

INVITATION

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**Brown Bag Lecture and discussion **
Iraqi returnees from abroad between
reintegration, alienation and "in-betweenness"

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12.30 hrs – 13.30 hrs

Online via Zoom

In this Brown Bag lunch event, Hussam Rekani, BICC research partner from Dohuk, Iraq, will present preliminary insights from research into reintegration experiences of returnees in Iraq. The discussion will focus on how different factors (reason of return, age, gender, educational background, duration of stay abroad, group vs. individual return, economic stability and security in place of origin) influence how people reestablish their lives. Three broad groups will be identified in terms of reintegration experiences: The reintegrated, the alienated and those feeling 'in-between'. The in-betweeners include 'trapped returnees' and 'involuntary voluntary returnees', both of whom consider remigrating abroad.

Hussam Rekani is a freelance social researcher and lecturer at the University of Dohuk. He holds a Master's degree in English literature from the University of Sheffield in 2014. In response to the 2014 ISIS assaults, Hussam joined humanitarian efforts to support the Syrian refugees and Iraqi IDPs as Formal Education Advisor with local and international NGOs. In addition, Hussam has continuously conducted research for academic and professional purposes in Migration, Education, and Gender studies.

The talk on 09 November 2021 is taking place in the framework of 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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