

**INVITATION**

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**Brown Bag Lecture and discussion \**  
**Leaving the camp behind?**  
**The case of Somalian refugees in Kenya**

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**By Tabea Scharrer**  
**on 14 February 2018**

**12:00–13:00 hrs**

**at BICC, Pfarrer-Byns-Str. 1, 53121 Bonn**

The presentation on Somalian refugees in Kenya focuses on the difficulties of leaving the camp behind—not only encountered by refugees, but even more so by political actors and humanitarian organizations. Tabea Scharrer will provide an overview of the history of forced migration of Somalians to Kenya, with special attention to the developments in the last years. She will discuss the paradoxical logics and outcomes concerning all three so-called durable solutions: local integration, resettlement in third countries and repatriation. In many cases these ‘solutions’ are not so durable after all. The talk is based on anthropological fieldwork in Kenya.

Tabea Scharrer is a postdoctoral researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (Halle). Previously, she held positions at the Centre for Modern Oriental Studies (ZMO, Berlin) and the Free University (Berlin). She has conducted research in Tanzania and Kenya on Islamic missionary movements as well as on migration-related issues in refugee camps as well as in urban areas. Her publications include the German monograph on narratives of Islamic conversion: Biographical narrations of converted muslims in East Africa (Transcript, 2013).

The talk on 14 February 2018 is organized in BICC’s Brown Bag Lecture Series “Displacement and Development” which aims to interlink conflict and displacement studies on the one hand and development respectively humanitarian aid-oriented analyses on the other.

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