

2. Konferenz des Netzwerks Flüchtlingsforschung

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Call for Papers

für das Panel „**At the margins of the welfare state: asylum seekers, refugees and non-removed persons at the intersection of welfare and migration control**“

Organizers:

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This panel deals with recent changes of welfare policies towards asylum seekers, refugees and non-removed/tolerated persons in European countries. After the so-called refugee crisis in 2015, an increased politicization of the issue could be witnessed and debates were being held about the link between migration movements/refugees and welfare systems. Subsequently, access to social benefits for migrants with precarious status has been restricted in many places.

The core aim of this panel is to reflect on these new changes and develop a comprehensive understanding of the ways in which welfare and migration/asylum policies intersect, in particular to discuss how social policy programmes serve as a tool for migration policy. We will explore transformations of welfare policies towards asylum seekers, refugees and tolerated/non-removed migrants. Specifically, we look for papers that deal with state and non-state approaches and strategies with the aim of limiting or expanding access to welfare services for these groups. In particular, we address the following questions:

- How have these policies changed over time, especially in the context of the so-called refugee crisis and intensified politicization of debates on refugees and irregular migration?
- Which policy changes exist across countries and policy sectors (health, housing, education)?
- Which tensions and interactions exist between local and national levels regarding the provision of welfare entitlements and access?
- Do these policies lead to new forms of poverty and migration control? How do these changes in access to welfare entitlements affect migrants' lives?
- Which role do supranational and international regulations and agreements play?

Both country studies and comparative studies are welcome.

Paper proposals should include author names, affiliation, title and a max. 250 word. Please send your proposals to Ilker Ataç (ilker.atac@univie.ac.at) no later than March 25th. Abstracts in German and English are welcome. Depending on applications, the language of the panel can be either in German or in English.