

„Who Needs to Rescue Whom? Why Do We Think That Africa Has to Be Saved“

Panel discussion

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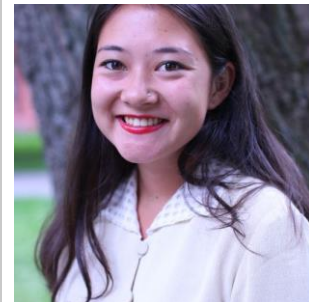
Venue: Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO, Šv. Jono g. 11, Vilnius, Lithuania.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania and the Institute of Asian and Transcultural Studies of Vilnius University in cooperation with the Lithuanian National Commission for UNESCO and UNICEF are organising a panel-discussion “Who needs to rescue whom? Why do we think that Africa has to be saved?”. Local and international experts will share their experience and insights on stereotypes while providing humanitarian assistance to African countries, and will discuss why it is so important to properly communicate about such activities for both donor and recipient communities.

Meet the panel:

Beathe Øgård

Beathe Øgård is the president of SAIH – The Norwegian Students’ and Academics’ International Assistance Fund. An international solidarity movement working especially with the right to education and academic freedom. SAIH works with both long-term development cooperation in Southern Africa, Asia and Latin-America as well as advocacy and awareness raising on global issues. SAIH has achieved international success and political impact with satire, humour and political edge in their campaigning and is especially known for their “Radi-Aid” campaigns challenging the use of stereotypes and oversimplifications in aid communication.



Kidus Asfaw

Kidus is a Senior Advisor for UNICEF Innovation – responsible for bridging the needs of 1.8 billion children to the opportunities private sector technology brings. Having grown up in Ethiopia, he is a graduate of Princeton University and Duke University. Kidus started with his first UNICEF job in Kampala, Uganda and now has 40+ country deployments under his belt. Before joining UNICEF, Kidus worked at the World Bank, Accenture, and Google.



Jovita Majauskaitė - Staniulėnė

Jovita has dedicated her career to making difference for others. She is the CEO of UNICEF Lithuania, an organization that supports UNICEF’s work to save and protect children in 190 countries and territories around the world. As an experienced professional working in the non-profit organizational management and inspiring people to put children first, Jovita has lead several UNICEF Lithuania assistance missions - in Ethiopia, Malawi and Tanzania among others.



Eugenija Kovaliova

Eugenija is the co-founder of AfriKo, a Lithuania-based boutique consultancy and research centre, that presently focuses on bridging Lithuanian and African ICT markets. Eugenija gained her Master’s degree in African Studies at the University of Copenhagen. Her academic interests include questions of humanitarianism, eco-feminism, and Western narratives about ‘Africa’.



Kamal Ahamada

Kamal is an educator, traveler, and activist who grew up in France, studied in Denmark and England, and is now based in Vilnius, where he currently works as a teacher. His areas of academic interests include postcolonial-decolonial theories, pedagogy of liberation, alternative education, arts and cultures of resistance, psychoanalysis and race, transgenerational and colonial trauma, solidarity politics, Africa and Middle East politics and theology of liberation.



Kristina Garalytė

Kristina is the director of the Institute of Asian and Transcultural Studies at Vilnius University. Her academic interests include ethnographic research methods, South Asia, marginal groups, student politics and social movements. Kristina has a PhD degree in Sociology from Vytautas Magnus University and has also pursued her academic interests in India, France and Denmark.



Viktorija Mickutė

The discussion will be moderated by journalist Viktorija Mickutė who currently works as a producer at "Contrast", Al Jazeera's immersive media studio. During her time at Al Jazeera, Viktorija has garnered extensive experience in telling stories from and about Global South, including African continent. Before joining Al Jazeera in 2017, Viktorija worked at the Lithuanian National Radio and Television. Having received a Fulbright scholarship, Viktorija has a Master’s degree in journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia, USA.

