

2. Konferenz des Netzwerks Flüchtlingsforschung

4.-6. Oktober 2018
am Zentrum Flucht und Migration in Eichstätt

Call for Papers
für das Panel

„ A historical perspective on processes of refuge seeking in Africa“

This panel seeks to bring researchers together who work on *processes of refuge seeking* in Africa and of Africans around the globe, including Germany. The question “Who is a refugee?” is central to refugee studies and answers vary over time and space. Brett L. Shaddle suggests that rather than studying a singular category of “refugee” we need to pay attention to *seeking refuge as a process*. This allows us to broaden our understanding of historical and contemporary processes that lead people to seek refuge outside of their states of origin, including

- the motives and agency of the person(s) seeking refuge,
- the reactions of host societies to refugees,
- and changes of border regimes and refugee policies over time.

With this lens we can write about Africans fleeing wars in connection to the slave trade, in connection to colonization, decolonization, civil wars, and inter-state conflict but also in response to environmental destruction, socioeconomic upheaval and abuses of human and individual rights. We need to ask what these varying contexts share or how they differ with regard to the processes of refuge seeking and the responses to these processes from refugees themselves and state and non-state actors around them. This panel thus speaks to experts from a variety of subfields and disciplinary backgrounds, including, but not limited to, historians, anthropologists, sociologists, and political scientists.

Please send your abstracts of 250 words and a short CV to Marcia C. Schenck (schenmar@hu-berlin.de) until March 25, 2018.