Democracy, Peacebuilding and Human Rights in Asia

How are democracy and universal human rights perceived in Asia? – a conversation with José Ramos-Horta at the University of Basel

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José Ramos-Horta is a founding father of the first new democracy of the millenium, Timor Leste. After leading his country to independence and receiving the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize he served as the country’s president until 2012. Ramos-Horta was then called on by the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki Moon, to serve as a Special Representative for Guinea Bissau and subsequently helped to bring democratic elections as well as a peaceful transition of the country to its people. He further chaired the UN High Level Panel on Peace Operations.

Laurent Goetschel will lead the conversation with José Ramos-Horta. He’s a professor of Political Science at the University of Basel and director of swisspeace. He oversees the university’s Master in Advance Studies in Civilian Peacebuilding and has written extensively on peacebuilding, neutrality and foreign policy. Amongst others he is also a member of the advisory board of the European Institute of Peace (Brussels), and is president of the Swiss Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries.

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