



PERMANENT PEOPLES TRIBUNAL

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SESSION ON THE VIOLATIONS WITH IMPUNITY OF THE

HUMAN RIGHTS OF MIGRANT AND REFUGEE PEOPLES

LONDON HEARING "HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT ON TRIAL"



3-4 November 2018

Friends House,
173-177 Euston Road, London



Background Permanent Peoples Tribunal (PPT) HEARING IN LONDON ON THE VIOLATIONS WITH IMPUNITY OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF MIGRANT AND REFUGEE PEOPLE

In Europe, those of us who are migrants and refugees from all the regions of the Global South and from Central and Eastern Europe (some of us have lived and worked here for forty years and others arrived more recently) have lived through the various stages of the building of Fortress Europe. We have seen Europe's policy of exclusion being constructed year after year – a policy that has resulted in a sweeping roll-back of people's human rights; the encampment, forcible detention and deportation; and criminalisation at the militarised southern and eastern borders of Europe. We are inspired by solidarity between migrants, refugees and other social movements and work towards equality and an inclusive society.

The Transnational Migrant Platform Europe (TMP-E), Centro Filipino, ACATHI and the Transnational Institute (TNI) began last December 2016 a process of preparation to convene Hearings of the Permanent Peoples Tribunal (PPT) with the aim to give clear visibility to the migrant and refugee peoples from all backgrounds as subjects of fundamental human rights; to identify and judge the chain of co-responsibility in the violation of those rights experienced throughout the whole migratory journey and to urgently identify and promote appropriate mechanisms for access to justice. Three hearings have taken place, in Palermo, Italy in December 2017, Paris, France in January 2018 and Barcelona, Spain in June 2018.



THE PPT IS A PUBLIC OPINION TRIBUNAL
PUTTING “HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT ON TRIAL”.
THE FOCUS WILL BE THE LIVING AND WORKING
CONDITIONS OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEE PEOPLE

This session calls on the Permanent Peoples’ Tribunal to consider whether the policies of the European Union and its member states in the field of immigration and asylum, particularly as they affect migrant peoples in the chain of labour, amount to serious violations of the articles enshrined in the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Peoples signed in Algiers on 4 July 1976, to serious violations of the rights of individuals as enshrined in particular in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, and, in their totality, to a crime against humanity within the meaning of Art. 7 of the Rome Statute.

PROGRAMME DAY 1 NOVEMBER 3 2018

10-10.10	Welcome Facilitators of the day
10.10-10.45	Presentation PPT framework Co-convenors: Europe (TMP-E/Platform Filipino Migrant Workers) and Local (UNITE the Union), Presentation Hearing “Hostile Environment on Trial” by PPT (Gianni Tognoni)
10.45-11.15	Presentation of indictment (Frances Webber)
11.15-11.30	Break



PROGRAMME DAY 1, NOVEMBER 3 2018

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A STATE OF FEAR	
11.30-11.45	Rapporteurs: build-up of Fortress Europe
11.45-12.15	Presentation of Evidence: living in destitution The cost of visas The 'No Recourse to Public Funds' rule The work ban for asylum seekers The institutionalised degradation of asylum support The destruction of legal aid
12.15-13.00	Presentation of evidence: exclusion, surveillance, enforcement The hostile environment in health and education Exclusion from family reunion rights Immigration raids
13.00-14.30	Lunch
DETENTION AND CORPORATE PROFITS	
14.30-14.45	Rapporteurs
14.45-15.15	Presentation of evidence The nightmare of indefinite detention The use of detainees as labour force in detention centre



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GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN AND LABOUR EXPLOITATION	
15.15-15.30	Rapporteurs
15.30-16.00	Presentation of evidence: Hotel, Restaurant and House-keeping
16.00-16.15	Presentation of evidence: Road and Warehousing Logistics
16.15-16.30	Break
16.30-17.00	Presentation of evidence: Food and Agriculture

PROGRAMME DAY 2, NOVEMBER 4 2018

GENDER AND LABOUR MIGRATION	
9.45-10.00	Rapporteurs
10.00-10.30	Presentation of evidence: Domestic work in private homes
10.30-11.00	Presentation of evidence: Public sector: Health and Social care
11.00-11.30	Break
11.30-12.30	Summary of evidence (Frances Webber)
12.30-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.30	Jurors panel (initial responses)



“At the date of the publication of this programme the following organisations and individuals have submitted evidence: Statewatch, UK Modern Slavery Consortium, Lameck Mbanjo, Disabled People Against the Cuts (DPAC), Leicester Civil Rights Movement, SYMAAG, Kent Refugee Help, Neal Russell, Caroline Coombs, Corporate Watch, Women in Exile, Fidelis Chebe and Jon Burnett, Global Justice Now, Transnational Institute (TNI), Unite the Union, Migrants Organise, European Coordination of Via Campesina (ECVC)–SOC-SAT & ARI, COS Catalonia, LAB Trade Union Bilbao Branch, Waling-Waling, The Voice of Domestic Workers, Unison, Kanlungan, Committee for the Administration of Justice; Nathalie Ben-Miriam, Anna Mulcahy, Sue Henry, Sani Landan, Inclusion London, Lifeline Options, Migrant Support, Neal Russell, Clara Osagiede. The sentence: The London hearing of the Permanent Peoples’ Tribunal has been organised by the London PPT Twitter: @hearing2018 working group, with support from the Transnational Migrant Platform-Europe, the Transnational Institute (TNI) and UK based-co-convenors. The full list of co-convenors and supporting organisations can be found here: <http://bit.ly/HearingLondonsupport>

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The Permanent Peoples Tribunal was established in 1979, taking the Declaration of Algiers on the Rights of Peoples as a main reference, and it has held since then more than 40 Sessions. The PPT is an Opinion Tribunal – which acts independently of States and responds to the requests of communities and peoples whose human rights have been violated. The goal of PPT Sessions is “recovering the authority of the Peoples when the States and the International Bodies failed to protect the right of the Peoples”. According to its Statute, the Court promotes universal and effective respect for the fundamental rights of peoples, examining cases of serious and systematic violations of human rights committed by States, by non-State authorities, by groups and private organizations. The TPP has jurisdiction to rule on crimes of State, crimes against peace and humanity, crimes of genocide, on grave and systematic violations of the rights and freedoms of individuals, peoples and minorities. It is a Court of Opinion and its activity is due to the absence of a competent international jurisdiction to pronounce itself in cases of justice of the Peoples. In its judgments, the Court is not limited to the application of the existing norms, but it highlights gaps and limits of the international system of protection of human rights in order to trace its evolution. The PPT has its Secretariat at the Lelio e Lisli Basso Issoco Foundation in Rome.

For more information see: <http://permanentpeopletribunal.org>

