

## SUPPORT THE BRAZILIAN PEOPLE FIGHT FOR DEMORACY



The world première of the film “O processo” – “The Trial”, in the English version – will take place on the 2018.02.21st, in the scope of the Panorama section of the 68th edition of the Berlinale. This film is a documentary directed by Maria Augusta Ramos, on Brazilian President **Dilma Rousseff**’s last days in government, during an illegal impeachment procedure that ousted her from power and plunged Brazil in one of its worst historical crisis ever.

There were no legal basis or sustainable crime accusations against her. Although she was clearly innocent, many Congress (the Federal Parliament) members, they themselves accused of all sort of crimes, since blunt corruption to extreme violations of human rights, voted to expel her from the Presidency, inaugurating a new government that today is recognized as the most unpopular and corrupt in Brazilian History.

This so called “Soft Coup” had the support of the Brazilian largely conservative mainstream media and the active or passive help of the Judiciary System, with the Supreme Court included, that simply “washed their hands” when confronted with all the illegal procedures that were taken against the legitimate President of Brazil, the first woman to occupy such a position. There were clear signs of misogyny throughout the whole process.

Alongside these acts against President Dilma and also afterwards another monstrous illegal serie of procedures took place in Brazilian Courts: the law-fare against the **ex-President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva**. Lula was the most successful President in Brazilian History in fighting against poverty and social exclusion. Due to this extraordinary background, he became an international reference in fighting social injustice, and the Brazilian programs he started or consolidated,



## **IN SUPPORT OF FORMER PRESIDENTE LULA**

such as “Bolsa Família”, to help very poor families, are taken as an example to be followed throughout the world, from Italy to Scandinavia, from France to California, from India to Canada, and so on. Due to the very reason of his success, ex-President Lula attracts resentment and even hate of many a member of the Brazilian economic elite and rightwing politicians, who cannot stand the social mobility among the underprivileged population during his two terms as President.

Even making use of illegal procedures, including illegal phone tapings and releasing of such audios to the hostile media, no evidence of crime whatsoever was produced against him. Still he was condemned to a sentence of twelve years and a month in jail, in a move to prevent him to present himself again as a candidate for a new term as President in 2018.

But every opinion poll in the last few months presented Lula as the winner, against all other candidates. We face now an attempt to impeach the people’s right to choose a legitimate government, following the same pattern that was taken against President Dilma. Lula is accused of corruption, supposedly favoring private enterprises to obtain contracts with government agencies, like the oil company Petrobras. But during the extensive court hearings that took more than two years not a single evidence was produced against him.

For these reasons we invite you to the world première of “O Processo”, on 2018.02.21, not only to watch a good film, but to support President Dilma’s and ex-President Lula’s causes, which are one and the same.

**SOS LULA/BERLIM-CONTRA-O-GOLPE. More information on <https://soslula.org>**

**Great demonstration on 21.02.2018, at 16:30 - 18:00, on Potsdamer Platz, next to the traffic light (clock).**