

INVITATION

15th March International Day against Police Violence

On this day, we want to commemorate the victims of police brutality, their loved ones and their struggles of resistance. We, the BigSibling Collective, are an activist group that wants to fight racist police violence. We invite you to come together to discuss, plan and (un-)learn.

When: 15 March, 2020, from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Planet 10 (Pernerstorfergasse 12, 1100 Wien)

Program

5.00pm Panel discussion "Racist police violence & struggles of resistance"

6.30pm Dinner

Get your friends, kids and loved ones and join us!

The venue is partially barrier-free. Food and childcare are provided. The event will be held in German. In case you need translation, get in touch with us and we will try to organize a translator.

email: **big sibling@riseup.net**

For more information check here:

<https://15maerzwien.noblogs.org/>



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Why is it important to commemorate March 15th?

in summer 2019 the police brutally abused several climate activists, which sparked wide spread outcry. The same year a man died in a police detention centre in Vienna (Roßauer Lände). This custodial death received little attention, although it happened exactly 20 years after Markus Omofuma died suffocated at the hands of the police while being deported.

The recurrence of police brutality not only speaks for the lack of personal and institutional accountability in cases of the killings of marginalized and racialized people. These cases also highlight the lack of awareness for the systemic and institutional violence perpetrated by the police.

Even if there are occasional cases that cause brief indignation among the wider public, the voices of those exposed to everyday police violence are rarely centred. As a consequence, cases of racist police violence are framed as exceptional tragedies or as misconduct by individual bad apples. Racist police violence is, however, an institutionalized component of the police - historical and contemporary.

Racist police violence ranges from legal practice of supposedly indiscriminate ID controls to openly racist and extremely right-wing statements by police officers, which often lead to brutal abuse or the death of Black people, People of color, Roma and Sinti, Migrants, Sex Workers, LGBTIQ, homeless people, substance user, people with mental ill-health and people with illegalised documents, For racialised and marginalized people in Austria, the police does not mean protection, but a threat to life and well-being.

We do no longer accept that!

Let's be loud, angry and in solidarity together!



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