Commemoration rally

7th International Day of Remembrance for the "Comfort Women"
1400th Wednesday demonstration in Korea
14 August 2019, 5:00–6:30 pm, Pariser Platz 1, Berlin (Brandenburg Gate)

Photo credit: Tsukasa Yajima, Commemoration rally 14 August 2018 in Berlin

Let us get together in solidarity with the former "comfort women" and raise our voices against sexualised violence, which is still omnipresent today!

Programme: Kaya Ensemble, speeches, action *#Travelling Peace Statue*.

Organisers: AG 'Trostfrauen' im Korea Verband e.V., Koreanische Frauengruppe Deutschland e.V., Korean Women's International Network Germany, Japanische Fraueninitiative Berlin

Supporters: Courage Kim Haksoon – Aktionsbündnis zur Aussöhnung im Asien-Pazifik-Raum in Deutschland, DAMN (DEUTSCHE ASIATEN, MAKE NOISE), Deutsch-Japanisches Friedensforum Berlin e.V., DIGNITY FOR ASIANS, DOAM Deutsche Ostasienmission e.V., Ev. Koreanische Gemeinde Berlin e.V., Eziden weltweit e.V. Ezidischer FrauenRat Binevş, GABRIELA Germany, Gesellschaft für bedrohte Völker e.V., International Women* Space, medica mondiale e.V., Metoo-KoreanerInnen, Menschenkette für ein vereintes Korea und Weltfrieden, Solidarity of Korean People in Europe

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Who are the so-called “comfort women”?

On August 14 we honour and commemorate the more than 200,000 girls and women sexually enslaved by the Japanese military during the Asia-Pacific War (1931–1945) throughout the Asia-Pacific region. On August 14, 1991, survivor Kim Hak-soon broke her silence about the “comfort women” system. Akin to today's #MeToo movement, numerous other victims from all over Asia soon joined their voices to hers. But the Japanese government still refuses to restore the rights of the survivors.

The “comfort women” are not an issue of the past! Our rally’s aim is to raise social consciousness about the unsolved “comfort women” issue and about the continuity of sexualised violence against women in armed conflicts as well as in peacetime. Recognising these war crimes, engaging with them, public education about sexualised violence are directed against forgetting, so that these crimes are not repeated and also denials and trivialisations are prevented.

From August 2–25, the **Travelling Peace Statue** by artist couple Eun-Sung Kim and Seo-Kyung Kim is exhibited at gallery **GEDOK Berlin**, with works by ten other artists, in the group exhibition *TOYS ARE US*

On August 11, 4pm, the gallery will host a public talk with the artists and guests. You are cordially invited to also join the finissage on August 25 from 4pm.
On August 14 the gallery will be open until 10 pm, so that the participants of the commemoration rally can visit the exhibition.

Gallery GEDOK Berlin: Suarezstr. 57, 14057 Berlin. www.gedokberlin.de
Opening hours: Wed–Sun 2–6pm

AG “Trostfrauen” (working group on “comfort women”) is in solidarity with the Yezidi Women's Council Binevş and International Women* Space for this year's action week *Women* Demand Justice For Sexualised Violence and Femicides*, August 2–14.
The accompanying exhibition is at the Museum of Capitalism, Köpenicker Str. 172, 10997 Berlin, August 4–13. Opening hours: Mon–Sun, 12–6pm.

Come to the actions and visit the exhibitions!
More information: www.iwspace.de / www.trostfrauen.de

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Upcoming events at a glance:

Sunday, August 11, 4 pm:
Gallery GEDOK: Guided tour through the exhibition *TOYS ARE US* and artist talk about the *Travelling Peace Statue*, Suarezstr. 57, 14057 Berlin, Germany

Wednesday, August 14 after the vigil:
Traveling back to GEDOK Gallery with the Peace Statue (by bus and train).
Get-together from 7:30pm at GEDOK Gallery, Suarezstr. 57, 14057 Berlin

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Support the signature campaign!
The Korean Council for the Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan has been collecting signatures for its campaign *100 Million Signatures Campaign for the Resolution of the Japanese Military Sexual Slavery Issue*. It can also be signed online at http://womenandwar.net/kr/about-us .

Print pdf: https://ems-online.org/uploads/media/100milion_signatures_campaign_2.pdf