

„Brain Drain“ and „Care Drain“: The Responsibility of the North?

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1. Human rights are interrelated

Liberal freedom rights, social and political rights are interrelated and indivisible

Article 13: The right to **leave** any country, including his own

Article 23: The right to **work**, to free choice of employment and to just conditions of work

Article 25: The right to a standard of living adequate for the **health** and wellbeing

Article 28: Entitlement to a **social and international order** in which the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration can be fully realized

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Some further developments

European Social Charter

World Health Organisation (WHO)

International Labour Organization (ILO): **Decent Work Agenda**

gainful employment

fundamental rights at work

social protection

social dialogue

UN-Agenda for **Sustainable Development (17 Goals)**

2. The crisis-laden social situation on global scale underscores the significance of social human rights and corresponding policies

Deepened gap of income (GNP per capita) in the relation of the 20 poorest countries : 20 richest countries

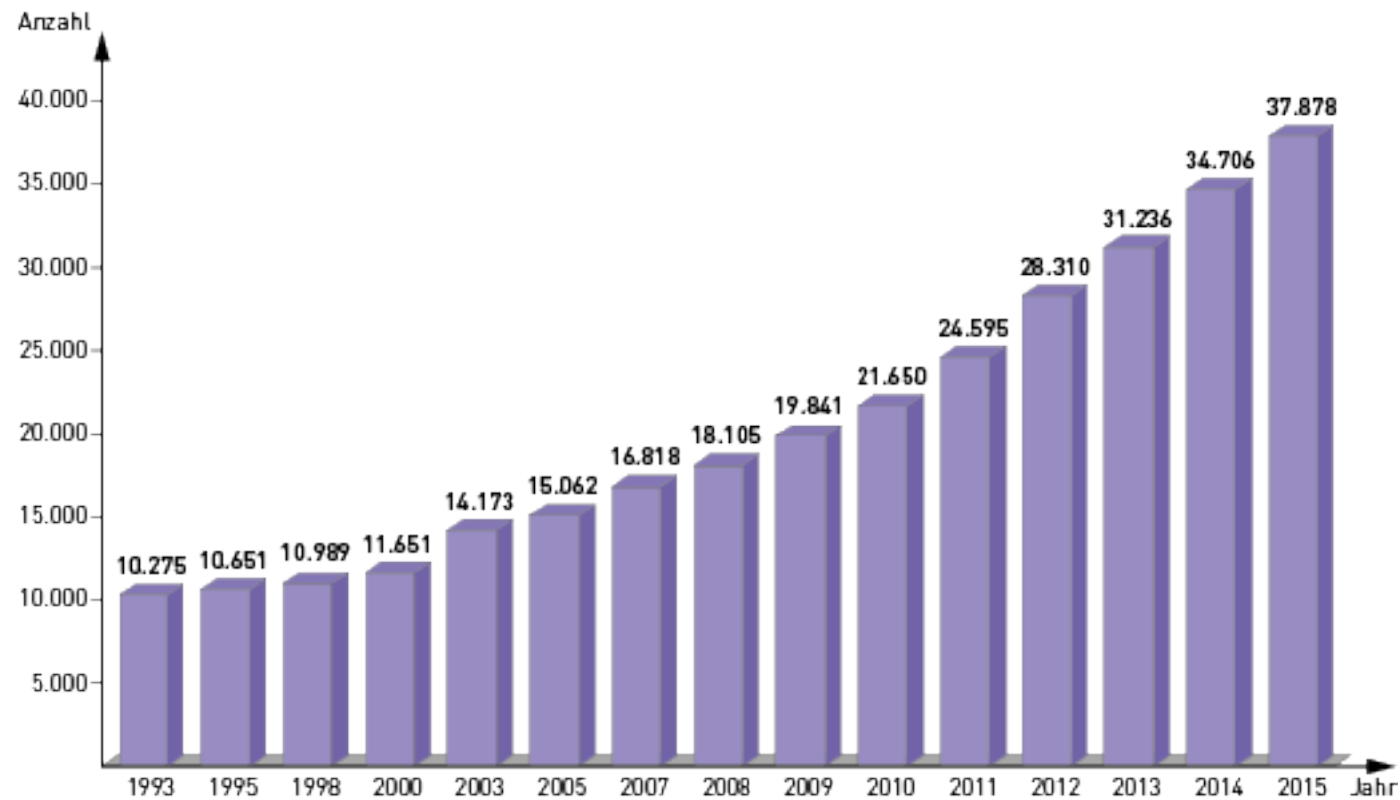
1963
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2003
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A reduced public spending may **affect the quality of national healthcare** service by reducing the personal and weakening the institutions

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Numbers of foreign medical staff in Germany 1993 until 2015



Quelle: Statistik der BÄK

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Increased Numbers of foreign medical staff from different regions in Germany

from:	<u>2002</u>	<u>2015</u>
Africa	789	2584
Asia	3715	8371
European Union	4437	22802
other European countries	6274	7295

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The case of domestic workers as carers in private households

ILO-Estimation of migrant domestic workers worldwide:

2013: **11.5** Million, $\frac{3}{4}$ of them women, mainly not registered

Most vulnerable: 24h-careworkers living in private households

ILO Response in 2011: **Convention 189 on decent work for domestic workers** is an attempt to formalize informal work

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Decent work is serving the right to health -

for the recipients for care **and** for the givers of care

in the countries of the North **and** in the countries of the South

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The need for public investment in public health

The ILO-concept of a social protection floor includes: „universal access to essential health care“.

Goal 3 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: „Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages“,by

„substantially increasing health financing and the recruitment, development, training and **retention** of the health workforce in developing countries“

3. The responsibility of the states

Public health is a public good and needs public financing.

Externalizing problems from one region to another creates problems and deficits in the other region. Such policy **backfires**.

Policies for **preventive public health, occupational health, medical and care work is indispensable** for any sustainable development, for social cohesion and for human development.

The Global North has to adopt a **coherent policy** fostering sustainable development everywhere.