

2. Konferenz des Netzwerks Flüchtlingsforschung

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Call for Papers für das Panel „Morality and Forced Migration“

At the heart of the so-called “refugee crisis” lie moral questions. Figures like the deserving refugee or the bogus asylum seeker, customs like shaking hands, as well as discourses such as that of human rights, solidarity or integration, all raise deeply moral issues such as gratitude, responsibility, social cohesion, rights, and blame. This panel seeks papers that raise challenging questions about the mutual constitution of forced migration, power and morality.

What frames current moral orders and practices in relation to refugees and society? What do specific moral repertoires consist of, how are they negotiated, and what social processes create and sustain particular conceptions of morality in migration-related work? How does morality affect strategies of action over time? How do moral justification orders change over time? There has been much talk of Willkommenskultur, yet open questions about stratification remain: who is more willkommen, who is less willkommen? What can be observed about differences between forced migrants and locals as regards subjectivities and ideas about integration, and what normativities can be detected by scrutinizing this? Which forms of moral justification are used by those who oppose refugee settlement and inclusion? How are different spaces defined by potentially different moralities? How do other variables like race, class, or gender structure moralities? How are moralities shaped and negotiated by different aspects of the state-care system?

Scholarship has shown that morality can be employed by actors to build hierarchies, to negotiate one’s positioning and legitimate claims, or to exclude altogether. Forced migrants are arriving in fields where there are competing senses of morality, raising the question how do they position themselves in it and how do their own moralities feed into larger social processes of settlement and conviviality?

We take a broad reading of morality to include ethics, norms, and values, while remaining open to papers which take a narrower view on any of these concepts. We are open to papers from all disciplines and empirical focus. Abstracts should be no longer than 250 words. This panel will be in English. **The deadline for submission is March 25, 2018.** Please send all questions and submissions to Dr. Elif Alp-Marent, elif.alp-marent@uni-tuebingen.de.