



Detention of Migrant Workers **A Global Human Rights Crisis**

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16:00 – 18:00 (4pm – 6pm)
Room XXVII

As states have become increasingly concerned with securing their borders, migrant workers have become the targets of draconian border controls and detention regimes. Detained while crossing borders, in transit, in workplace and neighbourhood raids, and on the streets, migrant communities are criminalized and stigmatized and their human rights are compromised.

Holding undocumented migrants in detention on the grounds that they lack the necessary documents to enter, reside, and/or work in a country raises important questions as to whether this is a just and proportionate response to what is usually a minor administrative offence.

This side event is organized by **Migrants Rights International** and **Migrant Forum in Asia** in conjunction with the release of the report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants.

Representatives of civil society from Europe, the US, and Asia will speak about the detention of migrants in their regions and call urgent attention to the need for change in prevailing detention regimes.

Special Guest

François Crépeau
*UN Special Rapporteur on
the Human Rights of Migrants*

Panelists

Claire Rodier
Migreurop, Europe

Colin Rajah
National Network for Immigrant and
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Yukiko Omagari
Solidarity Network with Migrants, Japan

Moderator

William Gois
Migrant Forum in Asia

