

Interdisciplinary approaches to the role of state and non-state actors in issues of forced migration

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Forced migration is a complex global issue affecting the lives of millions of migrants and presenting increasing challenges for migration governance and management. Scholarship on forced migration issues is well-researched, yet an intricate look at the wide spectrum of state and non-state actors involved in shaping policy on forced migration and responses to forced migrants rights at various levels is understudied. This panel proposal seeks to facilitate a comprehensive and engaging discussion of the roles, responsibilities, and influence of state and non-state actors in framing issues of forced migration, shaping policies concerning forcibly displaced people, and defining vulnerable migrants access to basic rights and services. This panel brings together scholars working across multidisciplinary fields of migration studies, human rights, international relations, and health policy, to develop a deeper understanding of the complexities involved in the dynamics of forced migration from regional perspectives. The paper abstracts focus on the roles and interactions of state and non-state actors in issues concerning anti-migration resistance to international refugee protection norms, the development of national asylum policy, forced migrants rights and reproductive health, and racialised forced migration control measures. Together, this panel seeks to encourage a collaborative approach to centre the rights and dignity of migrants within the discussion of how we can address the challenges of forced migration and the multifaceted roles state and non-state actors play in these settings.

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