

# GLOBAL REFUGEE STUDIES



## THE GLOBAL REFUGEE STUDIES RESEARCH GROUP AT AALBORG UNIVERSITY

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Global Refugee Studies (GRS) explores displacement and migration drivers in the global South, the roads and routes people take and how they try to make new lives.

### RESEARCH

#### BACKGROUND

Global Refugee Studies is addressing the multiple challenges related to migration, its underlying dynamics, and the intersection between how migrants and refugees maneuver, and various authorities try to curb, tap into or manage such mobility.

#### RESEARCH AREAS

- › Refugees, asylum politics and integration
- › Human trafficking, labour migration and precarity
- › Urban politics and global development
- › Border security and military industrial complexes
- › Radicalization and foreign fighters
- › Human rights and violent conflict
- › Postcoloniality, racialization and gender
- › Climate and sustainability

The research contributes to informed, empirically updated and theoretically grounded policies and practices in relation to displacement that touch on several of the sustainable development goals.

This includes issues such as asylum seekers and refugees, precarious migration, foreign fighters, human rights, urban development and climate-related migration.

### EDUCATION

#### STUDY RELATED ACTIVITIES

Besides organizing the interdisciplinary GRS study programme, GRS staff also teaches at social works, criminology and international development studies at AAU along with teaching obligations at other universities.

### COLLABORATION

#### WHO BENEFITS FROM OUR RESEARCH

- › The general public along with policy-makers, non-governmental organizations and state institutions
- › Academics and students working with displacement and migration

#### EXTERNAL PARTNERS

- › Danish and international NGOs working on displacement, migration and integration: Dignity, Red Cross, Danish Refugee Council, Plan International, Action Aid and others
- › State and municipal authorities and policy makers
- › Private consultancy companies

### PUBLICATIONS

#### IMPORTANT PUBLICATIONS

- › [Crackdown economics: Policing of hawkers in Nairobi as violent inclusion](#)
- › [From Revolutionaries to Muslims: Liminal Becomings across Palestinian Generations in Denmark](#)
- › [Trees, tensions, and transactional communities: Problematizing frameworks for energy poverty alleviation in the Rhino Camp refugee settlement, Uganda](#)
- › [Prostitution research in context: Methodology, representation and power](#)



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### KEY PROJECTS

#### PROTECTION AGAINST TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT

The project explores how vulnerable groups like the urban poor, migrants and criminalized populations attempt to protect themselves against state violence.

#### HUMAN TRAFFICKING & FORCED LABOUR

The project investigates the mobility, working and living conditions of migrant workers within the agriculture, cleaning and construction sectors in Denmark.

#### AFFECTIVE EVENTS: AN ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDY OF THE SOCIAL FORMATION OF DANISH FOREIGN FIGHTERS

The project investigates why and how Danish youngsters are mobilized by the war in Syria and how their lives unfold after they return to Denmark.

### VIDEO PRESENTATION



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