Workshop

The Politics of Uncertainty: Producing, Reinforcing and Mediating (Legal) Uncertainty in Local Refugee Reception

Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity
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Workshop organized in cooperation with the “Local refugee politics” working group of the Netzwerk Flüchtlingsforschung

Wednesday, November 15

12:30-01:00 pm Registration and Coffee
01:00-01:30 pm Introduction
01:30-03:00 pm PANEL 1 – THE PRODUCTION OF UNCERTAINTY AT DIFFERENT LEVELS
   Chair: Hannes Schammann
   Increasing uncertainty at the state border: assessing recent deviations in border control
   - Verena Risse, TU Dortmund University
   Frontier cities: the rise of local authorities as an opportunity for international human rights law
   - Moritz Baumgärtel, University College Roosevelt
   “Rights? What rights, there are no rights for Roma” – Statelessness of Romani women in Rome’s authorised camps for Romanies
   - Simona Pagano, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity Göttingen

03:00-03:15 pm Coffee Break
03:15 – 04:45 pm PANEL 2 – UNCERTAINTY - EFFECTS AND COPING STRATEGIES
   Chair: Sybille Münch
   From refugee to resident: refugees’ strategies for navigating unfamiliarity and uncertainty during settlement in Utrecht, The Netherlands
   - Sara Miellet, Utrecht University
   Refugees and (legal) uncertainty dynamics: a study of Sub-Saharan Africans’ survival strategies in Italy
   - Senyo Dotsey, School of Advanced Studies, Gran Sasso Science Institute
   Maneuvering liminality: U.S. American war resisters’ strategies to navigate legal uncertainty in Canada
   - Sarah J. Grünendahl, University of Siegen

04:45 – 05:30 pm Coffee Break
05:30 – 07:15 pm Keynote: Cities of refuge and those that refuse: the policy, politics and praxis of local refugee reception in Europe
   BARBARA OOMEN, University College Roosevelt, Utrecht University
   Chair: Felix Maas

08:00 pm Dinner
Thursday, November 16

09:00-10:30 AM PANEL 3 – CITIES AS ACTORS OF UN/CERTAINTY?
Chair: Hannes Schammann

Local discourses and policies on deportation
- Sybille Münch, University of Lüneburg

In search of the local in Austrian asylum and integration policies. Tensions, claims and developments
- Miriam Haselbacher, University of Vienna

Shaping the inclusion and exclusion of refugees: the politics of refugee reception at the local level
- Miriam Schader, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity

10:30-10:45 am Coffee Break

10:45-12:15 AM PANEL 4 – LOCAL ACTORS PRODUCING, REINFORCING AND DEALING WITH UNCERTAINTY
Chair: Léonie Newhouse

Uncertainty through suspension. How the Bavarian State puts local integration at risk
- Stephan Dünnwald, Bavarian Refugee Council

Uncertainty and the construction of facts – a key component of deciding upon asylum claims
- Julia Dahlvik, FH Campus Vienna

Restriction, simplification and externalization: How German reception centers deal with diversity related uncertainty
- Alexander-Kenneth Nagel, University of Göttingen

12:15-01:00 pm Lunch Break (Fingerfood and Sandwiches will be provided on site)

01:00-02:30 PM PANEL 5 – LOCAL ACTORS MANAGING and/or ALLEVIATING UNCERTAINTY
Chair: Felix Maas

Managing uncertainty through economic rationalities: reflections on the involvement of a private company in local refugee reception
- Camilla Alberti, Centre for Migration Law, University of Neuchâtel

The reception of refugee children in Early Childhood Education and Care in Germany: experiences and challenges of managing uncertainty
- Antonia Scholz, German Youth Institute

Uncertainty, morality and symbolic boundaries in rural Germany
- Elif Alp-Marent, University of Tübingen

02:30-03:15 pm Coffee Break

03:15-04:15 PM PANEL 6 – COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON THE GOVERNANCE OF UNCERTAINTY
Chair: Miriam Schader

Refugee integration and governance mainstreaming. An analysis of governance responses in four European countries and cities
- Peter Scholten, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Organizing competing goals in local refugee protection. A comparison of German municipalities
- Hannes Schammann, University of Hildesheim

04:15-04:30 pm Coffee Break

04:30-06:30 PM CONCLUDING DISCUSSION AND FURTHER ACTIVITIES
Chair: Hannes Schammann

07:00 pm Dinner (optional)