

2. Konferenz des Netzwerks Flüchtlingsforschung

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Call for Papers
für das Panel oder den Round Table

Refugee and Forced Migration Studies as a Field of Research: Organising Structures, Interdisciplinary Collaborations, and Knowledge Transfer

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The study of refugees and forced migration has seen a boom and found new public and political relevance in recent years. In Germany, five times as many research projects on this topic were taken up in 2016 as compared to only three years earlier. The perceived “refugee crisis” and political repercussions led to shifts in how academia approached the issue in many countries. Refugee and Forced Migration Studies were affected in many ways by developing new issues to study, establishing new institutions and networks, and responding to great demand for data and knowledge by politics, public, and practitioners. As the boom winds down and the field of research settles again this international panel /round table asks, how have recent events changed Refugee and Forced Migration Studies? How do the rapid expansion and a possible contraction of the research field, public and political conflicts about refugees, new research institutions and funding structures, and a growing South/North divide impact our research? What are the challenges ahead and how can we jointly respond to them?

We are seeking German and international scholars who are active in the development of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies in their research institutions, in academic associations, in their disciplines, in scholarly networks or in knowledge transfer or who think strategically about Refugee and Forced Migration Studies in the context of science policy.

Participants will present statements of 10 minutes reflecting on current challenges in the research field based on empirical studies or concrete research, administrative, or political experiences.

If you are interested please send a summary of the main points you would like to make, along with your name, position, affiliation, and email address to okleist@uos.de by 25 March 2018.

Depending on the responses we will organise either a panel or a round table discussion.