

RESILIENCE IN TIMES OF CRISIS – HOW TO STRENGTHEN CIVIL SOCIETY AGAINST SHRINKING SPACES

Online Workshop, Thursday, 8th of December,
4-6pm, CE



The covid-19 pandemic has provided authoritarian governments in numerous regions of the world an excuse to **restrict civil society activities**. In various Latin American countries, for example, the scope for NGOs is currently **shrinking dramatically**. Belarus or Kyrgyzstan and Hungary are also restricting civil liberties and taking **repressive action against critical voices** from civil society. Authoritarian regimes often deliberately seek to **divide** civil society.

According to CIVICUS, over 70 percent of all people worldwide currently live in so-called **"repressed or closed states"**, only 3.1 percent in open societies. A decline in political culture and the **erosion of democratic principles and values** have become a global phenomenon, manifested for example in the lack of acceptance for democratic rules or the lack of recognition of election results.

Guiding questions:

- *Is it possible to counter the **"authoritarian learning"** of repressive governments?*
- *In which ways can civil society actors **cooperate in repressive contexts**?*
- *How can civil society organizations continue to cooperate successfully with their **partners in the South**?*
- *How can **democratization processes be strengthened** to enable sustainable development?*

Speakers:

- **Rita Muckenhirn**, Systways gUG, Facilitator in Sustainability and Conflict Transformation
- **Nomthandazo Sibozo**, Iliso Care Society, South Africa
- **Dr. John Emeka Akude**, Political Scientist and member of the Cologne City Council / CDU council faction



Facilitation: **Monika Hoegen**

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Registration:

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