Shubhra Dwivedy (Socio Economic & Education Development Society, Jharkhand, India)
- Radwa Khaled-Ibrahim (medico international, Frankfurt/M.)
- Chandan Kumar (Working Peoples' Charter Network, India)
- Grettel Navas (Santiago de Chile)

Workshops on key issues of peace & justice

- Human rights and environmental standards in a new era of globalization
- Nexus women – peace – climate justice
- Illicit Financial Flows: Drivers of Insecurity and Inequality
- Thinking justice – creating peace: Scenarios for a future worth living
- Tyrol post/colonial. The global in the regional

Programme

to exchange: student pre-conference

to network: pre-meeting on development research

to dive deeper: 13 further interactive workshops

to watch: „Step by step“ – travelling exhibition on spaces for democracy

to play along: forum theater performance: „Das Kuchenstück“ – theater for distributive justice

to enable: simultaneous interpreting English-German and free childcare

to sleep: free accommodation for students

When?

Friday, 21.11.2025, 5 p.m.
until Sunday, 23.11.2025, 1 p.m.

Where?

SoWi-Hall at University of Innsbruck
Campus Universitätsstraße – SoWi
Universitätsstraße 15
6020 Innsbruck.

*As Austria's largest event on development policy, the **Development Conference** offers space for debate and reflection on current challenges: Here you will find committed science, dialogue between science and practice, reflection on current issues of development policy, networking of policy fields, and political education in the broader sense.*

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