

## **Democracy under deconstruction – Brazilian human rights defenders and feminists in the spotlight**

**Date:** Wednesday, 6 November 2019

**Time:** 19:00 – 20:30

**Venue:** Maison de l'Amérique Latine : Rue du Collège, 27 - 1050 Brussels

### **Context**

According to recent reports such as from Amnesty International and Global Witness, Brazil has become one of the most dangerous countries in the Americas for human rights defenders. Particularly since Bolsonaro has come to power, the situation of human rights defenders, including those defending women and land rights, has worsened considerably. Women and the LGBTI community are facing one of the largest rollbacks concerning their rights, especially regarding sexual and reproductive rights. But also the numbers of violence against women and LGBTI are rising enormously.

At the same time, considerable efforts are being undertaken by human rights activists, women's movements, civil society organisations, lawyers, and academics to stand up against the deconstruction of democracy and to fight for people's rights.

At the occasion of the visit of Brazilian human rights defenders to Brussels, we cordially invite you to a discussion on the current state of democracy in Brazil, notably the deconstruction of institutions and spaces of participation as well as threats to fundamental rights, but also the attempts to stand up against these tendencies.

### **Programme**

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| <b>18:30 – 19:00</b> | Registration  |
| <b>19:00 – 19:10</b> | Welcome by <b>Barbara Unmüßig</b> , President of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung   |
| <b>19:10 – 19:45</b> | Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Sandra Carvalho</b>, Lawyer, activist of human rights, Director of Justiça Global</li><li>• <b>Anna Cavazzini</b>, MEP The Greens/EFA</li><li>• <b>Tatiana Marins Roque</b>, Director of Forum of Science and Culture, UFRJ</li><li>• <b>Valdecir Nascimento</b>, Feminist, member of black women movement, Director of Instituto Odara</li></ul> |
|                      | Moderation: <b>Barbara Unmüßig</b> , President of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung  |
| <b>19:45 – 20:30</b> | Q&A   |
| <b>20:30 – 22:00</b> | Reception   |

Working language: English, Portuguese, Spanish (simultaneous translation provided)  
Please register until 5 November 2019 using the following [link](#).

Note: The conference might be subject to photo and text documentation for internal and public use.