

Virtual symposium on 23.04.2021

# WESTERN SAHARA

## Between Colonialism, Imperialism and Self-Determination

In memory of Christian Weber (President of the Parliament of Bremen 2012-2019)

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4:00 – 4:20 pm CET	<p><b>Opening &amp; Moderation - Gunther Hilliges</b> (Vice Chairman Freiheit für die WS e.V.)</p> <p><b>Appreciation of Christian Weber - Antje Grotheer</b> (Vice President Parliament of Bremen and patron of the Advisory Board)</p> <p><b>Welcome – Nadjat Hamdi</b> (Frente POLISARIO Representative in Germany) <b>Welcome – Pierre Galand</b> (President EUCOCO)</p>
4:20 – 4:40 pm CET	<p><b>Keynote Speech</b> <b>End of the ceasefire agreement and its consequences</b> <b>Jacob Mundy</b> (Prof. Peace &amp; Conflict Studies and Middle Eastern &amp; Islamic Studies at Colgate University, NY)</p>
4:40 – 5:40 pm CET	<p><b>1st panel discussion: Stakeholders, positions, and interests</b> Strategies and interests of international, political, and economic actors</p> <p><b>Moderator: Manfred Hinz</b> (Prof. Law and Political Sociology) <b>Speakers: Jeffrey J. Smith</b> (Prof. Law), <b>Irene Fernandez-Molina</b> (Intern. Relations), <b>Werner Ruf</b> (Prof. Political Science), <b>Raquel Ojeda Garcia</b> (Prof. Political Science), <b>Tim Sauer</b> (Western Sahara Resource Watch Germany)</p>
5:40 – 5:50 pm	PAUSE
5:50 – 6:35 pm CET	<p><b>2nd panel discussion: Current situation of the Sahrawi population</b> Political and economic participation as well as humanitarian situation in Western Sahara and in the Sahrawi refugee camps</p> <p><b>Moderator: Judit Tavakoli</b> (Anthropologist) <b>Speakers: Isabel Lourenco</b> (Researcher, Human Rights Activist), <b>Maja Zwick</b> (Sociologist), <b>Monina Elhaj</b> (Sahrawi teacher), <b>Hamdi Mohamed Salek</b> (Saharauische Diaspora Deutschland)</p>
6:35 – 7:20 pm CET	<p><b>3rd panel discussion: Looking ahead</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Werner Ruf</b> (Prof. Political Science) <b>Speakers: Jacob Mundy</b> (Prof. Peace &amp; Conflict Studies), <b>Andreas Schieder</b> (MEP, Chairman of the Intergroup Western Sahara), <b>Maria Lopez Belloso</b> (Law), <b>Antje Grotheer</b> (Vice President of the Parliament of Bremen), <b>Sidi Omar</b> (Frente POLISARIO Representative at the United Nation)</p>
7:20 – 7:30 pm CET	<p><b>Closing remarks</b> <b>Manfred Hinz</b> (Prof. Law and Political Sociology)</p>